



OTRCC Monthly Membership Meeting

July 27, 2026, 6pm at Our Daily Bread

1. Call to Order: President's welcome, encourage decorum.
2. **Motion to approve** (or amend?) Proposed Agenda.
3. **Motion to approve** June membership minutes:
 - a. Agenda approved.
 - b. Trustee, Committee Reports presented.
 - c. Presentations by Alms and Doepke redevelopment, new Micro-Montessori School, Shakespeare Theater expansion plans.
4. CPD District 1 Safety Report, Tue Aug 4th National Night Out
5. President Announcements including Trustee Updates
 - a. Board of Trustees currently has vacant seats; new application received from resident, member Dennis Kelley. Motion to accept.
 - b. New Membership Chair is Trustee John Hancock.
 - c. Renew your membership: <https://otrcommunitycouncil.org/active-members/>
 - d. Note: Bylaws revisions to be considered and acted upon by end of 2026, per recent pattern of revising every two years; share ideas with any trustee.
 - e. Renewed Zoom; consider observation without participation; car or walk pooling for members needing assistance.
6. Quality of Life Committee Report
7. Beautification, Environment, Greenspace, Integrating Nature Report

8. Committee continuance, or retirements **by motions:**
 - a. **Motion to continue** Quality of Life Committee
 - b. **Motion to continue** Beautification, Environment, Greenspace, Integrating Nature Committee
 - c. **Motions to continue** Inactive Committees: Youth and Education, Parking, Operation and Structure, Outreach, Economic Development, Public Safety, Web and Technology.
9. Treasurer's Report; Trustees formulating criteria how to approve spending of available funds, including suggestions to purchase back-to-school backpacks, maybe restrict funds for OTR residents only?

Over-the-Rhine Community Council						
Treasurer's Report						
6/1/26-6/30/26						
Date	Transaction	Description	Category	Memo	Amount	Totals
		BEGINNING BALANCE - Checking				4462.05
		INCOME				
6/25/26	CREDIT	Auto-deposit -- Stripe	membership dues		1.62	
		TOTAL INCOME				1.62
		EXPENSES				
6/8/26	DEBIT	Auto-withdrawal CINTI BELL TELE	monthly		-6.79	
6/22/26	check 1389	Cash for Quality of Life Community Day -- art supplies & snacks			-200	
6/29/26	check 1388	DJ for Quality of Life Community Day -- Anthony Quarles			-200	
		TOTAL EXPENSES				-406.79
		ENDING BALANCE - Checking				4056.88
		BEGINNING BALANCE - Savings				19,670.55
6/24/26	CREDIT	Interest paid this period			0.78	
		ENDING BALANCE - Savings				19,671.33
		TOTAL FUNDS				23,728.21
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						\$ 3,845.18

10. **Motion to approve** New Bylaws committee, chair Weldon Thomas, assisted by Trustees Jackie, John.

11. **Motion to approve** New Economic Development Committee, chair Stephan starting.

12. NSP Update by John Walters: \$2,000 re-allocation (\$500 Cornerstone, \$500 Wesley Mission, \$1,000 Mohawk Identification Project).

13. Vice-Mayor and City Council President's OTR North Group Update: Grant Park Block Party Sunday, August 16th, 2-7pm.

14. Ken Parker, New City Safety Consultant, opportunity for input:

- a. Revisit failed Dept. of Justice Weed and Seed Designation
- b. Revisit PNC Foundation supported Urban Observatory Concept
- c. Either or both could be a Community Budget request?

15. Other New Business from the membership?

16. **Motion** to adjourn?

17. Correspondence Follows:

Quality of Life Summer Urban Camp on Race St



Beautification, Environment, Greenspace, Integrating Nature: BEGIN again!

New Project Concepts:

1. North OTR Cooperative Resident Staffed Ambassador Program
 - a. Cooperative structure builds resident wealth, ownership
 - b. Strategic dynamic littering strategy with evolving corner can mapping
 - c. Offering an on-street replacement given diminishment of sidewalk presence
 - d. Enhanced direct communications providing additional community inputs
 - e. Continuous wireless connectivity
 - f. A Community Budget request?
2. Georger Kessler's Original Plan for Central Parkway Green Mall
 - a. Widened median providing a needed critical mass minimum greenway experience
 - b. Creating a balance between resident pedestrian and commuter experiences
 - c. Bridging the divide between OTR and Downtown
 - d. Inspired by Boston's Commonwealth Avenue Mall
3. Green Alleyways and Concrete Islands providing additional planting beds,
Inspired by Belfast's Green Alleys



The Growing Potential of Belfast's Alleyways — Laurelbank Farm

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Continuing Project Concepts:

1. Urban Adventure Park
 - a. Acquire vacant parcel from UC, keep as wilderness area incorporating elevated trails and zip line up to Belleview Park.
 - b. Utilize existing concession building as headquarters.
 - c. Structure as a cooperative with residents trained for the operation.
 - d. A similar park exists in Columbus.
 - e. A Community Budget request?
2. Increase Tree Canopy planting more sidewalk trees
 - a. Identify possible tree locations.
 - b. Fund neighborhood residents to remove the concrete, prepare soil.
 - c. Urban Forestry provides the trees, plants them.
 - d. Advocate for lowering limb minimum from 14' to 10' like in Portland.
4. After meeting social (Inspired by Downtown Residents Council)
 - a. After the membership meeting moving to different locations
 - b. To be scheduled *before* the meeting during the winter months?
 - c. July 27th gather at Mikey's Late Night Slice, 2014 Elm St?

OTR North Block Party - Organizational Meeting on July 13, 2026

I. EVENT DETAILS:

VENUE: Grant Park

DATE: Sunday, August 16, 2026

TIME: 2 – 7 p.m.

EXPECTED ATTENDANCE: 100 – 150

ALCOHOL: None. (Adults who want alcohol will be encouraged to convene at Somerset after the block party)

II. PURPOSE

Community building, resource sharing

III. DETAILS DISCUSSED:

A. Cost for attendees

- Participants: \$0 for activities and food
- Vendors: We are considering a small fee for vendors (such as \$5 - \$25 for a table)

- Resource table examples: City's info. on the new CCY (jobs, mentorships, lifeskills program for 14-24 yo to start in the fall); Children's Hospital could do bike fittings; there could be a health screening table or tent; NAACP voter registration van.
 - o Rayan will diagram the park to provide info on number of tables and their placement.

B. Activities

- Al Catone will be asked to be the DJ for the event.
- The group decided not to have bouncy houses due to restrictions on hours, need for insurance, and liability.
- Games: Latina provided Toolbank info as follows:
 - o Giant Jenga - \$4
 - o Cornhole – \$6.76
 - o Tug of War rope - \$1.50
- ToolBank also has footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, and cones for drills/games.
- See and Touch Fire Truck: This is a spare truck that kids can go into. Alex will check on securing the truck for the block party.
- Facepainting: Latina will ask 4- 5 youth in their summer program to do facepainting.

C. Supplies

- Toolbank rents trashcans, chairs (\$1.80/chair), tables (\$5.60 for 30" x 6' rectangular table; \$9.70 for 60" rounds). Rayan mentioned that a few rounds would give a nice "dinner party vibe" to help community members to mingle. Conversation starter cards also could be put on the tables.
- Grills
 - o Rayan has one; neighbors have others
 - o Latina suggested One-Stop Rental in Westchester. The cost is \$125-\$225 per day for an 8-burner propane, portable. Renting a large grill seems preferable to individuals bringing their own.
 - Pick up 1-2 days before event and keep for a week

D. Menu

- More details to be discussed at next meeting, but menu will be simple: burgers, hotdogs, chips. These items can be purchased in bulk at COSTCO.
- Lemonade: Rayan will donate lemonade from Radical Bean.
- Pop can be purchased from COSTCO.
- Alex will contact GCWW for supply of cans of water.

E. Budget

- Rayan will gather all costs and provide a budget at the next meeting. It's estimated that the total cost for the event will be about \$1,000.
- Possible sponsors: OTR Community Council, Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses, 3CDC.