

August 28, 2017  
Membership Meeting

6:00 call to order by Maurice

**Motion to approve the agenda.** Cassandra moves, Bonnie seconds agenda. Motion carries  
**Motion to approve the July minutes** Tim Mara moves, Peter seconds. Motion carries/ **Motion to approve July treasurers report** Peter moves, Stefan seconds. Motion carries.

**CPD**-spoke about shooting on Race St. Spoke about PIVOT project coming into Over-the-Rhine. Captain Davis reminded members about safety sector meetings that happen monthly.

Maurice introduced the **work program/new committees** that this OTRCC will focus its energy on. These committees will do the more detailed work that comes before the council regarding the following areas (Parking and transportation, Housing and economic development, Organizational structure and operations, Public services and safety, and outreach and engagement.) The chairs introduced themselves.

1. Bob-chairing the Public Services and Safety committee
2. Stefan-chairing the Parking and Transportation committee
3. Julie- Housing and Economic Development committee
4. Danny-Organizational structure and operations
5. Walter (absent)-Outreach and engagement. Thomas gave a report on the efforts of this committee with an example of its work at the basketball tournament in Ziegler park 2 sat ago.

The whole board can be emailed at [OTRCCBOT@googlegroups.com](mailto:OTRCCBOT@googlegroups.com) for interest in group membership. Bill will post this on the website.

Maurice also encouraged members to engage in these committees and in other issues that come before the community council

**Presentations:**

1. Mike Bootes circulated list of candidate questions for all of the city council candidates. Mike wants the groups edits or input so we can get a set list of questions so candidates will get the same questions and provide our body with a clear picture of their platform. Cassandra said that people can always go to the Contact Center on Vine St or call 381-4242
2. Stefan spoke about the library board's decision to sell off the north building of the downtown public library. This decision was finalized in June 2017. Stefan shared his concern about the sale of such important public land. Stefan encouraged members and the public in general to take action regarding this important issue. Stefan moves that we write a letter to city hall from the OTRCC opposing the sale of the north library building. Margy seconds. Discussion: it was shared that the library will retain all the services that they currently provide in the north building. The security issue was shared-a smaller library footprint would make security easier. The influx of capital would also help support the whole library system. Danny adds to the motion that we ask for more information from the Library for the community of Over-the-Rhine specifically. This is a library issue and a public space issue as well. We are unable to vote on this motion as it was not previously posted on the agenda. Instead the BOT will invite a member of the Library board to come to the September meeting. Stefan withdraws the original motion. Stefan moves to write a letter to invite a board member to the next OTRCC meeting. Bonnie Seconds.
3. CRA tax abatement workshop update-Julie Fay. 2 representatives were invited from each community council. Suggestion offered for additions to the program (should Ohio renew) include a simpler application for commercial use, higher incentives for historic rehabilitation with or without lead incentive, incentive for owner occupied buildings. The issues discussed at

this workshop will be part of what the new Housing and Economic Development committee will work on/look deeper at (chaired by Julie).

4. Chatfield College-Sakoni Hughes. Shared some updates-300 students started class in OTR this month. Sakoni welcomes people who are interested in college credits to come by and check out Chatfield. Chatfield is always looking for volunteers to help tutor or mentor students. Tuesday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:30 Chatfield is having their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual community resource fair. Businesses and agencies are welcome to come to the community resource fair if they think they have something to offer students of Chatfield. Noncredit enrichment classes will be offered at Chatfield in the Spring on Saturday mornings open to anyone.
5. OTR Rec center Coordinator-Tim-shared a long list of upcoming and ongoing programs. Starting September 5<sup>th</sup> new hours will be 2-7. Tim shared concern about the cut back of hours. Tim shared that we can't serve the community if we are closed. Kid's rates will also go to \$42 a year from \$2 formerly. Tim invited us to call downtown to advocate for a return to longer hours and more affordable rates. 352-4000 is the number to call-Daniel Betz is the director. There was discussion about bringing this up at the BOT meeting and having a motion on the agenda at the September meeting regarding this issue.
6. Community Police Partnering Center-Tonya Banks-had an initial meeting at Wesley Chapel to engage stakeholders in areas of violence in our community. Invited to next meeting on Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00-12:30pm at Wesley Chapel.
7. Motion to approve reallocation of the Neighborhood Support Program-Key Beck. In order to lose \$3000 of NSP funds that we would transfer the funds to already approved projects (OTR festival, board insurance, and Membership and Communications). This money needs to be spent by Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup>. Josh seconds. Motion carries.

#### Updates on

1. Motion to approve president's letter regarding sale of 5 city owned republic street parcels to Rhine development. This letter was sent to city to hold off on vote until the developer come before the community council. This was a timely letter and was sent before this meeting.
    - a. Margy amended the motion that this development be taken up by the Economic and Housing development Committee-this committee should develop a set of criteria for the city to consider regarding the sale of this land. This committee would then make a recommendation to the BOT in September who would then bring it before the OTRCC.
      - i. Approve 2 letters regarding sale Peter, josh seconds. Motion carries
      - ii. Approve the amendment that Margy. Mark seconds. Motion carries
  2. Motion to approve president's letter regarding music hall pedestrian bridge replacement and community engagement. Peter moves. Josh second. Motion carries.
  3. Liberty street safety project funding is set for 2.2M.
  4. Parking study funding not set yet. The city is delayed again in this process. City staff is looking for additional funds to allocate to this project. Stefan is adding this issue to the transportation committee's agenda and scope.
  5. Grant park get together Saturday
- Motion to adjourn. Cassandra moves. Stefan seconds. Motion carries.

\*board members present Maurice, Amy, Stefan, Danny, Bob, Key, Thomas, Mike, Bill, Julie,  
Absent: Walter, Kelly, Anthony