



Meeting of the Membership

August 24th, 2026

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Chris Gerke, Walt Reinhaus, Caroline Snyder, John Hancock, Jackie Dean, Don Reed, Stephan Pryor, Weldon Thomas, Russel Elliott, and Dennis Kelley

Minutes:

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:07pm. Rules of Decorum were reviewed. Stephan Pryor was introduced as new Sergeant at Arms and kept time.
2. August agenda was **approved** with adjustments: **Yes - 8. No - 0. AB - 2**
 - Consideration to support two (2) minority developers presented with the Economic Committee.
 - Consideration to approve CBR proposals with Beautification committee.
3. July Membership Meeting Minutes were **approved**.
4. CPD – District 1 report
 - a. Discussion involving Flock Camera issues.
5. **President's** announcements and updates:
 - a. Membership was reminded to renew memberships and encouraged to consider Board of Trustees involvement (2 open seats).
 - b. Held a brief conversation regarding new Community Hub walkthrough on August 10th.
 - c. Ismael Hasson from 3CDC presented plans for new parking lot at Liberty and Vine and updated the membership on other current North Over-the-Rhine projects, including choosing Tri-Health to run the new community center.
 - d. Members were invited to a post-meeting social at Mikey's Late-Night Slice.
6. **Treasury** Report by Don Reed
7. **New Business:** Presentations, Reports, and Discussions
 - a. Don Reed introduced, discussed, and took questions regarding proposed Housing Ad-Hoc committee. **Motion** to create the committee **passed. Yes – 11. No – 0. AB - 1**
 - b. Dennis Kelley gave information on social media launch. Said Instagram was seeing good following and engagement. Facebook was not. Website is being updated regularly. Apologized for the late submission of CBR engagement project. Reminded committees to submit meeting information so that they could be advertised on social media and the website.
 - c. Vanessa Harrow gave Quality of Life Committee Report:

- i. Community Partnerships – Discussed importance of strengthening relationships to expand resources and opportunities for OTR residents.
- ii. Health Fair/Back to School Initiative.
- iii. Mind Maze Brain Sensory Summer Camp Update – The program is approaching conclusion after a successful summer focused on brain sensory activities, educational enrichment, social-emotional learning, and community engagement.
- d. Weldon Thomas introduced the Bylaws committee and said meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month beginning September 21st. Time and place TBA.
- e. Stephan Pryor introduced two (2) new developers to the meeting who proposed projects and asked for support and Letters of Approval.
 - i. Representative for Otis with Property Acquisitions: **Motion** for Letter of Support **passed. Yes – 14. No – 0. AB - 0**
 - ii. Safi with Wally construction: **Motion** for Letter of Support for sidewalk improvements **passed. Yes – 9. No – 1. AB - 1**
- f. John Walter gave a Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) update and reported a successful completion of the Klotter/Conroy Adopt a Block project. John was presented with a check for \$1000 as a reimbursement for his own expenses from the NSP fund. John also asked that other approved projects to use his as a model, and send in documentation.
- g. Walt Reinhaus presented Community Budget Requests for review and approval during discussions with city planners. Motion supporting three CBR project proposals (additional sidewalk trees, acquisition and development of adventure park with zipline, and improved crosswalk on West McMicken) passed. Walt also presented pictures and narrative of the recent successful OTR North Festival in Grant Park with participation by the Vice-Mayor. Beautification's next meeting was announced and includes a walk through the adventure park location starting at 24 W. McMicken parking lot Saturday, August 29th at 9:00am.
- h. Committee continuance or retirements **by motions:**
 - **Motion** to continue Quality of Life Committee. **Motion Passed.**
 - **Motion** to continue Beautification, Environment, Greenspace, and Integrating Nature Committee. **Motion passed.**
 - **Motion** to discontinue inactive committees: Youth and Education, Parking, Operations and Structure, Outreach, Public Safety, Web and Social Media. **Motion passed.**
- i. No other business was given by membership.
- j. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.