



## Over the Rhine Community Council – Membership Meeting

9/22/2025 – Meeting Minutes

### Attendance:

Membership: 29 Members in Person, 9 Members online

Board Members Present: Alexis Marsh, Caroline Snyder, Chris Gerke , Kevin Hassey, Luke Field, Maurice Wagoner, Stephan Pryor

### Minutes:

1. Welcome & community rules of decorum
2. **Motion** to approve the Agenda (-6:05)
  - a. **Passed Unanimously**
3. President Announcements.
  - a. Two complaints received.
    - i. President attempted to resolve with complainants.
    - ii. Will move forward with complaints via the BOT and bring the resolutions back to Membership.
  - b. Thank you to Our Daily Bread for hosting.
  - c. Basic of Roberts Rules reviewed.
    - i. Will have copies of Roberts Rules available at next meeting, and will post to the website.
    - ii. Would like to have more orderly meetings moving forward.
  - d. Chairpersons needed for Public service and safety, and Housing and Development.
  - e. ACT for Cincinnati came to last BOT meeting.
    - i. Robust conversations about crowd control, repeat offenders, various City programs (both visible items, and 'behind-the-scenes' work.
    - ii. Reminder from CPD to keep gates locked, guns locked and out of site, and keep lights on.
    - iii. Can't depend on CPD to take care of everything.
    - iv. 'Quality of Life Issues' are really up to the communities themselves.
  - f. Bank Accounts now accessible to President.
    - i. Funds moved over to Savings to gain interest.
    - ii. Will have OTRCC debit card.
    - iii. Account includes \$10,000 of NSP money for reimbursement.
  - g. OTRCH and Peasley
    - i. NCCIP site improvement options at Peaslee.

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- h. Trenching work ongoing for Fiberoptics project on Vine street, etc.
- 4. Officer Reports (-6:25)
  - a. Secretary:
    - i. **Motion** to approve August Membership meeting minutes.
    - ii. **Motion Approved unanimously**
  - b. Treasurer:
    - i. Updated Treasurer's report not available.
- 5. Updates:
  - a. CPD – District 1 Report (-6:40)
    - i. Overall crime is down, however there have been some isolated violent crime.
    - ii. Individuals stealing from restaurants have been arrested.
    - iii. Auto-theft down (some correlation to school starting back up).
      - 1. Firearms theft from vehicles still ongoing.
    - iv. Meeting with City Manager on various targeted areas.
    - v. Will be increasing bicycle presence, overtime in the area.
    - vi. City Manager is regularly visiting OTR.
    - vii. Curfew has had positive results.
    - viii. Resource officers are in high-schools and regularly interacting with kids.
    - ix. Frustration expressed that we're still focused on waiting on arrests rather than deterrent strategies.
      - 1. Focus is currently on violet crime.
    - x. Is there anything changing in terms of recruitment? Is there enough support from City Hall?
      - 1. Fully funded for 50-60 officers. Issue is that we're not seeing enough interested persons wanting to become police officers.
        - a. Have just enough to fill a class after testing/cuts. Don't have reserves.
        - b. Recruitment efforts are year-round now.
  - b. 3CDC – Community Center/Health Center Updates (-6:45)
    - i. Findlay Community Center: Foundation and utility work ongoing.
    - ii. Crossroads Health Center: Framing, mechanical and plumbing work, ongoing. Tower restoration ongoing.
  - c. NSP Funds – John Walter (5 min)
    - i. \$10,000, money in the bank. There are seven projects active. Need to submit by 12/15.
      - 1. One project completed
      - 2. Wesley Chapel and Cornerstone on target for completion.
      - 3. Remainder are coordinating with John Walter.
    - ii. For 2026 Funds, the NSP chairperson will communicate deadlines in the January meeting.

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- iii. Emphasis from President that we need to followup on projects well, since this is money on the table that is intended.
- d. FCC – Brandy Del Favero update on the West End Mixed Use Development project (5 min)
  - i. Will be next during October Membership Meeting.
- 6. Committees - general (5 min):
  - a. All committees must hold meetings and post agendas and minutes.
  - b. Meeting dates, times will be listed on the OTRCC website.
  - c. Communications to committee members will be direct emails from the chairs.
  - d. OTRCC BOT is considering a monthly Newsletter to keep general membership informed of committee activities.
- 7. Current committee updates:
  - a. Quality of Life
    - i. Still need a chairperson.
    - ii. Will Coordinate with portal.
  - b. Youth and Education
  - c. Parking and Transportation (5 min - Alexis)
    - i. SPPA Review in October.
    - ii. Next parking meeting is the 6<sup>th</sup>.
    - iii. OTRParkingpolicy@gmail.com
  - d. Operations and Structure.
  - e. Outreach and Engagement (5 min - Stephan)
  - f. Economic Development
  - g. Public Service & Safety
    - i. Looking for a chairperson.
  - h. Beautification
    - i. There is grant money (Safe and Clean grant, etc)
    - ii. Lots of weeds and litter in the medians on Liberty.
      - 1. Matt Jacob to connect with AJ (Beautification)
  - i. Website and Technology (-7:10)
    - i. Three areas
      - 1. File storage on Google platform.
      - 2. Website automation.
      - 3. Website organization.
- 8. Presentation / discussion / Motions:
  - a. **Motion** to approve Valerie Dowell for chairperson of operations and structure committee (-7:15 min)
    - i. **Motion passed 16:0:0**
  - b. **Motion** to approve Vanessa Harrow for chairperson of Quality-of-life committee (5 min).

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- i. **Discussion:** Vanessa not here today due to illness. Vanessa is a non-resident member (non-resident members can be committee chairs per OTRCC Bylaws).
- ii. **Revised Motion made to table vote until next meeting:**
  - 1. Motion Passed **11:5**
- c. **Motion** to request that members rescind the Letter to Findlay Market in support of the building of the Operations Center at 1813 Race St.
- d. **Discussion:**
  - i. Letters read from Madison's owners, Columns owners, and Bethany
  - ii. Kevin noted several items:
    - 1. Original letter of support was for a zoning change and ownership change, not for the building itself.
    - 2. Suggestion to vote on sending a letter to not support a building here.
  - iii. Motion to make a friendly amendment that motion is changed to "Motion for OTRCC to send a letter to City Council objecting to constructing an operation center on the property at 1813 Race st" accepted by friendly amendment.
  - iv. **Motion Passes 12:0:6**
- 9. **Motion** to adjourn. (-7:56)
- 10. Post meeting presentations:
  - a. Driehaus, Lakita Cole, and Stephan Pryor gave quick presentations.