



June 28th, 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes (Not yet Approved by Membership)

1. Welcome. Motion to approve the agenda. Maurice made motion, Peter seconded - Passed
2. Updates
 - a. Rothenberg – Ms. Kimbro
 - b. District 1 Police Report – Officer Woods - Invitation given to Officer Woods to attend Quality of Life meeting in July
 - c. OTR Recreation Center -
3. Officer Reports
 - a. Secretary: **Motion** to approve the May, 2021 minutes (Attached) John made motion, Peter seconded - Passed
 - b. Treasurer: **Motion** to approve the May 31st, 2021 Report. (Attached) Mike made motion, Carissa seconded - Passed
4. New Business
 - a. John Wulsin designed a form (ballot) on a link with the 14 BOT candidates. Members filled out the form (ballot) during the meeting. John went over details and link was activated and vote initiated. One candidate John Hancock announced he was not going to run leaving 13 candidates. These 13 candidates are our new BOT. Election totals will be announced at the July Membership meeting.
 - b. Nina Myers with True Partner Credit Union – Not in attendance.
 - c. Findlay Recreation Project – New 3CDC survey runs through July 2. Link follows:
<https://forms.gle/6vku9SxrVErEDTcn7>
Rick Schroer announced OTR Rec Center is back up and running. He gave a detailed report and answered questions.
 - d. Liberty and Elm Appeal Update – Much discussion occurred relative to the filing date of the appeal, with the OTRCC being listed as an appellant, prior to knowledge by the OTRCC BOT's and / or Membership. Appeal has since than been dismissed by the ZBA. Mike stated that OTRCH, who was one of the appellants, will not pursue any higher level Liberty and Elm appeal.
5. NSP Report – 2021 money has not yet been received from the city.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Economic Development and Housing –
 - i. The following Motion came out of a presentation to the ED&H Committee from Christian Huelsman, the director of Spring in Our Steps:
MOTION: in support of the organization Spring In Our Steps, and their work to restore and preserve the cobblestone section of Peete Alley as a public right of way. The alleys, stairs and streets make the neighborhood what is, and we ask that the City ensure the public right of ways are maintained for generations to come. Furthermore, we ask that the City pursue every possible action to ensure adjacent properties are not demolished, either deliberately or through neglect. In particular, the properties at 2022 Vine, 17 Mulberry, and 33 Peete all need extra close vigilance to ensure they are not demolished or destroyed through neglect. John Wulsin made motion, Peter seconded – 15-0-0 Motion Passed
 - ii. Mohawk Area Plan went to City Council this past week. Passed unanimously June 23rd!
 - iii. **Motion: Submit the following list of priority projects to the City of Cincinnati for consideration in the 2021 Budget: Julie made motion, Peter seconded – 18-0-0 Motion Passed**

1. Vine & McMicken - With Findlay Playground adjacent, pedestrian safety especially for children needs to be improved. The current geometry and timing of signals makes crossing very difficult for pedestrians. Adding curb extensions, removing the slip lane from northbound Vine to eastbound McMicken, and painting zebra stripes would help slow traffic and improve pedestrian safety.
2. Streets surrounding Rothenberg Elementary School - the streets of E McMicken, Main, and E Clifton all see significant pedestrian traffic from the school. Curb extensions (Main/E Clifton, Main/Schiller, McMicken/Main, E Clifton/Antique), zebra crosswalks, and elevated crosswalks would all help improve pedestrian safety. Where possible, speed humps on E Clifton would help slow traffic where many children play.
3. 14th & Sycamore - Adjacent to Peaslee Neighborhood Center, the intersection of 14th and Sycamore, traffic on Sycamore does not have a stop sign or signals, creating a dangerous crossing for pedestrians. Adding curb extensions, pedestrian paddles, or other improvements will help slow traffic and improve pedestrian safety.
4. W McMicken & Ravine & Central Parkway - Currently there only crosswalks on 2 of the 4 sides of the intersection. Curb extensions would reduce crossing distance and help slow traffic. Northbound Ravine does not have a stop sign which creates significant safety risks for pedestrian traffic.
5. Streets surrounding St Francis Seraph School - the streets of Moore, Huber, Vine, and Liberty all see significant pedestrian traffic from the school. Curb extensions and zebra striped crosswalks should be installed wherever possible to slow traffic and prioritize pedestrian safety.

- iv. Peter Hames - A report given by Peter on attempts to create a list of projects to be funded by TIF funds in the TIF East and TIF West districts.
- v. Peter Hames - A report given by Peter on community engagement to set a policy on boundaries, overlap areas, notice and standing for the community councils and city to follow.
- vi. At the ED&H Committee meeting, Carissa Barnard shared renderings of the proposed new-build FotoFocus facility to be located on the northwest corner of Liberty and Sycamore. The 2-story space is planned to have 2 large and 2 small galleries and a 160 - seat theater for year-round exhibition of lens-base art. They are not currently asking for a letter of support.
- vii. Virtual Public Engagement scheduled for July 14th at 4 PM for Logan Senior Housing TIF funding.
- viii. Virtual Public Engagement scheduled for July 14th at 3 PM for Willkommen II. Some objection to timing of this meeting was voiced.
- ix. Findlay Parking Garage in person engagement at Memorial Hall to be held July 13th at 5 PM.
- x. Next ED&H meeting, Tuesday, July 6th, 6 pm. (Canceled) – See July BOT Agenda for info.

b. Operations and Structure

- i. A hard drive for the treasurer to back up important files for future in person meetings will be purchased.

c. Quality of Life

1. **MOTION: The Over-the-Rhine Community Council opposes the amendments to the Zoning Code proposed June 4. The City of Cincinnati administration has not provided a clear explanation of the impact of the code and has not provided meaningful opportunities for resident and/or community council engagement and input. Until such explanations and opportunities are provided, the Planning Commission and City Council should not proceed with consideration of these code amendments. Margy made motion, Peter seconded – 11-6-0 Motion Passed**

2. EMERGENCY MOTION – The OTRCC asks that City Council hold and not consider the proposed new “FC Cincinnati Vending District” until the city administrator provides notice to nearby residents and Community Councils, offers engagement and receives and considers input regarding the proposal. Margy made motion, Peter seconded – 12-5-3 Motion Passed

3. Next QOL meeting is Thursday, July 1st.

- 7. Adjourned – 8:05 – Maurice made motion, Carissa seconded – no opposition to adjournment
- 8. Note that meeting was held on Zoom – All vote tallies are in order of Yes – No – Abstain
- 9. Trustees in attendance: Margy, Danny, Maurice, Julie, Mike, Carissa, Key, John, John, Cory, Dr. Mark