



November 26, 2018

OTRCC Membership Meeting Notes

6pm

1. Welcome, introductions and motion to approve meeting agenda.

Update agenda to add

Motion:

Second Danny

2. Updates:

Cincinnati Police-District One

Officer Rock reports:

Good month. Crime down. Car break-ins predicted up this time off year.

Stat sheet available for take away.

? from Mike Bootes: What is mystery pole on 1600 block of Walnut? No insight provided

Cincinnati Fire-Company 5 - no one in attendance

Rothenberg-Principal Simpson

Since her last visit, enrollment is up this time of year. 30 students are new. Additions to staffing: par-professional support. Partnerships for afterschool programs with Amanti? and academic enrichment and tutoring are underway. 3rd graders have taken AIR test and awaiting scores with good projections. For the first time, they anticipate a 50% passage rate for fall. They continue to engage with community engagement with tutoring and mentoring initiatives available. Open invitation to participate. "Energy bus" school – the only one in the state of Ohio—supports students and staff with life principles, blocking out energy, and spreading positivity.

? from Mike Bootes re: enrollment; Enrollment is 368

Dec 9th 2.30 – 5.30 Open House event. Decking the halls at school is a community and parent event. All are welcome.

SCPA-Holly Brians Ragusa - not in attendance

Chatfield College-Sakoni Hughes

Happy Thanksgiving wishes to OTRCC.

Thanks to Peter and Maurice for their visit to support Chatfield College.

Announcements:

Spring semester starts mon Jan 14. Open enrollment college. High school or GED required. Chatfield received donation to support enrollment efforts – to support laptops for new students. Opportunities to give. Student Leadership Team will sponsor a family

of 4 during the holidays. Donations accepted of money or gifts – contact Sakoni. Tutors needed.

Voter Turnout-Mike Bootes

Outcome/aftermath document provided by Mike Bootes. See attached document. No sign of voter purging within the last two years, based on the numbers. Low election participation. Next state legislatures will have re-proportioning on their minds.

3. Officer Reports

a. Treasurer-Mike Bootes

Motion to approve the October report - Peter. Second – Carissa No nays. All in favor Treasurer's report printed.

\$2 of cash still needs to be deposited, plus \$4 from tonight.

Designated funds conversation for later this evening. \$750 check was written for the appeal process – Danny to elaborate. Money was intended for Davis building, so there is some concern about spending that cash from Mike.

Struggling with 501(c)3 renewal process, but Mike is working on it.

Question from Peter re: insurance. Mike explains \$75 was the amount due before city kicked in for liability insurance.

We jump to a conversation with Danny about the appeal, but then we decide to postpone until later in the meeting.

b. Secretary-Amy Silver (presented by Maurice in her absence)

Motion to approve the October minutes. Motion – Bonnie. 2nd – Mike. All in favor

Announcement of Board Vacancy. Please submit your BOT application to Maurice or Amy by noon on December 10th. Interviews will take place on December 10th at 6pm. The form is attached.

From Maurice;

Bob explains that he resigned and there is an opening.

4. Guest Speakers

6:25

OTR-SID-**Annette Wick**

Slide presentation not working. See attached document for reference.

(Need to upload to website.)

Thank you. Annette is a 6-year resident and she presents with **Greg Olsen** from Urban Sites. Looking at special improvement working group - OTRSID. Purpose is to present the info and lengthy process for special improvement district. Will take questions after. Goal is to be open and transparent and talk about the process. Will then take it back to the working group.

Background: 8 years ago, the OTRSID was investigated but wasn't pursued.

Several entities including 3CDC/Thunderdome and more have been funding the current services but this is unsustainable and will end in 2019. Clear streets, flower pots, presence from ambassadors are included services.

Working group of stakeholders have created a group including Downtown Cincinnati Inc to work on the process together. Working group (pg. 3) will help get the word out to developers

and not for profit orgs like churches, county, anyone who has stake in OTR to be aware of this effort. Developers, business owners, residents are involved. They will need another BOT member on the group as Bob is off the BOT.

Volunteer group to perform services in a distinct area – system where unrelated property owners and stakeholders tax themselves to have additional services performed. Funding system that is sustainable and managed by the stakeholders and elected board members to govern.

What is an SID? Boundary is defined by service plan and voted on. Funded by property owners within the boundary. Plan and assessment must be approved by 60% per Ohio law. Would be a 501c3 governed as a non profit org. Need funding and provider of services via bids. Assessment criteria is based on front footage and auditor value. County auditor charges a small 3% fee. This is a state statute and governed by state laws.

Downtown has had an SID in place for 20 years. NYC has 73, for example.

Why is SID needed? Ours is currently privately funded by private groups and not sustainable. Currently split between 3CDC, Thunderdome, Model Group, etc and 3CDC pays the bulk of it. Trash pickup, ambassador, outreach/guidance/directions. Need diverse funding. Community controlled vs. private control with BOT. OTR SID would cover the entire neighborhood.

3CDC has employed 13 employees with health care benefits and living wage. That would remain for the new SID.

Phased approach.

Phase 1 – Broadway, Liberty, Central boundary

This is a specific area with the option to expand it to other phases, east of Broadway and north of Liberty.

Future phases: The idea is the SID would fund Phase 1. In touch with Pendleton CC as well.

? from Anthony: What is prediction for Phase 2?

It's a matter of additional investment and value growth, so it's hard to predict. Matter of time to see the need and the ability to pay for the need.

How is it paid in Downtown SID?

Property owners self assess and pay the fee. 2.8M budget

Predicted to be a 4-year renewal – to coincide with Downtown SID so they could eventually align both SIDs to save management and admin fees.

\$500,000 budget predicted for OTRSID based on service plan and agreed upon terms.

? from Bonnie: do low income groups get a discount?

Churches are exempt, federal buildings are exempt. They don't know about prop like OTRCH and will investigate.

Proposed service plan is safe and clean focused. Litter, weed, graffiti, plants, snow, KCB, urban forestry beautification efforts, bare bones safe and clean at a minimum cost with maximum benefit.

Cost to prop owners:

How is this calculated? Budget is \$500,000. Assessment is 25% of front footage and 75 % auditor site value.

SID working group is connecting with all property owners to advance conversations. Nothing is etched in stone at this point. Looking for excitement and buy in.

? from Julie:

Parks included? Still need answers on this

Ziegler is not SID. Washington Park is managed by Park Board.

Front footage vs. alley? Need to confirm.

On the auditor's site, you can see the front footage but are alley and corner lots pay more. Only tax abated for improvements, not property value.

? : As new development comes on line, would the fees be reassessed when they join the SID or is that evaluated every 4 years?

Likely valued every year, but unknown. Need to confirm.

From Denny? Are vacant lots assessed the same way?

Denny proposes they get taxed more.

Another question from member about OTRCH:

Has the option to opt in or opt out of the SID? Yes, but see Peter's question below for explanation.

? from Peter: Confused by the opt in or opt out vs. 60% vote.

You would be mailed a form to sign in and return it. If the group gets 60% approval, then it passes no matter what. You have to opt in. Language is confusing about opt in and opt out.

Need clarification on those terms.

? from Key re % of property owners:

How does the percentage work for big owners vs. little guys?

If 60% of the front footage owners votes in, then it passes regardless if there is major stakeholder who owns the footage. Big property owners vs. others. Concern that 3CDC owns the majority of the footage to push this through. They don't think we do.

? from Maurice re: FCC inclusion.

Does OTR west fit into the map?

They wouldn't be in Phase 1.

7:04 Health Commissioner Melba Moore

New HC for Cincinnati Health Dept. after 17 years in St. Louis as HC and Director of Health. Moved here in July. Similar river town, Catholic, German – same health conditions. Will issue her 100 day report January 1st. We need to be better stewards of finances in the department. Fine tuning the department to build up customer focused experience. Has 13 school based centers and 7 provide services.

If you show up, 15 minutes is the goal for customer service to see a practitioner.

Pre-term birth rates: Ohio received a grade of D along with 16 other states. Infant mortality rate is too high. Home visitation predicts better birth rates to assess environment and provide support for moms before first trimester.

Flu shots are important. Hope there are more people next year in OTRCC body that get flu shots, based on a show of hands.

? to OTR body about what we want from public health services:

Sexual assault support, Better mental health services, Poverty level, Exercise, Accessibility, Consistent health treatment and coordination, Safe and affordable housing, Smoking cessation, Affordability, Life expectancy per neighborhood/geography

Question from Peter re: health care rating for Cincinnati.

Mayor may have task force, with no results yet.

? from member who works in transportation planning. Isolation and lack of hope in fringe neighborhoods is prevalent. Lack of transportation is a major deterrent for access and resources.

Comment from Bonnie: thanking Melba Moore for joining the meeting. She couldn't recall a visit from a Health Commissioner in the recent history of OTRCC.

Kevin Hengehold-

With the Democratic Socialists of America. Here to discuss concerns about how to protect our drinking water

ORSANCO – regulates our water. In the last review, they discussed removing regulatory functions. Ammonia and chemicals in water create sickness and death without regulation. If this goes forward, the cost of drinking water will go up and sickness prevalent.

Resolution presented to OTRCC (see attached)

Feb 14th at in Covington at 10 E Rivercenter Blvd, Covington, KY 41011 for meeting with ORSANCO. 9am TBD

Motion from Danny to approve motion.2nd – Walter.All in favor

Dr Genowich (sp) from UC – Trauma surgeon- one of 17 at trauma center.

Cincinnati has 2.1 million people, we have only 1 level trauma center with a group of dedicated surgeons in many disciplines. Here to talk about a new research study.

Cincinnati is joining other cities in a study started in Boston – REVIVE Study – purpose is to try and improve the care of the most seriously injured patient. Recent initiatives teach tourniquet treatment to stop bleeding in the Stop the Bleed initiative. In a new study REVIVE, foam is being used as a stop gap measure that is currently tested in military work, in animal studies, and ready for research in the field. There isn't time for someone to opt into the study when they are bleeding out – the proposal is to talk to community councils to explain the presumed consent initiative. In 2019/2020 – Looking for 20 people to use this procedure on. It is a procedure where once you've come to the hospital, and are a good candidate, you use REVIVE foam prior to surgery. You can opt out of the study, but looking for people to voluntarily agree to REVIVE treatment if you were in that circumstance. Slide show (upload to website).

? from Key: What is the age demographic for this kind of trauma?

Below the age of 45 – mostly stabbing, shootings, car crashes,

In the past 30 years, demographics have shown that our generation has younger victims of trauma. Between 20 – 45.

5. Committee Reports

6. Parking and Transportation-Peter Hames

Talked about LibertyStreet status and RPPP:

Peter submitted a letter to the city and is waiting on questions.

How will you determine \$25 permit rate? City is invited to next meeting Dec 6 at 6pm at Chatfield of Parking and Transportation committee. Will the project be funded with funds to remove the parking main? \$835, 000 left in the project after funds were stripped away. What about traffic studies related to Liberty from FCC? 2 study results will be presented in December.

Answers from Gio at City:

You will have to show lease or voucher to prove you are in affordable housing to get affordability pass. This still needs clarification.

Will applications be accepted December 1st?

From Gio: Yes for affordability. Parking signs will be put up by December.

Housing and Economic Development-Julie Fay

November 7th meeting held at Chatfield with presentation by Mary Burke on low income tax credits for TAP plan. There are several neighborhoods on the short list, in which OTR would be recommended. BOT drafted a letter (attached) for review and vote. Overfill committee reported at HED meeting and discussed RFP for Vine and Republic. Committee of OTR Foundation spoke in regards to those infill projects. Between 2013-16 there were quite a few projects, then a lull, but now there are many more. There is no one closely monitoring the infill projects at this time. OTRCC will need to provide more leadership in this area. Dec 5th at 6pm at Chatfield is next meeting.

- i. Motion to Ratify the BOT Letter of Support for the TAP program (see attached)

Motion Julie. 2nd Peter No Nay. All in favor.

Organization and Structure-Danny Klingler

Update from Meeting:

Bylaw revisions underway. Next meeting is Wednesday Nov. 28 at 3:15pm at Chatfield.

Re: Appeal filed today on November 26th. Letter needs to be ratified by the body within 21 days and supporting documentation

Notes regarding appeal letter:

BOT filed a notice of appeal letter to the City for 12th and Sycamore. The BOT submitted the notice of appeal, but the process has to be approved by the body. Part of that is to reallocate the money from the Davis fund and repurpose it to this effort. Danny recommends a special meeting to discuss the appeal or perhaps we don't need a meeting and can just move forward with the appeal. Has to make a decision within 21 days. Back story on reason on this large development. OTRCC suggests Pendleton support to help with appeal, but they wouldn't be an official applicant. There is a time crunch with the deadlines in which we need to ratify the action on the appeal. Appeal is based on decision being arbitrary and not aligned with historic guidelines and controversial vote by HCB and Pendleton CC.

Discussion:

Need consistency in how we handle situations like this.

Motion:

Bonnie motioned to move in support of the BOT majority vote to support the appeal. It was acknowledged that the vote was symbolic and that this would need to go back before the membership at the next meeting (in January).

2nd: Peter

All in favor.

NSP 2019 calendar-Key Beck

Applications due now to Key for NSP funds. (See attached)

Announcements:

From Maurice: Closing Findlay Park and OTR Senior Center. Hoping to move Senior Center to CRC where services are already provided.

From Key:

Women Helping Women is an organization that provides support for domestic assault and violence victims. They are interested in going into the community and talking with businesses and local bars. They are looking for venues that might be interested.

From Rick at CRC:

Introduces himself and encourages further dialogue and engagement between OTRCC and CRC

7. Adjourn. Motion: Bonnie 2nd: Danny

Attendance:

Board: Maurice, Danny, Anthony, Peter, Mike, Julie, Key, Carissa, Stefan, Walter

Total attendance: 50ish