August 23, 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome. Motion to approve the agenda.
   a. MOTION to amend agenda by Margy to delete “Motion to approve QOL letter” and send it back to the QOL committee. Brian seconded. Rationale is letter is only in a draft form and will be worked on over the next several months in QOL to finalize. Maurice stated that the QOL letter should have been included in the agenda sent to Membership since it was passed by the BOT. Brian agreed that it should be sent out. Margy disagreed and said it shouldn’t be sent out. Cory says it should be sent out to Membership allowing Membership to participate in letter. Maurice asked that John Wulsin send the letter out to Membership following the meeting tonight.
   b. Motion to approve the agenda with amendment. Passed

2. Updates
   a. District 1 Police Report – Officer Carroll Todd and Captain Hammer. Last 28 days in OTR has seen an uptick of crime with 8 assaults, 3 rapes and 16 theft from autos and theft of autos. Much of the theft has been in the Main Street area. CPD is using many strategies to combat this uptick in crime. Increased patrols, etc. Will be discussed in more detail at monthly Safety Sector meetings.
   b. CRC Report – Rick Schroer. Partnered with POAH giving out backpacks. Working with community partners on many upcoming events. CRC event raised $500. for scholarships for CRC afterschool programs, etc. There is always a need for these scholarships.
   c. Anna Barchick-Suter has put out report on community engagement on Grant, Findlay and the OTR Recreation Center. Imagination Alley will open with a ribbon cutting Sept 8th. Some additional improvements will follow the Sept 8th ribbon cutting. Engagement on mural will occur in mid – September. Peter asked about rest rooms at Imagination Alley. Bonnie stated there would not be restrooms.

3. Officer Reports
   a. President:
      i. Due to the resignation of Key Beck (President), Maurice Wagoner (Vice President) will move into the President’s position per the OTRCC By-laws.
      ii. Motion: To ratify the BOT’s nomination of Brian Conner to become Vice President. Josh posted Article V-6 in chat. Article V-6 states membership must be given 15 days to nominate and BOT has 15 days to select amongst nominees. Motion withdrawn due to this error.
      iii. In addition to Key Beck, Dr. Mark Mussman has also resigned as a trustee leaving 2 vacant trustee positions. Volunteers are needed to fill these 2 vacant positions. Message to membership will be sent out per the By-laws shortly, starting the 15 day notification.
      iv. Discussion of a committee for neighborhood outreach and engagement.
   b. Secretary: Motion to approve the July 26th, 2021 minutes (Attached) John motioned, Maurice seconded- Passed
   c. Treasurer: Motion to approve the July 31st, 2021 Treasurers Report. (Attached) Mike motioned, Bonnie seconded - Passed
      i. updates to our bank account – 4 officers need to be registered with Bank as signees. In progress.
ii. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer as owners and signers of our bank account and the Secretary as a fourth signer on the account.”

iii. Treasurer has backed up all treasurer files and will going forward.

iv. updates to our treasurer on-boarding documents given

v. ask for direction for NSP project receipts in the absence of City NSP funds deposit. City has not funded 2021 NSP to date.

vi. first in a series of municipal election reminders – November elections

4. New Business – Peter Hames - 5 minutes

   a. We are beginning to work on the two-year work program based upon member’s input. To set priorities, please answer the questions below in the Zoom chat/Facebook comment section and include the number of the question you are answering. We will return at the September meeting with a set of recommended priorities for your consideration. Thanks for your participation.

      i. What three things do you like best about Over-the-Rhine?
      ii. What three things about OTR need the most improvement?
      iii. What are the top three things that you want the community council to work on during 2021 to 2023?

   b. Community-originated TIF budget proposals status report – Peter has met with Pendleton and Downtown Council on community TIF requests. This committee will meet with Councilmember Mann this coming Wednesday. Hoping to finalize by December 2021.

5. NSP Report- Cory reports that her attempts to approach the city about the status of 2021 NSP Funds have not been successful. She expressed concerns about funding for 2021 projects. Members can now put in requests for 2022 projects to Cory.

6. Committee Reports

   a. Economic Development and Housing

      i. John Wulsin will reach out to Dr. Mark to see if his representation with Fac- 50 needs to be filled.

      ii. City will host a zoom engagement meeting on the vacation of a portion of Logan Street for construction of the Findlay Market garage. Meeting is scheduled for Sept 8th.

   b. Operations and Structure

   c. Quality of Life

      i. The Quality of Life Committee created a new subcommittee to address disruption and violence, particularly in the Green/Race/Vine/Republic area as well as Grant Park and Walnut Street.

      MOTION: To approve the letter, previously approved at the August BOT meeting. Motion deleted at beginning of meeting.

      ii. Peasant Paints initiative was postponed to 2022 due to COVID.

7. Motion to Adjourn

   a. 42 people on zoom max
b. Trustees present – John, John, Margy, Mike, Brian, Peter, Danny, Maurice, Cory, Denny

c. Motion to adjourn – Maurice motioned, John seconded, meeting adjourned 7:45.