

OTR South SID Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Location: 3CDC

Attendance:

Board of Trustees: Bobby Maly • Andy Hutzler • Dan Baranowski • Bob Deck • Robby Wellington • Marc Von Allmen • Greg Olson • Greg Badger • Carl Hunt • Tammie Scott

3CDC Staff and Guests: Tim Szilasi • David Vissman • Marissa Reed • Jenni Wuestefeld • Sara Bujas • Roulla Allouch

Bobby Maly called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 2:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2022, meeting and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Finance and Administration

Tim Szilasi gave an update on the OTR South SID budget, reporting actuals through July of 2022. Mr. Szilasi noted the projections were updated to show a reduced assessment due to Cincinnati Public Schools opting out of the special improvement district. Next, Mr. Szilasi reported on the OTR District Management budget with actuals through July of 2022. This budget also showed the reduced assessment without Cincinnati Public Schools support. The trustees discussed the need to cut services or fundraise to make up for the lost funding. Finally, Mr. Szilasi gave an update on the ambassadorial hours through June as compared to budget.

Public Safety

David Vissman reported on the ongoing public safety issues specifically in the Main Street corridor. Mr. Vissman indicated extra time is being spent on Main Street to clean up excessive litter on weekends as well as keeping closer eyes on the area to assist the police in reporting issues. Mr. Vissman outlined some of the actions implemented since the shooting on Main Street. Mr. Vissman's team will be working with the City's economic development team and the OTR Chamber to activate empty storefronts. The team is also working along with the Chamber to collect right of entry forms for the CPD and mapping all addresses on Main Street to include information to help the CPD. Mr. Vissman then shared the CPD and City responses to the shoot. These included vehicular traffic closures, parking bans, and limiting sidewalk space to deter loitering. The CPD will increase presence during daytime and begin enforcing open container laws. During the overnight hours, CPD presence will increase while equipment (lighting) can be pulled from other districts.

The trustees discussed long-term solutions and the need to bring the topic to City Council. Multiple solutions were discussed including the extension of Ziegler Park. The Board agreed a letter to the Mayor and City Council was needed regarding the safety issues. Joe Rudemiller agreed to help draft the letter on behalf of the OTR SID Board of Trustees.

Mr. Vissman then gave a brief update on the stakeholder service requests, business checks and tasks completed year to date. Mr. Vissman also shared statistics on the summer projects completed along with volunteer projects and streetery inspections planned.

Finally, Marissa Reed gave an update on the GeneroCity 513 program and reported the number of homeless clients had dropped by 9 and the number of chronic homeless increased by one.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting and properly seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.