



## Over the Rhine Community Council – Membership Meeting

3/23/2026 – Meeting Minutes

### Attendance:

Membership: 27 Members in Person, 16 Members online

Board Members Present: Caroline Snyder, Chris Gerke, Maurice Wagoner, Weldon Thomas, Stephan Pryor, Jackie Dean, John Hancock, Russell Elliot, Don Reed, Walter Reinhaus

### AGENDA:

1. Welcome & Community Rules of Decorum
2. **Motion** to approve the Agenda
  - a. **Approved Unanimously.**
3. President Announcements
  - a. Board of Trustees currently has (2) vacant seats still, and (1) additional in May.
    - i. (4) Trustees were added at last meeting: Don Reed, Walt Reinhaus, Russell Elliot, Weldon Thomas.
    - ii. Luke Field will be stepping down in May – BOT will need a new Secretary.
    - iii. **Motion** to ratify Don Reed as Treasurer  
*For: 14+1*  
*Against: 0*  
*Abstain: 1*  
**Motion passes.**
  - b. Please renew your membership!
    - i. Current member listing: <https://otrcommunitycouncil.org/active-members/>
    - ii. Please let us know if you run into any issues, or see any errors with your listing. Thank you for your patience!
4. Updates
  - a. CPD – District 1 Report (6:17)
    - i. *Captain Bob provided update.*
  - b. 3CDC – Community Center/Health Center Updates (6:38)
    - i. Findlay Community Center – steel work is progressing in the lobby and childcare areas, and is completed in the pool and gym areas. Mechanical systems are being installed in the pool area.
    - ii. Crossroads Health Center – parking block installation and striping is completed, and interior finishes are being installed.
  - c. NSP Funds – John Walter (6:40)

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- i. 2026 project submittal deadline to Invest in Neighborhoods is 4/3/2026.
- ii. 2026 NPS proposals have been received and reviewed by the OTRCC BOT.
- iii. **Motion** made to postpone NSP submission to a later date:

*For: 2*

*Against: 18*

*Abstain: 0*

**Motion failed.**

- iv. **Motion:** To Approved the following package of seven NSP projects for submittal to Invest in Neighborhoods on April 3<sup>rd</sup>:

	<i>BOT Recommendation</i>	
Cornerstone	\$	2,500.00
Slice to Meet You	\$	340.00
2026 Back to School / Hair Event	\$	2,000.00
Klotter project	\$	1,000.00
Hust Alley mural	\$	500.00
Wesley chapel	\$	2,000.00
OTR Community Council Funds	\$	1,326.00
<i>Total:</i>	\$	9,666.00

*For: 16+5*

*Against: 1+1*

*Abstain: 2*

**Motion passes.**

5. Presentations / Discussions / Motions:

- a. Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney (7:16)
  - i. Discussion regarding improving conditions for the youth in OTR.
  - ii. Discussion regarding Citizens on Patrol, programing for the summer in Grant Park, as well as some other ideas from other cities.
  - iii. *April 25<sup>th</sup>: Health Fair in Washington Park*
- b. OTR Adopt – Presentation by Danny Klingler / Kevin Tolan (7:27)
  - i. Presentation on project to restore the cobblestone streets of OTR.
- c. 1717 Race St – Alexis Marsh (7:37)
  - i. Presentation on the commencement of the community-led greenspace project at 1717 Race St.
  - ii. *Presentation by Ground Works.*
- d. Urban Agriculture Grants – Alexis Marsh
  - i. **Motion** to approve that OTRCC serve as the fiscal agent for two recently awarded Urban Agriculture grants for local green spaces:
    - 1. Note: This will not require any OTRCC funds – OTRCC will just act as a pass-through.
    - 2. 1535 Pleasant Street (\$750): For composting tools, planters, and a wagon.
    - 3. 1717 Race Street (\$1,000): For flowers and soil (this may change but is what the city has documented currently)

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*For: 18+5*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 2*

**Motion passes.**

- e. Charles Street – Logan Price (10 min)
  - i. **Motion:** 3CDC is seeking the community council's support in getting Charles St changed back into a two-way street to address the confusion, safety, and traffic issues that have been caused by the one-way.

*For: 1*

*Against: 11*

*Abstain: 0*

**Motion failed.**
- 6. Officer Reports
  - a. Secretary: (2 min)
    - i. **Motion** to approve February Membership meeting minutes.

**Discussion:** *Don Reed requested the minutes be amended to reflect that he spends half his time in OTR, and other half is still within Cincinnati.*

**Motion Passes.**
  - b. Treasurer: (5 min)
    - i. Updated Treasurer's report / account balance.
- 7. Current committee updates (10 min):
  - a. Open call for updates.
    - i. *Quality of Life committee provided update.*
  - b. *Julie Fay – Rock the Mohawk*
  - c. *Emma – Earth Day Announcement*
- 8. **Motion** to adjourn.