

**Over-the-Rhine Community Council
Parking and Transportation Committee**

July 11, 2019

Minutes

Liberty Street Safety Improvement Project Revised Alternatives

July 11, city staff presented four (A, B, C, D) budget alternatives, ranging in size from \$3.1M to \$4.5M—city council previously approved a \$3.4M project budget. The higher numbers reflect the costs of including the “desires” from the other community stakeholders and OTRCC.

The committee adopted the following:

Liberty Street Motion: Resolved, the OTRCC approves the \$3.4M Liberty Street budget, version C* (10.5 feet lanes, only south side curb is moved, with 8 foot bump outs, several turning radii are changed, all Liberty Street crosswalks will be zebra striped and medians with shrubs) with a provision that any unspent funds, including the project contingency funds, would be used for beautification and pedestrian amenities in the project. Version C includes the \$450,000 Mt. Auburn and Pendleton request for a traffic signal at Liberty Hill and Liberty Street.

*Matthew Andrews confirmed this description with the following caveat: Yes, the design intentions are those noted but the actual design that includes the utility locations may modify these goals. DOTE will strive to meet these objectives as closely as possible. Estimates are still preliminary.

3CDC’s Proposal to Vacate/Lease Fifteenth Street

The committee learned that the city council, on June 26, had appropriated \$1.85 million for 3CDC’s Vine Streetscape Project that includes Vine, from 14th to Liberty; vacation/lease of 15th from Vine to Republic; Race from 15th to Liberty. A pedestrian plaza, costing \$500,000, would be created on 15th Street. 3CDC did not engage the OTRCC regarding the project, nor was any notice of the appropriation. Apparently, 3CDC said it would contact OTRCC.

Given this lack of engagement before a city council-approved funding ordinance or even notice of the project, the committee adopted the following:

Fifteenth Street Vacation/Lease Motion: Resolved, given the absence of notice or community engagement, the OTRCC objects to 3CDC’s proposal to vacate/lease Fifteenth Street to create a pedestrian plaza between Vine and Republic Streets.

DOTe Proposal to Create a Pilot Rideshare Dropoff/Pickup Spaces on Main Street and Twelfth Street

CPD, Uber and Lyft have data arguing for the creation of special spaces, between 11:00 PM and 3:00 AM. At this point, the details are sparse. DOTE and CPD will meet next week to gather details for a proposal and return to the committee.

Change in Committee Leadership.

With the election of the new board of trustees, there will be a change in the committee’s chair: Margy Waller will assume the duties of chair.

Next Meeting is Thursday, August 1, 6:00 PM, but NOT at Chatfield College

Future issues:

Kelly Adamson, OTR C of C, on Chamber’s proposals to change RPPP, August 1 meeting
CPD’s Sgt. Fritz on traffic management plan for the stadium’s events