



Meeting of the Membership

September 28th, 2026 - Minutes

Attendance:

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

Minutes:

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Rules of Decorum were reviewed.
2. September agenda and August minutes were **approved** as written.
3. President's Welcome and Announcements.
 - a. Membership was reminded to renew memberships and encouraged to consider Board of Trustees involvement (2 open seats).
 - b. Reminder of the Slice to Meet You neighborhood social on Friday, October 2nd.
 - c. Introduced documents binder. Idea is to cut down paper and print usage by having a shared binder with current month's presentations and reports.
4. CPD – District 1 report
 - a. Reported 4 strangulations with 3 arrests.
 - b. Overall crime is down for the neighborhood. Copies of report were provided.
5. Georgina from Our Daily Bread announced 2 murals sponsored by Hamilton Co. Resource Center are being painted around the building (The Arts and Food Waste Awareness). Invited the Council to a party to celebrate these on October 22nd or 23rd.
6. Gary Tate, Principal of Rothenburg Preparatory School, spoke and thanked the Council for the NSP donation to Imani Fest. Said he was pleased to tell parents that bookbags were already taken care of.
7. **MOTION to Ratify** Board of Trustees appointments:
 - Stephan Pryor as Vice President
 - John Hancock as Sergeant at Arms
 - Jackie Dean as Membership Chair
 - Dennis Kelley as Secretary**MOTION passed.**

8. **Treasury** Report by Don Reed
 - a. Check for \$250 supporting OTR North Block party cleared.
 - b. Check for \$250 supporting Imani Fest cleared.
 - c. Check for \$1000 supporting NSP repayment to John Walter cleared.
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Housing Committee – Don Reed.
 - i. 2 members have volunteered to work on the committee. First meeting is Wednesday, October at 4pm.
 - b. Quality of Life – Vanessa Harrow.
 - i. Fifteen (15) youths were selected to participate in Homework Club. Volunteers are needed.
 - c. Bylaws – Weldon Thomas
 - i. Nine (9) people attended the meeting on September 21st. Next meeting is scheduled for October 19th.
 - d. Economic Development – Stephan Pryor
 - i. Reviewed last month's meeting and introduced Raj from Staggerlee's who spoke in the New Business portion of the meeting.
 - e. Beautification, Environment, Greenspace, and Integrating Nature – Walt Reinhaus
 - i. Reviewed August 29th meeting and walk.
 - ii. Met with CUF to talk about shared interest in adventure park and zipline.
 - iii. Announced next meeting to be hosted by Alexis Marsh on Saturday, October 3rd at 1717 Race Street.
10. **New Business:** Presentations, Reports, and Discussions
 - a. **MOTION** to approve a Letter of Support for Staggerlee's to change closing hours from 8:00pm to 11:00pm. Membership debated the motion. **Vote = Yes-9. No-14. MOTION failed.**
 - b. 3CDC presented updates to North OTR projects.
 - i. Grant Park update – Question about number of entrances would be available. 3 entrances will be available. Members inquired about dog park section.
 - ii. Community Hub – The Hub is 85% complete; on target for January opening.
 - iii. Community Engagement – Grant Park engagement session is October 15 at Grant Park at 5:30pm. Session for Pocket Park (1814 Elm) is October 10th at 10:00am.
 - iv. Inquiry by membership was made for record of previous engagement sessions.
 - c. No other business was given by membership.
 - d. Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.