

## **Over-the-Rhine Community Council Membership Meeting**

January 26, 2015

Board members in attendance: Ryan Messer, Margy Waller, Julie Fay, Cassandra Barham, Kareem Simpson, Walter Carter, Joan Kaup, Michael Uhlenhake, Peter Hames, Jenn Martin. Board members absent: James McQueen, Even Hennessey, Seth Maney

### **Consent Items**

Motion to approve consent items. Moved by Peter Hames. Seconded by Margy Waller. Approved.

### **Good news:**

Ashleigh Finke and Mary Rivers, OTRCH re: Morgan Apartments. A scattered site project of 49 units in 7 buildings. All will be subsidized housing for families living in low income.. OTRCH will be general manager. It will be a historic LEED rehab project. 44 units at 50% AMI and 5 units for 35% AMI. Preserves affordability in the neighborhood.

Moved to ratify OTRCC Board of Trustee's support to OTRCH for Morgan Apartments. Motion by Peter Hames; seconded by Cassandra Barham.

Ashley Silver, OTRCH re: Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP). Focused on the northeast quadrant of OTR: Liberty – Vine \_East McMillan – Mulberry with a focus on Grant Park. Invite all residents to give feedback. The kick off is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Josh Spring, GC Homeless Coalition re: hate crimes to people experiencing homelessness. These crimes have been tracked for 15 years. The current city council, lead by Chris Seelbach, passed legislation adding this to hate crime legislation, making these assaults and menacing because of a bias against homeless then you can be charged with the additional charge of hate crime. We are the third city in the country to take this step.

### **Neighborhood Reports**

Captain John re: neighborhood policing. 2013 – 56 people shot. In 2014 – 28 people were shot. Theft is going up since last year – commercial or home theft, including technology and AC units. Police are working with scrap yards. Our overall trend is going down, but stay aware of your surroundings. Policing is data driven. Resident calls and input is important and valued.

Sign up for a free app with targeted police information. Text this message: CPDD1 to this number: 888-777 (This is not a phone number; it's only 6 digits.)

Jason Richards, OTR Recreation Center. Basketball hoops happen on Sat. morning. Track program is starting. Melissa joined the Rec Center and programs for arts and girls. Visit their website for times and details.

### **City Hall Update on Parking**

Michael Moore, City of Cincinnati, re: A pilot residential permit parking program for the area within Liberty, Central, and Sycamore. In effective 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Buy a 6-month or 12-month permit. Flex spaces that are free and open, generally around the perimeter, and available for workers. Process: 1. verify residency; 2. Verify income for lower income for a lower price permit. 3. One permit per person or two permits per household. 4. Buy temporary passes (\$5/day) for guests. Cost of permits based on cost of enforcing the program: \$108/year or \$18/year for rent subsidized residents. 402 residential spaces, 199 flex spaces.

New parking meters: enforced 9a – 9p Mon – Sat and 2a-9p on Sunday. Holidays exempted. \$1.25/hour. Can buy 3-4 hours at 5:pm and later so you can prepay for the evening – dinner and show, for instance. Also will be able to prepay if you park before the meter goes in effect. Optimization can be realized after the meters have been used and monitored for some time. 646 meters.

Michael Moore, Vice Mayor David Mann and Councilman Kevin Flynn engaged residents in dialogue about parking, including valet parking, flex parking, street cleaning, church parking, why charge on Sundays, 2,229 spaces in area parking garages, businesses should pay something too, have residential permit accepted at area parking lots, maintenance man permits, enforcement, a more comprehensive parking policy and parking plan,

Resident discussion included how many spaces, costs per space, timing of permit plan, the value of flex spaces since anyone can park there, residents don't want to park far from home – especially in the dark. Are rights of businesses and residents equal or is business favored in this plan? What is utilization of existing garage spaces? Maybe visitors to neighborhood should be parking in those spots. How street cleaning impact parking, Restaurants using street spaces for valet parking. What do they have to pay to occupy these spaces? If anything. Do we create incentives for business owners to park in garages?

Note: WCET parking garage is \$2 a day as long as there is not a symphony concert. It's an affordable option for workers coming into OTR.

### **Announcements**

Please mark your calendar for upcoming OTR Community Council meetings:

February 23, 2015

March 30, 2015

April 27, 2015 – community dialogue on Zeigler Park

May 25, 2015 – meet the OTRCC board candidates

June 29, 2015 – OTRCC board member election

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Credit Amy Silver and Sarah Corlett who provided significant input into meeting design and new strategies for the meetings.