



May 24th, 2021 Membership Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome. Motion to approve the agenda.
2. Updates
 - a. Rothenberg -Ms. Kimbro
 - b. District 1 Police Report
 - c. Anna Barchick-Suter with 3CDC – Update to Findlay Park (5-10 minutes)
3. Officer Reports
 - a. Secretary: **Motion** to approve the April 2021 minutes. (attached)
 - b. Treasurer: **Motion** to approve the April 2021 Report. (attached)
 - i. Still missing AIG check. AIG guidelines summarized for our spending should the check appear.
 - ii. Cannot get a response from IIN to verify 2021 Board insurance.
 - iii. Should confirm IRS non-profit filing.
4. New Business
 - a. **Danny Klingler - MOTION:** to join an appeal by OTR ADOPT, the OTR Foundation, OTR Community Housing, and numerous OTR residents, of the Historic Conservation Board's decision regarding the Elm & Liberty Project. OTRCC will have no financial obligations in this appeal.
 - b. **Margy Waller - Motion:**

The Over-the-Rhine Community Council supports the request of membership, as described in this letter to Councilmember Chris Seelbach and in the maps included, for a Zoning Change to reflect the actual use in the area between Elm Street, 14th Street, Liberty Street, and Central Parkway east of buildings with a Central Parkway address, as indicated.

The residents seek to protect their quality of life and investments as a primarily residential part of the neighborhood, and do not intend to change any already existing land use in the area.

Councilmember Seelbach has requested the zone change and Community Council support is a part of the outlined city process.

5. Committee Reports
 - a. Economic Development and Housing – **(2) Motions**
 - 1.) Letter affirming **motion** to support the Willkommen 2 project. (Julie Fay to provide letter)
 - 2.) Letter affirming **motion** to support the Logan Commons project. (Julie Fay to provide letter)

John Reiser, City of Cincinnati was at the meeting and explained that applicants for this round of NOFA funds include the Logan Commons project. DCED may wish to assign funds from the appropriate 25% set aside TIF funds to projects to include more affordable housing units to be assisted throughout the City. Roy Hackworth emailed that "since TIF funds are region specific, they may be used before home funds." The Logan Commons development has also applied for FHAct50 funding. Tim reported that they had met with the Infill Committee on 1/21/21, and held a design meeting, 4/22/21 with community input. They will hold another design meeting in late May.

John reported on the 25% restricted funds for affordable housing within the geographic district:
OTR West TIF has \$1.6MM (2020) and \$2MM in (2021).
OTR East TIF has \$3.2MM (2020) and \$4.5MM (2021.)

Willkommen 2 was previously presented in March. They have refined the project and are providing 48 affordable units within the scattered site project and have applied for FHAct 50 funds. Jen wondered if their project would also be supported from this fund as it is in the same district.

The Mohawk Area Plan was presented by Caroline Kellam, City Planning Department, to the Planning Commission on Friday, May 7. It was unanimously approved.

Next ED&H meeting, Tuesday, June 1, 6 pm.

- b. Operations and Structure
 - i. Board of Trustee 2021 Election

Board of Trustee Floor Nominations – Candidate Introductions
(Each candidate has 3 minutes to introduce themselves and their board goals)

Key Beck
Mike Bootes
Cory Brown
Peter Hames
Mark Mussman
Danny Klingler
John Wulsin
Margy Waller
Floor Nominated Candidates TBD

- c. Quality of Life

Motion: Over-the-Rhine Community Council supports the request from Cornerstone Equity Residents for a No Tolerance Zone, as described in the attached letter from the residents.

Our Community Council greatly appreciates the steps taken this far by Captain Robinson, formerly of District 1, and the Officer Woods. We commend Officer Woods for recent communication and his active work in the neighborhood to reduce the illegal activity.

We, like the Cornerstone residents, agree that consistency of enforcement is a critical next step and urge the Police Department and City Council to take action that addresses the illegal activity and disturbances in the area where Cornerstone Equity residents reside.

A letter sharing this motion, if passed by the members at our May meeting, will be sent to CPD leadership, City Council, and City administration.

A motion in support of the proposal to re-evaluate a two-way Walnut Street:

As residents of the 1600 block of Walnut Street, we are in favor of converting the stretch of Walnut Street from Liberty Street to East McMicken Avenue to be a two-way street.

Converting a one-way street to a two-way street helps reduce motor vehicle speeds and provides improved conditions and access for bicyclists. It builds upon the Complete Streets objective in the Brewery District Master Plan of 2013 and the Transportation goal #3 of encouraging more pedestrian friendly roadway and pathway networks in the Over-the-Rhine Comprehensive Plan of 2004.

Converting a one-way street to a two-way street also helps reduce vehicular miles traveled by making it easier to get to our part of Over-the-Rhine, helping access to residences and businesses, as well as increasing access to Grant Park. As pandemic restrictions subside, we anticipate and hope that Grant Park will be heavily used by the community for events, concerts, pop-up shops, food trucks, etc. By creating an additional northward access into the neighborhood, a two-way Walnut Street gives planners more flexibility to close streets for block parties and expansion of events, without hampering normal traffic flow or bus routes.

We understand that making this change was considered as a sub-project in the narrowing of Liberty street but was not included. We feel strongly that this would benefit the community and would ask that the proposal be reevaluated.

A letter sharing this support will be sent to city officials and others as recommended by the sponsoring residents.

d. Peter Hames

- i. **Motion** – OTRCC support the Invest in Neighborhood letter to object to the change in boundaries by City Council. (Letter attached)