



October 25th, 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on zoom

1. Welcome to this meeting held on zoom. Motion to approve the agenda. Peter seconded. Motion to add 10 minutes to CPD presentation and Q&A. Margy seconded. Passed
2. Secretary:
 - **Motion** to approve the September 27th, 2021 membership meeting minutes. Brian seconded. During discussion Peter made motion to postpone approval to November meeting due to text corrections. Margy seconded. Passed
3. Treasurer: **Motion** to approve the September 30th, 2021 report. Maurice seconded. Approved 100%
 - Board recommendation to use US Bank debit card to pay annual renewal for Zoom account. Maurice motioned, John Wulsin seconded – No vote noted.
 - Neighborhood Activation Fund grant funds remain unused - \$10,000 – We need to make an application – no one has made this initiative to date. QOL to address.
 - AIG required spending – We need to spend \$600. prior to end of 2021. This money is typically spent on the nuts and bolts of the community council operation. It was noted that hardware is needed for the upcoming hybrid meetings.
 - Mailbox errand and mail delivery/distribution remains unresolved
4. Updates
 - a. District 1 – Police report – District 1 commander Matt Hammer introduced himself – highlighted CPD activity in OTR including drug and firearm arrests over the last month – Hotspots are along McMicken corridor and Green and Republic – CPD is down 100 officers city wide and many officers are working very hard to make up this shortage – Maurice thanked Matt for his service – Peter asked if CPD would match funds with the OTRCC for a community organizer – Matt said he would consider the question – Matt was asked CPD’s position on elimination of the Brighton Overpass – Matt was aware of it but CPD has not taken an official position – Margy asked about specific actions taken by CPD in NE quadrant of OTR – Matt reported that directed patrols were being used and CPD is assessing physical changes in area that would mitigate crime – Maurice asked what the OTRCC can do to help reduce crime – Conversations between community and CPD very important – Support of CPD by community very important.
 - b. OTRCC Rec Center report, 3CDC update on potential plans for moving Rec Center to Findlay Park – 3CDC is looking at Findlay Park as the leading contender for a new OTR Rec Center – Discussion held about the desire to keep the existing rec center open and its potential uses.
5. Motions and Presentations
 - a. **Motion 1:** Submit the following letter of support for Logan Commons. Urban Sites presented the design prior to the membership vote. The words about supporting the financing proposal were deleted from the letter. John made motion, Brian seconded, Passed 19-1-0

Body of Letter: The Over-the-Rhine Community Council (OTRCC) supports the proposal to build Logan Commons, a 42-unit senior affordable project with senior center at 1712 Logan St. The co-developers for Logan Commons are Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority and Urban Sites. OTRCC previously wrote a support letter for the project on January 29, 2021. The co-developers presented the design of

Logan Commons at a series of meetings in October 2021. OTRCC supports Logan Commons application to the Historic Conservation Board, as described in the meetings.

- b. **Motion 2:** Ratify the emergency action taken by the Board of Trustees to send the following letter of support for the proposed Findlay Market Garage, funded by Hamilton County. The Board of Trustees voted to take Emergency Action to send a letter of support to the Historic Conservation Board prior to the hearing on October 25th. This motion is for the membership to ratify the BOT's support for the garage. John made motion, motion was seconded. Passed 13-10-2

Phil Beck and the design team answered questions and concerns from the community.

Body of Letter: The Over-the-Rhine Community Council (OTRCC) supports the proposal to finance and build a parking garage facility with ground floor retail north of Elder Street in between Central Parkway and Campbell Alley. Representatives from Hamilton County and the design team presented to the membership on September 27th, to the Economic Development & Housing Committee on October 5th and to the Board of Trustees on October 11th.

- c. **Motion 3:** The Board of Trustees voted at their October 11th meeting for John Hancock to fill (1) of the (2) vacant BOT positions. This motion is for membership to ratify John Hancock as a new OTRCC BOT member. Passed 20-0-0
- d. **Motion 4:** The Board of Trustees voted at their October 11th meeting for Ramsey Deal to fill the remaining vacant BOT positions. This motion is for membership to ratify Ramsey Deal as a new OTRCC BOT member. Passed 16-3-0
- e. **Motion 5:** Reconsider the OTRCC September Membership meeting motion to approve the census project due to conflicts with Robert Rules.
- **Census Date Housing Study**
 - Initial results expected in the next two weeks
 - Data types/ report outline attached
 - Including CBD and West End
 - Boundaries v census tracts
 - i. **Motion 5A:** Reconsider the census project motion approved at OTRCC September Membership meeting. Passed.
 - ii. **Motion 5B:** Place a \$1500 cap on the census project and the project will follow Mike Bootes outline. Passed.
 - iii. **Motion 5C:** Approve the \$1500 cap and the requirement to follow Mike Bootes outline. Passed.
- f. **Motion 6:** The BOT at their Oct 11th meeting voted to move the Membership Meetings back to the OTR Rec Center starting with the November 22nd, 2021 meeting. An effort will be made to make these meetings hybrid on zoom. Any technical help from membership in this hybrid model going forward is welcome and encouraged. Motion #6 is to ratify the BOT's decision to move the Membership Meetings to the OTR Recreation Center starting November 29th and pursue making these meetings hybrid on Zoom. Passed 12-8-0
- g. Brighton Overpass Presentation – Brandon Lecrone, P.E. – City of Cincinnati – Four options presented. Deadline for public comment is November 19th. Decision on option scheduled by Jan 30, 2022.

6. President Report
 - i. National night out very successful at Findlay Park. Kudos to CPD and Cornerstone.
7. New business – Work priorities will be addressed at the November BOT meeting.
8. NSP Report – Cory encouraged input on 2022 NSP projects NLT December 2021. Cory clarified that any OTR resident is eligible to request and receive NSP funds. (Resident does not have to be a trustee and/or member to be eligible)
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Quality of Life Report – NAF will be taken up at Nov QOL meeting.
 - b. Operations and Structure Report – Oct 12th was first meeting. Working on ways to improve operations. Will take lead on Work Plan.
 - c. Economic Development and Housing Report – No additional items.
10. City Council Candidate Brian Garry – Was not present.
11. Adjourned at 8:44. Note that a max of 77 individuals were on zoom. All trustees present for this meeting.