Over-the-Rhine Community Council Board of Trustees Minutes from the Meeting on June 22, 2015

Attending: Cassandra Barham, Julie Fay, Peter Hames, Joan Kaup, Seth Maney, Ryan Messer, Margy Waller

Excused Absences: Jenn Martin, Kareem Simpson, Walt Carter, Mike Uhlenhake

Absent: Evan Hennessey, James McQueen

Guests: Tom Stasi, Eric Haberthier

Minutes & Treasurer's Reports

Peter motioned to approve minutes as modified. Cassandra seconded. Motion passed.

By-Laws Review

Tom will present the idea to full membership in July and ask for any input. We will hand out copies of the proposed modifications. In August the membership votes to ratify modifications.

Tom Stasi encourages all trustees to read and digest. Modifications include: clarify boundaries; funding consistent with NSP; clarify renewal and application of membership; renew for one year at a time in March; shorten timeline of board vacancies; modify nominating process and timing; agenda distributed by midnight on the Thursday before the Monday meeting;

Ballots & Elections

Peter advises that the ballots show names in random order. Ryan will follow up with Kevin. Peter will follow up with Tom Stasi. Candidate cannot attend in June but is eligible to run. Members cannot vote by proxy.

National Night Out

Peter applied for a grant at the city to do this and is waiting on reply. First Tuesday in August. Peter will also reach out to Karen Kahle at Findlay to partner. Consider taking it to Grant Park.

Tiny Houses

Brad Cooper will come to July membership meeting to preent how resident can apply.

Cincy Summer Streets

Close streets and turn them into parks. Streets are our largest public spaces. Funded by Interact for Health and Haile. Happening in OTR 11a – 3p on Saturday, Sept 26 on Pleasant Street south of Liberty. Requesting a letter of support. Seth moved to support letter of support; Peter seconded. Motion passed. Margy will draft letter. Needs to go to membership for ratification.

Second Sunday on Main

SSOM is putting vendors in parking lot so they need more parking areas. Julie needs contacts for help. Seth will ask Father Jon-Paul Bevak at Old St Mary's. Ryan will connect Julie to someone at Rothenberg. Seth will talk with Salvation Army and with Jerry who owns the Diner about the lot across from the Diner.

OTR Festival

Happening August 1, 2015 in Washington Park. OTRCC has a booth and we need to man the booth. Still looking for people to rent booths, donations for raffle prizes. Need kids to come to Contact Center to make posters. Consider taking it to Grant Park next year.

Ziegler Park

Invite 3CDC to make update on the Park and present their plans with the new influx of additional new market tax – which can be used for parks and garages. Ryan will follow up with 3CDC.

Davis Furniture

OTRF has already paid \$20,000 in legal fees to change the standard about knocking down historic buildings. Don Mooney has agreed to represent OTRF to save Davis Building. It was a furniture store for more than 100 years. OTRF is seeking financial help. Peter moved to appropriate \$1,000 for lawyer fees. Ryan seconded. Motion passed. Needs to be taken to membership for ratifications.

Education committee

Some other community councils have an education committee that foster resident interaction with their schools. Is it time for OTRCC to look at this? Should it be an ex-officio position? The trustees need to learn more about the dynamics and put thought and action to the issue.

Redistricting of the OTR Entertainment District.

OTR has a large district. Eric Haberthier, on behalf of OTR Entertainment District Advocates, request a letter of support for two districts – OTR East and OTR West. It would not affect the establishments that already have licenses. It will create the opportunity for 15 more liquor D5J licenses in OTR. Concerned about even more concentration than we have now. Ryan makes motion to approve letter; Seth seconds. Motion passed. Eric will draft letter and send to Ryan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10