



Over the Rhine Community Council – Membership Meeting

8/25/2025 – Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Membership: 22 Members In Person, 38 online.

Board Members Present: Maurice Wagoner, Chris Gerke, Luke Field, Stephan Pryor, Tanica Stallworth, Caroline Snyder, Kevin Hassey, John Hancock, Grant Richardson, Peter Weisbrod, Alexis Marsh

Minutes:

1. Welcome. **Motion** to approve the agenda
 - a. **Discussion:** Request to Include mention that Peter W is now treasurer in meeting minutes (to assist with moving bank account control to Peter, our new Treasurer).
 - b. **Motion Passed**
2. Updates:
 - a. CPD – District 1 Report
 - i. Last 2 weeks overall crime down, but theft from auto/house – big up tick.
 - ii. Juvenile Curfew now fully in place.
 1. All city 19 and younger starts at 11:00
 2. South OTR and CBD – starts at 9:00
 - a. City council looking into other neighborhoods that might want to implement early curfews.
 - iii. Drones – quick response to calls. SOP will be available shortly.
 - iv. Two officers dedicated to Findlay Market – 10:00-6:00 on Market days.
 1. Cover all North OTR.
 - v. Increasing visibility, clean up, social services, etc, at large gathering areas.
 - vi. Membership asked what can be done more to **deter** crime, rather than just arrest?
 1. Trying to put officers in places based on hot spots.
 2. Youth services Unit, more active during summer
 3. City looking into how to hold parents accountable for kids.
 - vii. Actively working on open investigations (Shooting at Liberty & Walnut, etc)
 - viii. Concerns raised with repeat offenders back on streets.
 1. Discussion over Bond levels, Juveniles, and possibility to use Facial Recognition.
 2. Discussions on how to keep youth active and deter from crime.

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- b. Discussions with Meg Fisher from Councilmember Nolan's office.
 - i. Proposal for City Community Investment Subcommittee.
 - ii. Concerns raised by membership regarding lack of youth programs and options in the area. Strong desire to find opportunities for youth engagement.
- c. Discussion with David Reeves, chief of staff for Councilwoman Meeka Owens
 - i. Discussion related to alternatives to arrest
 - 1. Community Responders
 - 2. City is low on officers.
 - 3. Membership concern that North OTR has not gotten the same attention as South OTR.
- d. 3CDC – Rec/Health Center Updates
 - i. Rec Center Foundations being installed.
 - ii. Crossroads Health Center site retention, framing underway.
- e. NSP Funds – John Walter
 - i. \$10,000 allocated for 2025 projects.
 - ii. For 2026, could get started as early as Jan/Feb
- 3. Announcements:
 - a. Working In Neighborhoods is offering Homebuyer Training Classes. See flyers at the table, or follow this link: [September 2025 Homebuyer Class Flyer](#)
 - b. Wesley Chapel – End of Summer Recap, and upcoming school year volunteer opportunities available. See website for additional information.
<https://www.wcmcotr.org/volunteer>
- 4. Presentation / discussion / Motions:
 - a. Rothenberg Rooftop Garden – Open House Tour. Myra Greenberg
 - i. Will plan a tour of the garden in May 2026.
 - b. Georgine Getty is hosting a dinner at 5:00 at Our Daily Bread ahead of the September Membership Meeting.
 - c. **Motion** to ratify the creation of a “Grant Writing and Fundraising Committee”
 - i. **Discussion:** We are a non-profit and could be going after Grants. We also receive fundraising requests but currently have very limited funds.
 - ii. We should also be reaching out to local vendors and companies on a regular basis. (Future Leaders? Local Banks? P&G?)
 - iii. **Motion Passed:** 30:0:0
- 5. Complaints
 - a. Procedure can be found here: <https://otrcommunitycouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Complaint.2.pdf>
 - i. Liz Bartley from (Executive Director, Invest in Neighborhoods) Gave the basic summary of complaint procedure.
 - ii. Noted that if someone moves out of neighborhood, they are automatically no longer a BOT.

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- b. Maurice reviewed complaint procedure, including the need to approach the president as first steps.
 - i. Current complaints are considered dismissed since this step was skipped.
- 6. Officer Reports
 - a. Secretary:
 - i. **Motion** to approve 7/28 Membership meeting minutes.
 - 1. No discussion
 - 2. **Motion Passed unanimously**
 - b. Treasurer:
 - i. Updated Treasurer's report.
 - 1. When Bootes passed away we lost our 501c3 standing in Ohio temporarily.
 - 2. Will have formal treasurer report at future meetings.
- 7. Committee Formation:
 - a. All committees must hold meetings and post agendas and minutes.
 - i. Meeting dates, times will be listed on the OTRCC website.
 - ii. Communications to committee members will be direct emails from the chairs.
 - iii. OTRCC BOT is considering a monthly Newsletter to keep general membership informed of committee activities.
 - b. Current committees updates:
 - i. Quality of Life
 - 1. Looking for chairperson.
 - ii. Parking and Transportation (Alexis)
 - 1. September 1st is next meeting at Cornerstone Room at 6:00 pm.
 - 2. DCED reviewing parking plan. Please join if you have any concerns:
 - a. Metro RBT will be discussed.
 - b. Speed humps going in at Rothenberg Sidewalk. Not sure about for SCPA.
 - c. To join, email: OTRParkingpolicy@gmail.com
 - iii. Operations and Structure
 - 1. **Motion** to approve Chris Gerke as Chair.
 - 2. **Discussion:**
 - a. Some concerns raised by membership regarding Chris's role as a developer in the neighborhood.
 - 3. **Motion did not pass** 8:1:13
 - iv. Outreach and Engagement (Stephan)
 - 1. Very successful event by Tanica
 - 2. Discussion regarding the old Future Leaders program – interest in trying to find a similar program again.
 - v. Economic Development

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1. **Motion** to approve Jayme Kelly as Chair
 2. **No discussion**
 3. **Motion passed: 14:0:2**
 - vi. OTR City Planning/Visioning
 1. Will be several years before City Plan gets updated for OTR. This committee will be dissolved for time being.
 - vii. Public Service & Safety
 1. Looking for a chairperson.
 2. Vanessa from Chaitations is interested.
 3. Walter requested police continue to attend OTRCC meetings, and fire department possibly too.
 - viii. Beautification (AJ)
 - ix. Website and Technology (Luke)
 - x. Youth and Education (Tanica)
 1. 8/17 – Free Hair Event
 - a. Put on an event that was safe, celebrated, and cared for.
 - b. Had a resource table together that helped get the kids signed up for school.
 - c. Could have used more funds
8. **Meeting Adjourned**