



## Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting via zoom

October 26, 2020

1. Welcome-Maurice. Mike moves. Bonnie seconds. Motion carries
2. Updates (3-5 minutes)
  - a. 2020 Election-Mike-be sure you and your neighbors vote next Tuesday or go early and vote at the BOE. Look in advance to find your polling place.
  - b. Rothenberg-Ms. Kimbro –gave updates about the goings on, talked about upcoming safety efforts on east Clifton and main.  
Mike Bootes is willing to help put up the basketball nets.
  - c. Police Report-District One. 3 shootings, burglaries are up as are thefts from autos. City council wants to put up temporary fence in alley between Vine and Hammer. There was some discussion. Before our membership can take a vote, we need to put it on the agenda as an action item. We will take this up as a voting matter next month.  
Safety sector will be starting back up-we will email membership out the details.
  - d. Keep Our Courts/Do Development Differently Coalition-Joele Newman-event tomorrow 10/27 at Main and Schiller 4-6pm. Rain date November 12 4-6 Annual event (with some differences due to pandemic) to gather community input, update the community and build community.
  - e. Carissa-reminder of the use of Polls to conduct votes in this meeting  
Cory will be our timekeeper.
3. Officer Reports
  - a. President-Maurice
    - i. Call to membership to Join Maurice in his new committee efforts. Please reach out to Maurice via email if you have interest in helping him in efforts to combat the gun violence and shootings that have been increasing in the neighborhood
  - b. Secretary-Amy
    - i. **Motion** to approve September Minutes. Amy moves approval. Peter seconds. Motion carries.
  - c. Treasurer-Mike-gave detailed report of the shared printed report.
    - i. **Motion** to approve the October report. Mike moves approval. Peter seconds. Motion carries
4. New Business (10 minutes max please unless otherwise noted)
  - a. Storefronts-Imagination Alley Engagement Update- (12-minute presentation, 5 minutes for discussion)  
Mary Clare-The city issued an RFP for redesign and redevelopment of Imagination Alley. 3CDC was selected to do that work. The storefronts team was selected to do an arts-based community engagement process to see what people would want to see in a redesigned imagination alley. Mary Clare shared a video of the input process as well as a PowerPoint explaining in more detail the process of engagement. Neighborhood residents who were a part of the process presented the PowerPoint. Shared a link the full report of recommendations about the space.

Next steps: 3cdcs architect MKSK is creating designs based on the input and recommendations-through November.

Early December-community contract meeting

- b. TIF Discussion/Brainstorming-Peter. Establishing some neighborhood priorities for the use of TIF funds. (15-20 minutes)

The city has added 15 new TIF districts to the existing TIF districts. The neighborhoods would also have a much greater role in the use of the TIF dollars. 2 districts in OTR and downtown. So far absence of engagement (both ours and the downtown community councils) from community councils. TIF dollars used for brick and motor projects. 25% of TIF dollars supposed to go towards the development of affordable housing. Tonight, we will brainstorm. Asking members for 3 ideas of the use of TIF dollars please share in the chat and we will share the top 10 ideas as well as full list of ideas as the next membership meeting. Great ideas came into the chat-we will compile and share at the next meeting.

- c. Infill Guidelines Update-Danny (10 minutes)

Over the Rhine Revised Infill Guidelines. This project has been in the works for the past 6 years as a part of the OTR Foundation. Thorough guide for buildings/developing in over the Rhine. Current guide is 17 years old and only 2 pages of text. Trying to get these guidelines adopted by the city of Cincinnati. Unanimous support from the Historic Conservation Board. 2 more steps-city planning commission and city council. Doing more engagement with groups in the neighborhood as well over some specific concerns

- d. SID update-Margi/Danny (5-7 minutes) only one member of city council voted against the SID despite extensive community comment against, so there will be a new tax in OTR. Will be a squeeze for individual property owners and non-profits, especially in this time. This will start next year but that was not clear when the city voted on it.

## 5. Committee Reports

- a. Operations and Structure-Carissa

Thanks in advance to everyone for pre-registering! Made our jobs much easier. Next project that OSO is spearheading is board terms and what's coming in 2021. Also upgrading some of website to maybe include membership renewal on the website.

- b. Economic Development and Housing-Julie Fay-Julie went to Jeff Pastor's tax abatement meeting that is happening at this meeting time as well.
- c. Quality of Life and Infrastructure- Margy

- i. **Motion** to ratify the Board's Findlay Park/Grant Park and Rec Center letter of support

letter was attached to agenda.

Margy moves. Peter seconds.

Josh and Mark M. shared some concern about the line in the letter referring to 3cdc. Mark offered a friendly amendment to remove that line about 3cdc.

Margy did not agree to the friendly amendment.

Mark moves to amend the letter to remove the last bullet point regarding 3cdc.

The letter would then be resent making the note that the line was removed due to concerns from community members. Josh seconds.

There was some discussion.

10 in favor. 9 opposed.

Motion to send the letter as amended. Motion carries 12 in favor. 8 opposed

6. Motion to Adjourn. Moved by Matt. Seconded by Maurice. Meeting adjourns at 8:31pm