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June 24, 2019

To whom it may concern:

On June 24, 2019, the membership of the Over-the-Rhine Community Council voted its support to the Stillhouse project, 1814 Central Parkway, and its request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work within the historic district and conditional use approval for outdoor area size and outdoor entertainment.

This economic development project undertaken by Michele Hobbs has been in the works for several years, developing house-made bourbon, rum and vodka. The company has passed the federal and state licensing requirements for manufacturing the alcoholic beverages and serving on-site. It is currently used as a distillery, and has been making spirits since 2017. Stillhouse is ready to move toward opening its doors as a distillery and public house with area off Branch Street as an entertainment venue. They anticipate to be open by the end of 2019, or early 2020.

Stillhouse is awaiting word on their application for a \$3.4 million SBA loan to rehabilitate the existing structure (distillery, brewery, and eating and drinking establishment) and build on an addition to accommodate an expanded retail and outdoor entertainment area in the Over-the-Rhine Historic District.

Located in the Over-the-Rhine Historic District, the project has passed the Section 106 historical review. They have lined up evening and weekend parking through partnership with their neighbor, Jobs Ohio. The inclusion of an indoor/outdoor venue for entertainment will initially bring a projected 15 to 20 living-wage jobs with healthcare benefits to the OTR community. More jobs will be created through growth.

Ms. Hobbs has experience in creating successful, growing businesses and creating living-wage jobs in the community.

Over-the-Rhine Community Council supports this economic development project.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Wagoner, president

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On June 24, 2019, the membership of the Over-the-Rhine Community Council authorized a letter of support for two aspects of the evolving, large, scattered site OTR mixed income project, located within the Over-the-Rhine Historic District.

OTR Community Council approves:

1. The sale of 4 City-owned property locations to the Willkommen project for new construction:
  - 124-128 W. Liberty
  - 1601 Race (retaining Alabama Fish Bar)
  - 1521-25 Vine
  - 1512-20 Republic
2. Zone-change to allow for increased density and mixed use in several of the properties located north of Liberty between Elm and Race streets. The zone change is from RM1.2 to CCP. (The zone-change site will include several contiguous properties owned by others and not part of this development project.)

Previously known as the OTR Mixed Income project, it is now known as “Willkommen.” This project is undertaken by 3CDC and the Model Group. It is described as 180-190 mixed-income residential units within 19 historic buildings, 4 proposed new construction, and containing 25,000 sq ft of commercial, first floor space.

The Developers will continue to seek OTR Community Council input and approval on other aspects of the project. The Developer will keep the Council updated on progress, updated on the project’s relationship to the TAP program, and will work with the OTR Infill Committee on new construction.

Sincerely,

Maurice Wagoner, president