



Membership  
Minutes  
April 27, 2020

1. Welcome from Maurice. We discussed the format of the meeting. Carissa will monitor facebook for member's questions/comments. Amy will monitor BOT email for questions or comments. (no voting tonight as we are not meeting with the membership in the traditional manner)
2. Officer Reports
  - a. Treasurer-presentation of the April report. We have to spend our AIG money by the end of this year. Mike doesn't think the NSP money will happen at all this year.
3. New Business
  - a. Community Resources to share-Carissa  
All resources that are coming in are being shared on our facebook page. Election update-Tomorrow ballots are due. There is a 24 hour drop box at the board of elections in Norwood.  
The Cincinnati Rec is doing emergency child care for first responders  
Rothenberg is doing grocery and other resource distribution 2 days a week  
The State has already posted May guidelines on ohio.gov. Some good resources there.
  - b. NSP update-Key  
Key talked with Elizabeth at the city. Not a lot of clarity with funds. If your community council's contract was approved before it may go through, but we as an OTRCC won't assume we will get the funds. If we submit paperwork soon those projects may be reimbursed. Key will tell the project leads NOT to spend money until they hear from us. Key will follow up with Elizabeth with our questions.  
Maurice checked in with the membership for questions. None at this point.
4. Guest- Council member David Mann joined the meeting at 6:20. Maurice welcomed. David Mann gave an update on things at the City. City concerned about the budget. The FY ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>. 3 million saved through staff furloughs and some salary reductions. No furlough with the police, fire or sanitation departments. City projecting an 81-million-dollar gap in next years budget. Most revenue comes from wage and income tax. Worried and disappointed in the federal government's response to revenue loss. Reduced leverage funds- Human services, 3CDC, Port authority, nsp, etc. city taking anything that wasn't under contract. Each Community Council would be entitled to 75% of the contract.  
The city does have reserves and have begun taking steps to borrow 50 million. This pandemic is highlighting the gap between those that have and those that don't. David knows that families are struggling. The city asked departments what it would take to reduce budgets by 25%. Police and fire are 2/3 of the cities budget and those won't be reduced.  
Questions came in from membership:  
asking FCC for city funds back-David said the city doesn't have the leverage with FCC to ask for money back.  
Concerns about the lack of citizen feedback and participation given the restrictions at city hall-David said he shared these concerns and understood how important this is.  
What does David think of police and fire being 2/3 of the cities budget? David agreed that no question it is a large portion of the budget and that this is an ongoing issue at council.  
How long will city staff be furloughed? The city manager broke staff down into essential and non-essential. There is a focus on sanitation. Yard waste collection will be reinstated. Some storm water people brought back in-these changes made as the situation evolved. Looking at another 30 days of furlough post May 1<sup>st</sup>.  
David shared his concerns about opening the city back up and the perception of 'things not being so bad' health wise. What may this perception cause to happen, will people be careless?

Julie asked her Committee's Questions-City planning staff have taken quite a deep cut. Her committee is trying to figure out how developments will proceed. How will this be addressed in the budget? David was not able to give many definitive answers on this. Willkommen continuing on as it is far enough along in the pipeline. NOFA round one moving forward. Mohawk plan put on hold. Julie asked what structures need to change in city funds so our cities don't struggle as much? David said we need to argue for more diversity of revenue streams into the city's budget.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Economic Development and Housing-Julie had a zoom committee meeting on 4/7 at 6pm.

Roy Hackworth is the only city staff left in the department-all other staff furloughed. Urban housing overlay that was presented at the last meeting is put on hold. Caroline with planning furloughed-mohawk plan put on hold.

Peter working on transparency with use of TIF funds.

Next meeting is May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Anyone is welcome to join this committee or attend meeting. Please email the BOT and we will share the zoom meeting link.

- b. Parking and Transportation-Margy did not meet in April.

In March the committee talked about the streetcar function-will revisit in May.

Next meeting May 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm over zoom.

- c. Operations and Structure-Carissa-this committee hasn't met. Carissa has been retooling the structure of the way we meet as a board and a membership body. Wants to make sure our efforts are accessible and transparent. Also, has been spending time sharing resources with the community.

Mike shared his thoughts on the issue of the legality of our decision making during this time. We need to untangle how to make decisions. A worthy task for the committee. Carissa will put together policies and practices.

6. Goal to revisit at the next board meeting how NSP projects will be carried out under physical distancing provisions.
7. Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourns at 8:12