

ORCC Membership Meeting, October 26, 2015

Attending: 44

Board Members attending: Cassandra Barham, Martha Good, Matt Jacob, Joan Kaup, Seth Maney, Matt Manley, Ryan Messer, Elizabeth Rodak, Bob Selhorst Amy Silver, John Walter.

Board Members Absent: Derrick Braziel, Sister Monica McGloin

Agenda: Suggestions to amend agenda. Motion to amend by Peter Hames; seconded by Martha Good. Motion passed.

Consent Items are Treasurer's report and the minutes from last month's meeting. These are posted on OTRCC website so members can read them at their convenience. Motion by Peter Hames to approve consent items as presented.; seconded by Mark Manley. Motion passed.

New board members: The two candidates recommended by the board of trustees are Martha Good and Sister Monica McGloin. Peter Hames motioned that these candidates be approved by the full membership; Robert Flood seconded the motion. Motion passed. Welcome Monica and Martha.

Work Teams: Four work teams were introduced last month and they are formed to improve quality of life for all residents.

1. Education committee – meeting tomorrow night at 5:00 at the Contact Center
2. Balanced Development
3. Employment
4. Safety

Police Report: Captain Michael John has been reassigned. Sargeant Elena Motion introduced our new District One Captain Lisa Davis. Her phone number is 513-426-5451. Officer Tim Eppstein shared stats. Violent crime is up 2% in the city YTD, up 15% in District One. Property crime is up 2% YTD; up 2% in District One. In OTR theft from auto is down. 765-1212 is the non-emergency number for police. Add it to your phone to call and report things you observe that concern you.

Rothenberg Report: Barbara Bell reported they have 421 students in pre-K through 6th grade. The school always welcomes tutors. Gearing up for holidays – Trick or Treat, Thanksgiving, Christmas for the Kids. Channel 9 did a story on poverty and has been in the school talking with parents and students.

Future Leaders OTR: Four spots still available for this year for OTR students in grades 7 – 12. They meet three times a year, receive a stipend, learn life skills and support one another. The second annual holiday home tour, Dec. 12 & 13, will feature 8 homes.

Vine Street School: The school located at Vine and Mulberry. This is a call out to people who have an interest in using it as a pre-school. Seek neighborhood input; some feasibility work, and exploratory phase. If you are interested, contact Ryan Messer.

Imagination Alley: Adam Gelter of 3CDC presented plans about preserving Imagination Alley on Vine Street between 13th and 14th Streets and came to OTRCC for resident input.

The police asked to remove the pass through. CRC owns Imagination Alley, a pocket park which has never been an alley, and Cintrifuse is interested in a long-term master lease and they would have to commit to maintaining the arch, planters and murals; create a space near the sidewalk for public; and then Cintrifuse, who have invested \$17 million in the adjacent building, can use the back half of the space for their own use. It is uncertain how Cintrifuse will use the private portion. After an open discussion Bob Selhorst made the motion to support the proposal to lease the property to Cintrifuse. Peter Hames made a motion to hold the vote until we know more about the private use; seconded by Cassandra Barham. 13 in favor; 9 opposed. **We'll table until next month's membership meeting.**

Ziegler Park: A good deal of community engagement through four different meetings and public forums around the plan. Nick Dewald of 3CDC gave the latest drawings. Upgrade basketball courts, existing park has a large playground and small lawn. The pool moves to west portion of what is now the surface parking lot; the east portion will be a spray-ground. Across the street, 400-car parking garage will be built under the old SCPA green-space. It will not impact the mature trees in that space. Architecture features are still in flux. The Park Board owns the existing park and they will control it all.

Dept. of Transportation will hold a public meeting about Liberty Street on Nov 18 at 6:00 pm at Woodward Theater.

Neighborhood Support Program (NSP): Mark Manley presented that last year the \$4800 NSP funding was invested in Insurance, Housing, Community Engagement. This year \$6,800 is available. If anyone has any proposal for a NSP project, please contact one of the board members with ideas and budget before November 8, 2015. You can contact Mark at Mmanley06@gmail.com. There are some limitations and the money needs to be spent by August 30, 2016.

Matt Jacob presented that the city is also offering a \$10,000 grant for new scalable project. Dec 1 is the close of the application. Visit www.cincinnati-oh.gov and search for the Engaged Cincy Challenge Grant.

Cincinnati Streetcar: New General Manager John Claflin, announces that the first vehicle will show up in the next few weeks. Nov 8 it will be towed along the line and then it will run several weeks later. Safety is a priority and there will be a lot of community training. The overhead wires will be live; streetcars are silent; people need to be aware and informed. jclaflin@go-metro.com

Meeting adjourned at 7:36.

Next OTRCC Board of Trustee Meeting is the second Monday, November 9, at 6:00 p.m. at the Art Academy.

Next OTRCC Membership meeting is the fourth Monday, November 23, at 6:00 p.m. at the OTR Recreation Center with a Thanksgiving Dinner.

OTRCC Membership will not hold a meeting in December.