3/12/2018 OTRCC Board of Trustees Meeting

Board Members Present: Maurice, Kelli, Danny, Mike B, Julie F, Thomas, Stefan, Bill, Key, Robert

Non board members present: Margy Waller, Marlene Romer

Stefan moved to approve agenda, Thomas seconded.

No Treasurer’s Report available. Will approve this month’s Treasurer’s Report next month.

Committee Reports

Economic development, Julie Fay: Liz Blume visited the committee meeting to discuss the update of the housing inventory study. A VISTA grant is available to hire people into the positions to conduct the study. A presentation was made by Jimmy Wilson of Talbert House about the renovation of Parkway Towers. There were several questions about the project and he will return to the Economic Development committee in April to answer them. 8K developers came to the committee with a proposal to create 19 housing units (11 affordable) in four vacant historic buildings at 1712-1718 Vine St. and 1659-1663 Hamer St. The Economic Development committee created a motion that a letter of support be recommended to membership by the BoT, with request to consider parking to the south of one of the buildings. However, all the project documents discussed at the committee meeting were not sent out to the BoT 36 hours before the meeting as required. Bill presented a motion to suspend 36 hour rule and Julie seconds. The motion to suspend the 36 hour rule failed 5-3. Julie to forward the information in question to BoT via email and with the potential of an email vote to present the letter of support to membership to be called by Maurice. 8-0 vote to support this plan of action.

Parking and Transportation, Bill Cappel: Three items were passed in the committee to be brought before the Board of Trustees and membership this month.

   Enforcement Letter: The letter to the city administration lays out priorities to parking enforcement in OTR. Stefan moved to bring the letter to the membership and Julie seconded. Motion carried 7-3.
   Parking Plan: There is discussion going on at City Hall about a residential parking permit plan for Over the Rhine. This letter to the mayor and city council was drafted to state OTRCC’s preferences in regards to any proposed plan. Maurice moved to bring the letter before membership and Stefan seconded. Motion carries 10-0
   Pedestrian improvements: There is an opportunity to work with city administration to improve intersections for pedestrian safety across Over the Rhine. This letter to city administration gives initial direction at intersections to evaluate to improvements. Motion carries 9-1 to present the letter to membership.

Organization Committee, Danny Klingler: Additional protocols were presented to the Board of Trustees. A motion was made to present the document to membership with the following amendments: Correct a typo Key found, to keep the institutional presentations at the beginning of the monthly membership meeting, and add a “2C” item to the document that says that the membership chair shall responsible for counting the votes during the membership meeting. Motion carries 10-0.

Safety Committee, Bob Sehlhorst: as discussed at the membership meeting Bob is requesting suggestions and assistance on cultural sensitivity training for the block captain program. The committee
presented a motion to the Board of Trustees to support Keep Cincinnati Beautiful for an Ohio Arts Grants application. The letter needs to be sent before the next membership meeting, but would be voted on at the next membership meeting. The entire text of the letter was not sent out 36 hours prior to the BoT meeting, so Julie motioned to suspend the 36 hour rule and Bill seconded and the motion to suspend the 36 hour rule passed. A motion was made for the letter of support to be sent, with Mike Bootes’ added language “This letter has been approved by the Over-The-Rhine Community Council Board of Trustees and will go before the full membership at the March 26th meeting.” Julie motioned Maurice seconded and the motion passed 10-0.

NSP Committee, Key Beck: As discussed at the last membership meeting, unfortunately all NSP project proposals could not all be fully funded this year. Key proposed each project budget be reduced by 40% each. Danny moves to support and Maurice seconds, motion carries 10-0.

FCC Stadium Committee, Margie Waller: The committee had a meeting with lawyer about a community benefits agreement (CBA.) The committee presented two motions to the Board of Trustees to present to membership at the next meeting.

Motion, the Over-the-Rhine Community Council is opposed to the plan to build a soccer stadium and move a high school stadium on our border, in the West End.

Motion, the OTRCC ad-hoc committee may actively engage in the coalition, WE United, to discuss the possible advantages of a Community Benefits Agreement related to a soccer stadium in the West End, and will return to the membership for a vote on any agreement negotiated by the coalition.

Danny motioned and Key seconded to present the motions to membership. Julie moved to amend the wording of the first motion to “at this time cannot support” This amendment failed. It was moved to amend the wording of the first motion to “at this time is opposed.” This amendment passed. The motion to present the motions to membership carried 7-3.

Membership Update: Stefan made OTRCC t-shirts. Discussion about sign ups at last month’s meeting.

President’s Update: Maurice met with 3CDC and OTR Service Coordination Group. Got updates on street sweeping, and the dumpster on Republic being moved. Engagement continues.

Meeting Adjourned.