



Meeting of the Membership

8/24/2026 - Proposed Agenda

1. Call to Order: President's welcome & Rules of Decorum Review (2 min).
2. **Motion to approve** (or amend) the Proposed Agenda.
3. **Motion to approve** the July 27th, 2026 membership meeting minutes.
4. CPD – District 1 Report (10 min)
5. **President** Announcements including Trustee Updates (15 min)
 - a. Join/renew membership: <http://otrcommunitycouncil.org/active-members/>
 - b. The Board of Trustees currently has two (2) vacant seats. Apply on the website.
 - c. Board of Trustees elected Trustee Stephan Pryor as Sergeant at Arms.
 - d. New Community Center walk-through observations.
 - e. 3CDC's presentation on new Liberty & Vine Parking Lot. Ismael Hasson presenting.
 - f. "After meeting Social" at Mikey's Late-Night Slice - 2014 Elm Street.
6. **Treasury** report by Don Reed. See page 2.
7. **New Business:** Presentations, Reports, and Discussions
 - a. **MOTION** to create an ad-hoc OTRCC Committee on Housing Opportunity chaired by Don. BOT discussed this on August 10th. All agreed and approved presenting this to the membership.
 - b. Website, social media, and CBR updates – Dennis Kelley. See pages 3, 4, and 5.
 - c. Quality of Life Committee Report – Vanessa Harrow. See pages 6, 7, and 8.
 - d. Bylaws Committee discussion update – Weldon Thomas
 - e. Economic Development Committee Report – Stephan Pryor
 - Introducing OTR Minority Developers
 - Otis with Property Acquisitions
 - Safi with Wally Construction
 - Considerations for support to be discussed
 - f. Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) update - John Walter. See pages 9 and 10.
 1. Klotter Project completed.
 2. Looking for next projects to complete.
 - g. Beautification, Environment, Greenspace, Integrating Nature: Community Budget Request suggestions - Walt Reinhaus. See page 11.
 - g. Committee continuance or retirements **by motions**:
 1. **Motion to continue** Quality of Life Committee
 2. **Motion to continue** Beautification, Environment, Greenspace, Integrating Nature Committee
 3. **Motions to continue** inactive committees: Youth and Education, Parking, Operation and Structure, Outreach, Public Safety, Web and Social Media
7. Other New Business from the Membership.
8. **Motion** to adjourn.

Over-the-Rhine Community Council Treasurer's Report 7/1/26-7/31/26						
Date	Transaction	Description	Category	Memo	Amount	Totals
		BEGINNING BALANCE - Checking				4056.88
		INCOME				
7/14/26	CREDIT	cash deposit	membership dues		2	
7/24/26	CREDIT	Auto-deposit -- Stripe	membership dues		1.62	
		TOTAL INCOME				3.62
		EXPENSES				
7/7/26	DEBIT	Auto-withdrawal CINTI BELL TELE		monthly	-6.79	
		TOTAL EXPENSES				-6.79
		ENDING BALANCE - Checking				4053.71
		BEGINNING BALANCE - Savings				19,671.33
7/23/26	CREDIT	Interest paid this period			0.78	
		ENDING BALANCE - Savings				19,672.11
		TOTAL FUNDS				23,725.82
DESIGNATED FUNDS Housing Study Fund: Total Remaining Funds \$ 7,117.03 Preservation Defense Fund: Total Remaining Funds \$ 600.00 Huether Fund: Total Remaining Funds \$ 2,500.00 2026 NSP Funds Total Remaining Funds \$ 9,666.00 TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS \$ 19,883.03						
UNDESIGNATED FUNDS						\$ 3,842.79

SOCIAL MEDIA LAUNCH REPORT

On August 11th, 2026, dual campaigns began on both Facebook and Instagram. The initial postings and reels focused on the OTR North Block Party event, Imani Fest, and Night of the Neighborhoods; which was eventually postponed.

A delay in communication with the membership caused the wider launch to begin on the afternoon of August 16th. Since then, a steady rise in followers has occurred on Instagram. Local businesses, entrepreneurs, artists, photographers and other neighbors have followed and some of engaged with the content.

We're proud to be engaging with our current home, Our Daily Bread, as well as Mikey's Late-Night Slice/Oddfellows, who are happy they were selected as a post-meeting gathering place for our membership.

The experience with Facebook has been much different as we're only connected to 19 followers with little engagement.

The next page presents a brief snapshot of some of the activity with the Instagram experience. All told, it has been a pleasure launching a social media presence for this council.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Kelley', with a large, stylized loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dennis Kelley

INSTAGRAM LAUNCH

August 11th – 19th

VIEWERSHIP

3077

TOTAL VIEWS

Overall views across
all posts/reels/
stories
25.7% followers



1796

VIEWERS

Total number of
humans viewing
across all content
Viewer: 63.3% 25-44



300+

PROFILE VISITS



INTERACTIONS

41

LIKES

Total number of
times someone
liked a post, reel, or
story



224

FOLLOWS

Total followers from
posts, reels, stories
& profile visits
85% local

Follow

COMMUNITY BUDGET REQUESTS GUIDE

Dear Member,

The City of Cincinnati has opened the floor for another round of Community Budget Requests (CBR) and is asking councils from the city to submit requests by September 28th, 2026. This is our chance to help make improvements in the Over-the-Rhine community.

Ahead of the August 24th membership meeting, we are taking this opportunity to have a brainstorming session by compiling a list of members' ideas on what we can request from City Project Managers. These ideas need to be completed and filed with the Board of Trustees no later than August 20th. During the August 24th meeting, the membership will vote on the ideas they would like to see go before the Project Managers. Since the Project Managers will accept up to three (3) ideas, the three (3) ideas receiving the most votes from the membership will be submitted at the September 28th deadline.

This is YOUR opportunity to submit ideas.

THE TIMELINE

The submission process will follow this timeline:

Dates	Tasks and Deadlines
July 23 rd	CBR Kick-off Meeting. See presentation to help understand the process here: PowerPoint Presentation
August 20 th	INPUT FROM MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE: Request ideas MUST be completed and filed with the Board of Trustees no later than August 20 th . A list of all members' ideas will be compiled and voted on at the August 24 th Membership Meeting.
August 24 th	MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The membership will vote on a list of its own ideas (See copy of the sample list on page 4). The top 3 ideas will be selected as the ideas sent for discussion to City Project Managers
August 28 th	DEADLINE: Council initiates contact with City Project Managers and discussions on ideas begin.
September 28 th	FINAL DEADLINE: Council submits CBR request form through the online portal by 4:00pm.
May 2027	City Manger's Recommended Budget is released containing funding recommendations pertaining to CBRs.

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Time: 6pm

Location: Zoom

Chairperson: Vanessa-Sophia, Chairperson

Recording Secretary: Chairperson

Attendance

Present:

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- Minister Adrian

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Our next OTR Quality of Life Committee meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

We have several important community matters to discuss:

- **OTR Community Health Fair:** Identifying a few volunteers willing to assist with planning and bringing this much-needed initiative to life.
- **Gloria's Place – Housing Resource:** With the new 44-apartment Gloria's Place development at 2000 Dunlap Street serving displaced and unhoused individuals in OTR, we want to discuss how QOL can help connect our most vulnerable residents directly to this housing opportunity, resources, and assistance with navigating the process. QOL Chair Vanessa-Sophia has received firsthand information and guidance regarding the resource and will share what she has learned with the committee.
- **Back-to-School Initiative:** At the July 27 membership meeting, we were informed that the Youth & Education Committee initiative, chaired by Tanica Stalworth, was tabled due to health-related circumstances. We will discuss opportunities for QOL to assist or support future efforts.
- **Community Partnerships:** Updates and opportunities to strengthen collaborations that directly benefit OTR residents and families.
- **Youth Programming:** Update on the conclusion of the Mind Maze Brain Sensory Camp and the relaunch of our Home-Work Club at 1535 Race Street.

There is important work to be done, and your participation, ideas, and willingness to help move these initiatives forward are greatly appreciated.

The Zoom link will be sent closer to the meeting date.

See you all on the 27th!

III.1 Detailed Performance Report –1 per project

Prepare one (1) report form for each approved project. Describe how well you met your goals. Discuss any problems (if any) in fulfilling the terms of your contract, indicate budget, final amount spent, and the ending balance. Attach photographs and other documentation as appropriate.

PROJECT NO. & NAME:	#4 Klotter / Conroy Adopt a Block				
PROJECT BUDGET:	\$1000.	Total NSP Funds Spent:	\$1000.	BALANCE:	\$ 0.00
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HRS:	150	START DATE:	4/15/2026	END DATE:	7/6/2026
PROJECT DESCRIPTION & PURPOSE:					
Installed new LED landscaping lights in the public Baymiller Right of Way to the south of Klotter Avenue. Applied weedkiller and weed wacked 1/2 mile of public sidewalk along the 400, 500 and 600 block of Klotter multiple times. Planted perennials, mulched, weeded and watered the Baymiller and Freeman Avenue Right of Way. Cut back overgrowth and sidewalk tree suckers multiple times. Picked up litter daily.					
PROBLEMS WITH THE PROJECT?					
Extremely time consuming just like last year's project. My time was more than 80% of the volunteer hours. Absentee landlords many times do not manage their garbage and recycling cans creating litter and blight in our neighborhood. Like last year, I am endeavoring to make maintenance of our neighborhood's streetscape more of a community project.					
EVALUATION OF SUCCESS OF PROJECT (Explain why you feel this project is a success or failure. What do you base this assessment on?):					
Extremely successful based on great feedback on the beauty of our Klotter Conroy neighborhood from property owners, tenants and the growing number of AIRBB guests.					
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS					
Hope to continue participating in the NSP program as a key component of the maintenance and enhancement of the Klotter Conroy public spaces.					

III.2 Expenditures Report – 1 per project

List all the expenses incurred from each project. To verify funds spent attach the following to each project report:

1. Invoices and/or copies of receipts – original receipts will NOT be accepted—to verify funds were needed
2. Attach copies of cancelled checks, or bank or card statement (with highlighted transaction) to verify funds were spent

Council Name:	Over the Rhine Community Council	Contract Year:	FY 2026
Project Name:	#4 Klotter / Conroy Adopt a Block		

Ref #	DATE (earliest to latest)	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	Front End (invoice or receipt or other)	Back End (canceled check # or bank statement + month)	AMOUNT
		John Walter	Reimbursement			\$1000.00
1	4/15/2026	Lowe's	Mulch	Receipt	x3680MC	\$ 47.43
2	4/15/2026	Lowe's	Mulch	Receipt	x3680MC	\$ 47.43
3	4/18/2026	Home Depot	Perennials	Receipt	x3680MC	\$ 38.29
4	4/15/2026	Lowe's	Mulch	Receipt	x3680MC	\$ 47.43
5	4/22/2026	Home Depot	Home Depot	Receipt	x3680MC	\$ 18.07
6	4/22/2026	Lowe's	Perennials and Mulch	Receipt	x3680MC	\$ 125.00
7	4/24/2026	Lowe's	Annuals and Mulch	Receipt	x3680MC	\$ 68.88
8	4/27/2026	Lowe's	Perennials and mulch	Receipt	x3680MC	\$ 48.47
9	5/01/2026	Lowe's	Mulch	Receipt	x3680MC	\$ 45.28
10	5/01/2026	Home Depot	Perennials	Receipt	x3680MC	\$ 58.17
11	5/01/2026	Lowe's	Mulch	Receipt	x3680MC	\$ 38.81
12	5/05/2026	Schulhoff	Hedge Trimmer Rental - 8 Hrs	Receipt	x3680MC	\$ 48.51
13	7/05/2026	Home Depot	Low Voltage Landscape Lighting	Receipt	x3680MC	\$ 353.42
14	7/6/2026	Ace Hardware	Low Voltage Lighting Misc	Receipt	x3680MC	\$ 14.81
15						\$
16						\$
TOTAL						\$ 1000.00

- Proof of Need: Invoice, receipt, contract, or other written form of agreement (front end); Mark ref #
- Proof of Payment: Canceled check, bank statement, cash receipt (back end); Mark ref #
- Cash payments must be accompanied by proof of payment receipt—a template is available through IIN
- Payments to individuals for temporary (hourly) work must be verified by information in the NSP Hourly Paid Worker Summary Log
- Payment to the City department or agency: must be accompanied by letter or an email from the department or agency requesting funds for what purpose

BEAUTIFICATION, ENVIRONMENT, GREENSPACE, AND INTEGRATING NATURE

Continuing project concepts for consideration as Community Budget Requests (CBRs). Initial conversations have taken place with City Staff regarding the following proposals:

Urban Adventure Park

- Acquire vacant parcel from UC (\$300,000?). Keep as wilderness area incorporating elevated trails and zip line from Belleview Park.
- Utilize existing Ransohoff concession building (\$100,000?), at the top with potential connection with City Church at the bottom (\$10,000?)
- Structure as a cooperative with residents for the operation (\$10,000?)
- A similar park exists in Columbus and Asheville. Consult with Columbus Adventure Park and ZipZone staff (\$6,000?)
- Include an architect for design (\$14,000?); insurance estimate (\$10,000?); total estimate at this time is \$440,000.
- Proposed collaboration with CUP initiated.



Increase Tree Canopy – Planting 500 additional sidewalk trees

- Identify possible tree locations by hiring an OTR resident to contact owners, identify underground utilities, and collaborate with Urban Forestry (\$1,000?)
- Fund neighborhood residents to remove the concrete, prepare soil (\$200 per tree = \$100,000?)
- Urban forestry provides the trees, plants them (no additional program cost).
- Proposed collaboration with Pendleton and Downtown initiated.
- 3CDC is streetscaping Vine St. north of Liberty.
- Advocate for City Council to consider lowering limb minimum from 14' to 10' similar to fellow "tree city of the world" Portland, Oregon.