

# Membership Meeting Minutes February 25, 2019

1. Welcome-Maurice. Motion to approve the agenda, Maurice. Katrina, Seconds. Motion Carries.

## 2. Reports

- a. District one-working on the "issues" from the displacement from the closure of Findlay Park. Offered a security assessment to businesses or home owners. John asked about removing the memorial of someone's death in the 1700 block of Vine St-officer Rock said that there is no policy about the removal of these memorials.
- b. Fire department-no updates.
- c. Rothenberg-Ms. Bell-just had impact conference within the school-brought in 10 key stakeholders to look at the school internally, academics and auditing on what the school could work on. Goal to hone in on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. End of year field trips (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades) are fundraising-go to Rothenberg's website to donate. Black History Month school performances on Wednesday at 9am.
- d. SCPA-Holly- Freedom Center has free admission this month for Black History Month just an FYI. April 6<sup>th</sup> 12-4 SCPA students will be showcasing various arts at Music Hall. March 8-10<sup>th</sup> the senior high drama will be performed.
- e. Chatfield-Mathew Long-new OTR Site Director. Chatfield is always at OTRCC's disposal! Always looking for new volunteers at Chatfield.
- f. Rec Center-Rick-promoting Fri and Sat May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 10-1 job fair at Duke Energy center for youth ages 14-24. Jobs are open now for the Rec department online. Skating Rink and gym floor will be redone before the summer.

## 3. Officer Reports

- a. Secretary
  - i. Motion to approve the January Membership Minutes. Katrina. Bonnie seconds. Motion Carries.
  - ii. Amy moves to ratify the BOT's November 26<sup>th</sup> motion to appeal the Historic Conservation Board's approval of the 1118 Sycamore St project to the zoning board of appeals and allocate funds from the Davis Furniture appeal fund (preservation defense fund) to pay the appeal costs. Peter seconds.

Discussion-John Walters talk about how he feels we need density and people to bring life into the community. Matt does not like the way that this was handled-thought communication could be better, also opposed to money being spent from the preservation defense fund, feels like it sets a bad precedence. John D shared that he doesn't feel that the action of the board constituted a meeting, shared his concerns with Danny and his presentation at the zoning board of appeals. Bonnie shared her perspective with the actions at the November membership meeting and how the BOT was acting in good faith on the behalf of the wishes of the membership (as noted in the November minutes). Move to separate the issues, Josh. Matt, Seconds. 15 In favor. 12 Against. Motion carries.

Vote on the Motion to ratify the BOT decision to appeal. 20 for. 15 Opposed. Motion Carries. Vote on the Motion to ratify the board's use of the Davis Furniture Funds 16 for. 14 against. Motion carries.

#### b. Treasurer

- i. Peter moves approval of the treasurers report. Matt seconds. Motion carries.
- c. President

ii. . Carissa explained the attorney from Taft's proposal to work with us on a pro bono basis and the proposal that Taft's submitted to OTRCC. If we vote today to approve the assistance we would work with the attorney. The committee is open to anyone who wants to help with the bylaw review. The next committee date will be shared once the meeting is set. Denny gave some feedback that he thinks votes should be taken on paper ballots. Carissa motion to approve the letter of agreement. Peter Seconds. 23 In favor. 1 opposed. Motion carries.

#### 4. Presentations

- a. OTR Foundation-no presentation
- b. Margy FCC update- Neighbors United did meet with FCC as they lost told this membership they would. Suspects FCC met with them because David Mann and Greg L encouraged FCC to meet with the NU group. NU got a draft back (on their good neighbor/benefits agreement) from FCC with no changes that had been discussed in the meeting. Margy explained the timeline of the emergency OTRCC meeting that was called-notice was posted 7 days out to abide by the bylaws, but when documents needed to go out 5 days in advance (per bylaws) the proposal from FCC was not worth the time of keeping that emergency meeting. The proposal from FCC was worse than having no meeting at all. If we as a neighborhood have problems in the future signing that agreement would have silenced us. BOT agreed to cancel the emergency OTRCC meeting. While we didn't get a process with FCC we haven't signed away our power as a neighborhood.
  - If it becomes necessary to take action around FCC issues in the future Maurice or the current OTRCC president will have to decide how to move forward or will have to convene a committee.
- c. DOTE-Mathew Andrews from DOTE with Brian Williams and Brad Johnson.
- They shared a presentation (link on website). They showed some new ideas for Liberty St changes. Late in 2017 our OTRCC approved a 5 lane proposal for Liberty St narrowing. The city came across a water main that is too close to any potential future development that would need to be moved in this option. Moving the water main would cost \$800,000. The issue of the FCC stadium was also discussed. The majority of FCC traffic is going to come down 1-71 (studies show) and will therefore use Liberty St to get to the stadium. City Admin wanted DOTE to look at new options for Liberty street given this traffic. So they are back in front of OTRCC given this new information (water main and FCC traffic). Take always-the 7 lane option is drastically cheaper and will include pedestrian safety measurers (bump outs). The 5 lane and 7 lane options are favored by DOTE. They have been to the transportation committee and will go to the Pendleton CC in March.
  - DOTE will host an open house at the Woodward on March 12<sup>th</sup> where a vote will take place on the potential Liberty options. The DOTE group will also be back before the OTRCC membership on March 25<sup>th</sup> and a vote will be taken then. These 2 votes will be considered when moving forward.
- d. NSP-everyone can vote on these projects. The projects include (put in form from Key) Key proposes we take two votes. 1<sup>st</sup> to approve the projects. 2nd vote on the proposed reduction-3 smallest amounts get the full amounts they requested (John Walter-McMicken/Mohawk Beautification, Margy Waller-arts enrichment, OTRCC BOT cards with meeting dates) and for the rest of the projects they would get capped out at \$1000. Key spoke with the groups that would face a reduction under this plan-he suspects that no project would be surprised or unable to do their project is they were reduced. Key moves approval of the projects. Carissa seconds. 20 In favor. 0 Opposed. Motion carries. Key moves approval of the suggested budget. Peter seconds. 20 In favor. 0 Opposed. Motion carries.

## 5. Committee Reports

- a. Housing and Economic Development-Julie. Busy committee. Minutes attached from their latest meeting. Next meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Chatfield College.
  Action: to provide a letter of support for the 111-113W Elder Project. Matt moves. John W. Seconds. Some discussion. They would get property tax abatements. Total cost of 1.1 Million to develop this project. 8 In favor. 3 opposed. Motion carries.
- b. Transportation-Peter met on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> and received the same presentation from DOTE. This committee f found out that the program was not enforced until last Monday (not the 1s of Feb as posted), and that other features of the plan are not being implemented (meters, loading zones, etc.). There was

discussion about the current issues and concerns being raised from the roll out from the RPPP. Geo (city) shared that they reached out to the Chamber during the process to speak with that part of the community. Next meeting is at 6pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at Chatfield.

c. Structure and Organization-Carissa reported out. Their main focus is the bylaws. However they are also working on protocols around communication. Open to feedback ongoing around the bylaws. The new version of the bylaws will be brought before the membership with 30 days notice of a vote. Goal is to get that done no later than 3 months from now.

Motion to adjourn Bonne. Matt seconds. Meeting Adjourns at 8:26.

Thanks to Thomas Fields and Peter Hames for running the membership table tonight!!!

Board Members Present: Maurice, Amy, Peter, Thomas, Julie, Peter, Carissa, Anthony, Key, Walter, John W.

Board Members Absent: Danny, Stefan, Mike