



## Over the Rhine Community Council – Membership Meeting

2/23/2025 – Meeting Minutes

### Attendance:

Membership: 27 Members in Person, 16 Members online

Board Members Present: Caroline Snyder, Chris Gerke, Maurice Wagoner, Stephan Pryor, Luke Field, Jackie Dean, John Hancock

### AGENDA:

1. Welcome & Community Rules of Decorum (6:05)
2. **Motion** to approve the Agenda (6:10)
  - a. **Approved Unanimously.**
3. President Announcements (15 min)
  - a. Board of Trustees currently has (6) vacant seats.
    - i. Three potential Trustees are here today and will be voted on by membership.
    - ii. Looking for more to fill remaining seats.
  - b. Please renew your membership!
    - i. Online, we are switching to a new sign-up / member listing process.
    - ii. Please let us know if you run into any issues – thank you for your patience!
  - c. Announcement from Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney regarding Citizens on Patrol
    - i. If you are interested in joining the program, please reach out to John Wulsin at [jwulsin@gmail.com](mailto:jwulsin@gmail.com)
  - d. Green Corps - Summer jobs for youth.
    - i. Green Corps is hiring 12 people for their 2026 cohort.
    - ii. Participants must be 18-25 and not pursuing a college degree. They earn \$18.52 per hour and will work an average of 30 hours per week from February-December 2026.
    - iii. Apply at this link: <https://www.groundworkorv.org/get-involved/>
  - e. Main and Clifton Raised Sidewalk project by DOTE:
    - i. Construction for the concrete raised crosswalk and curb extension at Main & Clifton is ongoing.
  - f. Act for Cincy – changes for 2026:
    - i. Act for Cincy is responding to community feedback, shifting their focus from individual event responses to focus on broader 'systems' change.
    - ii. Kait Bell is stepping into the role of Violence Reduction Manager for the City of Cincinnati.

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- iii. They are also hiring an additional team member to help coordinate efforts and track progress. If you know someone who may be a good fit, you can find the job posting here: [Community Safety Senior Management Analyst](#)
4. Updates:
- a. CPD – District 1 Report *Officer Todd and Captain Snider were not able to attend*
  - b. 3CDC – Community Center/Health Center Updates
    - i. Findlay Community Center: concrete foundations, floor slabs & walls for the roller rink are under construction. Gym trusses and roof are being framed.
    - ii. Crossroad Health Center: sidewalks are being installed, interior finishes and painting work is ongoing.
  - c. NSP Funds – John Walter (10 min)
    - i. Photos available of completed 2025 NSP projects.
    - ii. Outline of 2026 NPS process, and upcoming dates:
      - 3/8/2026 - Submittal deadline for 2026 NSP proposals to OTRCC BOT.
      - 3/9/2026 – OTRCC BOT will review and comment on proposals.
      - 3/23/2026 – OTRCC General Membership will vote on proposals.
      - 4/3/2026 – Submittal deadline to Invest in Neighborhoods.
      - *Must be typed.*
      - *Don't spend money until approved.*
5. Presentations / Discussions / Motions:
- a. State Representative Isaacsohn would like to give a presentation, with Q&A.
    - i. *Unable to attend.*
  - b. Don Reed, Russell Elliott and Tanica Stallworth have applied to be OTRCC Trustees.
    - i. **Motion:** Nomination of Don Reed to Board of Trustees.
      1. **Discussion:** *Caveat that Don Reed has 'dual residency'... about half his time is spent in Cincinnati. Suggestion to make a conditional appointment, waiving residency as requirement for appointment. Noted that he must be voted in 2/3 majority.*
        - a. **Motion to allow such a conditional appointment:**  
*Online: 3:0:2*  
*In person: 22:0:0*  
**Motion passes.**
      2. **Vote to make Don Reed a Trustee:**  
*Online: 3:0:2*  
*In person 23:0:0*  
**Motion passes.**
    - ii. **Motion:** *Nomination of Walt Reinhaus to Board of Trustees.*
      1. **Discussion:** *Walt runs an artist collective, and has ongoing renovation of building. Runs a mentoring program and equity sharing project.*  
*In person 21:0:0*  
*Online 5:0:0*  
**Motion passes.**

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- iii. **Motion:** Nomination of Russell Elliott to Board of Trustees.
  - 1. **Discussion:** *Russel lived on E. Clifton since 2012. Worked in labor law, criminal defense. Organized Alley cleanups, "Spring in our Steps".*  
*In person: 22:0:0*  
*Online: 3:0:0*  
**Motion passes.**
- iv. **Motion:** Nomination of Weldan Thomas to Board of Trustees.
  - 1. **Discussion:** *Weldan wants to help local families do more outreach, assist with large expenses (such as with funeral costs). John Hancock suggested he join BOT. Encourage diverse viewpoints coming together, bringing different voices and experiences.*  
*In person: 23:0:0*  
*Online: 6:0:0*  
**Motion passes.**
- v. **Motion:** Nomination of Tanica Stallworth to Board of Trustees.
  - 1. *Tanica withdrew her nomination.*
- c. Mary Wheeler – Hyde Park Community UMC - Presentation on proposed project at 1314 Race Street, including Found House transitional housing units and a 1<sup>st</sup> floor Community Laundromat.
  - i. **Motion:** To approve a letter of support (see attached).
    - 1. **Discussion:** *This space has done a lot for the community. Permanent location will be really helpful. Received a lot of info and mentorship from the Washing Well (Lower Price Hill).*  
*In person: 16:0:0*  
*Online 5:0:1*  
**Motion passes.**
- d. Molly Ekerdt, Rosario Barrera, Adam White - POAH – Presentation regarding the renovation of a two-building, 37-unit project at 13th and Republic called Washington Park Apartments.
  - i. **Motion** to approve a letter of support (see attached).
    - 1. **Discussion:** *Some feedback regarding impact maintenance has on surrounding properties. POAH has had trouble in past.*  
*In person: 18:1:2*  
*Online 6:0:0*  
**Motion passes.**
- e. Walter Reinhaus – Project at 24 W. McMicken Av - Working Artist Lofts and Terraces
  - i. **Motion** to approve a letter of support (see attached).
  - ii. *Tabled until next meeting*
- f. *Robert Sanders* - Sanders Development Group - Presentation on the status of their scattered site OTR development project. (5 min).

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- i. *Helped move Triversity to Walnut Hills. On Cornerstone board. Revised development to try to find additional subsidies and reduced AMI across board. Start construction in April / May. Wont retain commercial space. Residential spaces will be managed by Sanders Development Group. Looking for a formal letter of support.*
- ii. **Motion** *Provide Letter of Support for the development project to provide to the City of Cincinnati.*

*In room: 18:0:0*

*Online: 3:0:0*

**Motion passes.**

6. Officer Reports

a. Secretary:

- i. **Motion** to approve October Membership meeting minutes.

**Approved Unanimously**

b. Treasurer:

- i. Updated Treasurer's report / account balance.
- ii. *Laptop and NSP projects were only changes to account.*

7. Current committee updates:

a. Open call for updates.

- b. *Beautification: Walt Reinhaus. Earth Day Booth – April 19<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in joining, reach out directly to Walt at reinhaus@yahoo.com.*

c. *Quality of Life (Vanessa Harold)*

- i. *Corporation for Findlay Market moving into 1720 Race. QOL committee objected to the move. Reminder that any official correspondence to the city, etc, written on behalf of the OTRCC must be voted on by membership.*
- ii. *QOL will run an Etiquette workshop for OTR girls ages 8-17 on Saturdays. Details will be provided.*

8. **Motion** to adjourn.