



Over the Rhine Community Council – Membership Meeting

7/28/2025 – Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Membership: 30+/- In Person, 37 online.

Board Members Present: Maurice Wagoner, Chris Gerke, Luke Field, AJ Carter

Stephan Pryor, Jackie Dean, Alexis Marsh, Tanica Stallworth, Caroline Snyder, Kevin Hassey

Board Members Not Present: John Hancock, Grant Richardson, Peter Weisbrod

Minutes:

1. Welcome.

- a. **Motion:** To add CPD update to the agenda.
 - i. **Discussion:** Concerns raised regarding BOT protocol and previous meeting's vote on Findlay Market Project. Luke referenced formal complaint procedure on OTRCC website.
 - ii. **Motion Passed:** Nearly unanimous, exact vote not noted.

2. Updates:

- a. CPD Update (Captain Snider):
 - i. CPD starting a Task Force for OTR & CBD, with increased walking patrols, and drone response program.
 - ii. CPD Provided updated crime report.
 - iii. Updates will resume next membership meeting.
 - iv. Expecting to see drop in crime 8/20 (when school returns)
 - v. Noted thefts from autos has doubled – specifically looking for guns.
 - vi. Concerns raised by CC members about the use of drones. CPD noted drones are only to be used in the process of police work for specific radio calls, and not as mass surveillance. Standard Operating Procedures exist for drone use.
 - vii. Redbike and Lime scooter hours are currently being limited per request of shift officers.
 - viii. Update regarding recent violence at banks. CC member raised concerns about how the event was being portrayed and discussed by both CPD and on social media. Captain Snider encouraging everyone to be patient until investigations completed.

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- ix. CC members requested CPD provide written updates on drone program and Fosis program to share with CC.
3. Board of Trustees' Officer Elections:
- a. 13 Trustees elected last Membership Meeting.
 - b. During last BOT meeting, the BOT elected officers. These officers need to be ratified by the general Membership. If not, then the BOT must hold a new election for that position.
 - c. Questions raised on how to confirm everyone voting is a paid member:
 - i. Luke noted that the membership list is available online, and is generated from the payment system on the website. To vote in person, you need to check-in and get a voting card. Voters online are verified after the fact for any close votes.
 - d. **Motion:** To ratify Maurice Wagoner as President
 - i. **Motion Passed:** 34-0-2
 - e. **Motion:** To ratify Chris Gerke as Vice President
 - i. **Discussion:** CC Member raised concerns about needing more women in leadership roles.
 - ii. **Motion Passed:** 25-0-13
 - f. **Motion:** To ratify Peter Weisbrod as Treasurer
 - i. **Motion Passed:** 26-0-6
 - g. **Motion:** To ratify Luke Field as Secretary
 - i. **Motion Passed:** 29-0-6
4. Committee Formation:
- a. **Motion:** to Ratify the formation of the following committees, formed by the BOT:
 - Quality of Life
 - Parking and Transportation
 - Operations and Structure: This committee focuses on the operation of the Community Council and Trustees. By-laws, meeting structure, and documents for the community and trustees. All OTR CC paperwork to be audited and revised by 2026 per by-laws.
 - Outreach and Engagement
 - Economic Development
 - OTR City Planning/Visioning: This committee focuses on the upcoming City Master plan, and the OTR Community plan development that is upcoming. Working with the community, the OTR Chamber, and the city to ensure the community's voice is heard.
 - Public Service & Safety
 - Beautification

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- Website and Technology: Committee to review current website and data storage, and propose modifications. Focus would be on both the public-facing side (website content and branding) and the 'back-of-house' side (file organization & storage, transfer of knowledge from board-to-board)
- Youth and Education

i. **Discussion:**

1. Committees have until September to get sorted out (descriptions, form chairs, determine rules for how to carry out their work, etc).
2. Member raised concern that black-owned businesses are not represented properly by OTR Chamber, and may not be represented well in OTR city planning/visioning.
3. Some concerns raised that committees will prevent membership from having direct communication with proposed developers, police, etc., and that 'funneling' or 'filtering' information via committees might be similar to hiding information.
4. It was noted that any OTRCC member may chair a committee.

ii. **Motion Passed:** 21-1-1

5. **Committee Chairs**

a. **Motion:** To ratify Alexis Marsh as Parking & Transportation Chair

- i. **Discussion:** CC Member raised concerns about an open complaint regarding past meetings/representation. Other members emphasized this committee should include varied transportation options, not solely individual car parking.

ii. **Motion Passed:** 19-0-16

b. **Motion:** To ratify Chris Gerke as OTR City Planning/Visioning Chair

- i. **Discussion:** City is scheduled to update full city plan, then neighborhood plans, then business district plans within next two years. Member emphasized we need to be putting full community/membership first, not individuals. Member emphasized this is a big undertaking, and is run by the City (not by OTRCC).

ii. **Motion Passed:** 20-0-3

c. **Motion:** To ratify Luke Field as Website/Technology Chair

- i. **Motion Passed:** 21-0-1

d. **Motion:** To ratify AJ Carter as Beautification Chair

- i. **Discussion:** Question asked as to what is included in the committee. General improvements to beautify the neighborhood (trees, plantings, etc, TBD in more detail as committee moves forward).

ii. **Motion Passed:** 21-0-1

e. **Motion:** To ratify Tanica Stallworth as Youth and Education Chair

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- i. **Discussion:** Will coordinate with schools/after school programs – not currently enough activities for our youth, especially with OTR Rec Center closed. Will be a spot for community to direct concerns before it comes here.
 - ii. **Motion Passed:** 29-0-0
 - f. **Motion:** To ratify Stephan Pryor as Outreach and Engagement Chair
 - i. **Motion Passed:** 18-0-3
 - g. Open Discussion
 - i. Economic Development committee discussed by CC members:
 - 1. Projects would come to OTRCC president, then be sent to the ECD chair.
 - 2. Clarity of process will help both CC and developers.
 - 3. Chair could reach out to DCED at the city monthly to see what's coming.
 - 4. Jamie Kelly noted she was potentially interested in the role.
 - 5. Noted that Economic Development should also include development of individuals. A Future Leaders program previously existed that got kids connected to bank accounts, trade skills, and instructional programs.
6. **Meeting Adjourned at 8:15.**