



Over the Rhine Community Council – Membership Meeting

10/27/2025 – Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Membership: ~24 Members in Person, 29 Members online

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

Minutes:

1. Welcome & community rules of decorum
2. **Motion** to approve the Agenda (-6:05)
 - a. **Amendment:** Motion amended to add announcement about 3CDC Community Input Session regarding the existing Crossroads Health Center site on Liberty.
 - b. **Amendment:** To remove item 4c (previously voted on by Membership)
 - c. **Amendment:** To move item 5a ahead of 4a.
 - d. **Amended Motion Passed Unanimously**
3. President Announcements (-6:20)
 - a. Copies of Roberts Rules available by the agendas.
 - b. Findlay Market Halloween Celebrations:
 - i. Lots of events at Findlay Market around Halloween, including Costume and Candy Drive, a Tasting Tour, Trick-or-Treating, and a Dog Costume event. See handout for additional information.
 - ii. Findlay is in need of volunteers at the following events:
 - [Thursday, October 23rd - Costume Organizing in the Farm Shed](#)
 - [Sunday, October 26th - Free Costume Pickup Event on Race St. side of market](#)
 - Over 1200 costumes were handed out to families.
 - [Thursday, October 30th - N OTR Pre Trick or Treat Cleanup with Wesley Chapel](#)
 - Neighborhood cleanup ahead of trick-or-treating.
 - [Friday, October 31st - Trick or Treat](#)
 - Vendors will close early, and hand out candy from 4:00-6:00
 - Over 20,000 pieces of candy have been donated.
 - c. OTR Chamber of Commerce update:
 - i. Chamber is restructuring, and will be evaluating their role in the neighborhood. More information to follow. See letter from Matt Reckman, chamber president.
 - ii. OTRCC hopes for more collaboration between OTR Community Council and OTR Chamber.

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- d. Voting Location: Main Public Library at 800 Vine.
- e. OTRCC: Bank Account currently has Peter and Maurice listed – if Peter is no longer active Treasurer, then he will have to be removed from that account and new treasurer added.
- f. Board of Trustees currently has (4) vacant seats
- 5. Presentation / discussion / Motions (-6:30)
 - a. **Motion:** To approve Vanessa Harrow for chairperson of Quality of Life committee (5 min)
 - b. **Discussion:** Vanessa stated she is interested in helping kids and elderly in the neighborhood, and is interested in exploring ways to connect to corporations.
 - c. **Motion Passed 22-0-1**
- 4. Updates (-7:30):
 - a. CPD was not able to join tonight due to activities surrounding tonight's FC game.
 - b. 3CDC – Community Center/Health Center Updates
 - i. Findlay Community Center: Foundation and utility work ongoing.
 - ii. Crossroads Health Center: Framing, mechanical and plumbing work, ongoing. Tower restoration including painting and brickwork is ongoing.
 - c. NSP Funds – John Walter
 - i. Of the 7 NSP projects, only one is completed (Klotter-Conroy project)
 - 1. President OTRCC provided reimbursement of \$996.52
 - d. 1717 Race Street Right of Entry
 - i. See attached for Right-of-Entry from the City, granting use of the property as an OTRCC Community Garden space.
 - ii. **Motion:** Letter of support to coordinate with the City Manager's Office (Act for Cincy) to get OTR teens (14-18) summer work with Groundworks Ohio Valley by facilitating the use of the vacant lot at 1717 Race St for an OTR Community Council garden space.
 - iii. **Discussion:**
 - 1. Groundworks OH Is putting in an application for Safe and Clean grant, and would like letter of support from OTRCC. OTRCC would provide access, but Groundworks has the infrastructure for hiring the kids.
 - 2. Members discussed potential other partners, such as 3CDC, Findlay Market, Art Works, or other businesses.
 - 3. President and Members discussed that all items must be brought in front of the board before being brought to membership for a vote.
 - iv. **Motion Approved: 24:0:2**
 - e. 1624 Elm St Project (Denny Dellinger)
 - i. Denny presented a design for a proposed small parking lot design for 1624 Elm St. Denny is looking for support at the upcoming HCB hearing.

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- ii. BOT was not able to get this item on the agenda for an OTRCC vote for support, but any individuals who would like to support the project can do so as individual residents.
 - f. FCC Update from Brandy Del Favero is postponed until a later date (due to tonight's FC game activities).
 - g. KCB Update: Presentation from Madison Lentz of Keep Cincinnati Beautiful regarding their Adopt-A-Spot program.
 - i. Program is open to people and businesses.
 - ii. Recommends monthly clean-ups of the adopted spot.
 - iii. Also hosts 'Don't Dump the Nati' event (a Trash Drop Off Event):
www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org/environmental-services/dont-dump-the-nati
 - h. Bus Rapid Transit Update by Liz Peak from Regional Mobility Group (postponed).
- 6. Officer Reports (-7:40)
 - a. Secretary: (5 min)
 - i. **Motion** to approve September Membership meeting minutes.
 - ii. Public announcements of OTRCC meetings – OBM Kiosks
 - 1. In order to post to the OBM kiosks, we'd need to add a small tag on our website and meeting notes that says:
"Special thanks to our Promotional Partner: ORANGE BARREL | MEDIA"
 - 2. **Motion** to add the above note to our agendas and website.
 - 3. **Motion Passed 15:0:1**
 - b. Treasurer: (5 min)
 - i. Updated Treasurer's report
 - 1. Checking Balance: \$6,577.36
 - 2. Savings Balance: \$20,000.60
- 7. Complaints (-7:50)
 - a. OTRCC BOT received two complaints, and reviewed them at the last BOT meeting.
 - i. **BOT Findings:** In regards to the complaint by Lindsey Swadner against Alexis Marsh, seeing that Alexis has since resigned as a Trustee, the BOT considers the complaint closed. BOT does note however, that as of now, no Trustee or Chairperson should speak on behalf of the OTRCC without an item being voted upon by the full membership.
 - ii. **BOT Findings:** In regards to the complaint by Adrain, seeing as how the Findlay Market support letter was effectively rescinded, the primary complaint is not considered closed. However, the BOT hears the need to formalize the process for development project intake to make the OTRCC membership more aware of projects, and will strive to do so in the future.

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8. Committees - general (-7:55):
 - a. Will be sending a form to all committee chairs to fill out, requesting they set meeting times, and record agendas and minutes.
 - b. OTRCC BOT will send out a monthly Newsletter to keep general membership informed of committee activities.
9. Current committee updates (-8:05):
 - a. Quality of Life (need a chairperson)
 - b. Youth and Education (Tanica)
 - c. Parking and Transportation (Alexis)
 - i. Hamilton County stated that they will be lowering the cost for residents to get monthly parking passes in the Findlay Garage.
 - d. Operations and Structure (Valerie)
 - e. Fundraising and Grant Writing (need a chairperson)
 - f. Outreach and Engagement (Stephan)
 - i. Update on "Grow West End" event, which will involve planning of 350 trees in the West End neighborhood.
 - g. Economic Development (5 min - Jayme Kelly)
 - h. Public Service & Safety (need a chairperson)
 - i. Beautification (need a chairperson)
 - j. Website and Technology (Luke)
10. **Motion** to adjourn at 8:05.