Membership Meeting Minutes
November 22nd, 2021
6 PM – 7:30 PM – Meeting to be held on zoom

1. Welcome to this meeting held on zoom. **Motion** to approve the agenda with changes a. and b. Approved.
   a. Maurice motioned to withdrawal motion in item 2.c. Passed
   b. Maurice motioned to move Item 3.c.i.i. to after 4.b. Peter seconded. Passed.

2. Updates / Guests:
   a. District 1 Police Report – Officer Todd and Captain Hammer presented. Captain Hammer’s goal is to communicate better with the neighborhood. His initiatives are to strengthen Safety Sector meetings in 2022 and proposing PIVOT in the NE quadrant of OTR. Dec 7th at 2 PM at the OTR Rec Center Captain Hammer will present and answer questions on PIVOT. A second identical meeting also at the OTR Rec Center will be held Dec 14th at 6 PM.
   b. CRC Report – CRC not present
   c. 3CDC Recreation Steering Committee Update. **Motion**: Use TIF for the ongoing conceptual planning and development of the OTR recreation campus. (Taken off the agenda - see item 1 – no vote taken – delayed until January)
      i. Initial engagement phase is now complete and site selection determined to be Findlay Park for the new Rec Center. Next engagement session scheduled for Jan 19th at 6 PM. $140K spent to date on design and engagement. Looking at spending $200 - $300K for next phase of planning. Goal is to identify TIF funding for design for reimbursement of initial phase and next phase.

3. Officer Report
   a. President: Andrea Carter from the Urban League is working in the Green and Republic area on crime prevention. Andrea is proposing a community engagement session on how residents are being affected by crime. Andrea is asking the OTRCC to get the word out on this session.
   b. Secretary:
      i. **Motion**: Approve the October 25th, 2021 OTRCC Membership meeting minutes. Peter added a motion to the October 25th minutes for the 2022-2023 Work Program to be worked on at the November BOT meeting. Peter seconded motion - Passed
   c. Treasurer:
      i. **Motion**: Approve the October 31st, 2021 report. Bonnie seconded – Passed.
      ii. **Motion**: Approve the use of the Council debit card for the purchase of necessary IT equipment, if approved by the membership this evening. Detailed invoice will be circulated and confirmed by the BOT, by e-mail if necessary. Bonnie moved - Peter seconded – Passed out of sequence following the passage of item 4b.
      iii. NAF reminder.

4. New business-
a. Brian Conner was nominated to be the new OTRCC Vice President by the BOT’s at the November 8th BOT meeting.
   i. **Motion:** Ratify Brian Conner to fill the now vacant OTRCC Vice President’s position. Peter seconded – Passed
b. Ramsey presentation on IT equipment for Rec Center meetings. Budgets assume use of Rec Center screen, etc. Low budget - $865 without laptop, $1094 with laptop. Medium budget - $1169 without laptop, $1719 with laptop. Better longevity and quality. Big budget - $4225 without laptop, $5054 with laptop. Future proof due to high technology. (5 minutes)
   **Motion:** Purchase equipment per the medium budget, with no laptop and better microphones. Test at the January BOT meeting and go live at January’s membership meeting. Approximately $1500. Peter seconded - Passed
c. John Reiser’s (City of Cincinnati DCED) and Joe Hansbauer’s (Findlay Market management) presentation on a proposal to use TIF funding for Findlay Market improvements. City is responsible for Market capital improvements. Asking for $500K from OTR West TIF district for capital improvements. Future capital improvements for the next 20 years will be the responsibility of Findlay Market.
   i. **Motion:** Approve the use of TIF for said Findlay Market improvements. Passed

5. Danny Klingler - **Motion:** "Motion to approve the OTRCC submitting an application for $10,000 in Neighborhood Activation Funds prior to Dec 31st for community events. The BOT will submit the application prior to the Jan meeting and distribution of funds will be decided by membership then. Passed

6. NSP Report – Submit proposals to Cory for submittal NLT Jan 14th. OTRCC BOT will review in January and submit to membership at January’s membership meeting. Mike reported that trees already paid for by 2021 NSP will be planted at Rothenberg in the next several weeks. Total NSP budget for 2022 is $7638.

7. Committee Reports

a. Quality of Life Report
   i. **Motion:** The Over-the-Rhine Community Council requests action by the new administration to enforce the laws that protect residents. In our neighborhood, people on bikes and scooters illegally ride on sidewalks, and cars make illegal turns into crosswalks and run lights. These actions put others at risk and have become so rampant that pedestrians do not feel safe. Maurice seconded – Passed
   
   ii. Update on plans for applications for NAF, NSP, and use of AIG funds.

b. Economic Development and Housing (10 Minutes)
   i. **Motion:** Send letter of support for the proposed concept of Volkshaus at 123 E McMicken, including the project’s request for property tax abatement. Letter will be sent to the City of Cincinnati’s Department of Economic and Community Development. The project is a collaboration between OTR ADOPT and Action Tank and will restore a long-vacant building into a coworking and event space. Seconded - Passed
   
   ii. **Motion:** Send letter of support to the Historic Conservation Board for the proposed project at 100 E Clifton. Previously voted on (with letter of support) by the Community Council in November 2019, the latest revision to the plans involves changing the ground floor office space into an apartment, bringing the total apartment count in the building to 7. Seconded – Passed
iii. **Notice**: City has re-issued the RFP for 1626-1628 Pleasant Street. Interested Developers should reach out to [Giovanni.Rocco@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:Giovanni.Rocco@cincinnati-oh.gov)

iv. **Next meeting**: December ED&H Meeting, December 7 at 6pm: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82296880528?pwd=eEMrbC9Zcnh0eHBYeHlEeEtwS1JlQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82296880528?pwd=eEMrbC9Zcnh0eHBYeHlEeEtwS1JlQT09)

c. **Operations and Structure Report** - Nothing

d. **Census Data Housing Study**
   i. Update: In revision, second draft to BOT on Dec. 13 for discussion, copied to membership, for committee review and discussion before Jan. 10 BOT final review, to membership for approval Jan. 24. Large mailing planned for final version.

   ii. **Motion**: Approve up to additional $500 of designated housing study funds to complete. Mike made motion, Bonnie seconded - Passed

8. **Motion to Adjourn** – Bonnie seconded – Passed All trustees present. Adjourned at 8:21.