

OTR South SID Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Location: Virtual WebEx meeting, and live streamed on the OTR South SID YouTube channel

Attendance:

Board of Trustees: Bobby Maly • Greg Olson • Robert Sehlhorst • Dan Baranowski • Bob Deck • Andy Hutzel • Lisa Webb • Anthony Maieron

3CDC Staff: David Vissman • Cate Douglas • Mark Antrobus • Joe Rudemiller • Tim Szilasi • Marissa Reed

Legal Counsel: Matt Lake • Roula Allouch

Bobby Maly called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. via WebEx platform telephonically/video.

Approval of Minutes

Greg Olson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2021 meeting. This was seconded by Anthony Maieron and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Tim Szilasi provided an update on treasury management. A bank account has been opened for the OTR South SID. The first half of the property assessment is expected to be received by the County in May.

Operating Budget

Mr. Szilasi reviewed the Operating Budget. For clean & safe activities, the actual costs were below budget in March and April due to challenges related to hiring staff to fill all available positions. Overhead costs were incurred for general liability insurance in excess of the budget, as well as legal fees related to researching legal liability regarding snow removal.

3CDC Communications/Marketing Overview

Cate Douglas reviewed the services and outreach provided to OTR South SID stakeholders, and the tracking of stakeholder requests. This included a summary of the recent merchant meeting held, attended by Main Street bar owners, District 1 Police, and other stakeholders to discuss safety issues and other concerns along Main Street. Joe Rudemiller discussed 3CDC's "Save Local" marketing campaign and the "Downtown Vibrancy" marketing campaign, both of which were created to support local businesses.

3CDC Operations Overview

David Vissman and Mark Antrobus discussed current and upcoming Ambassador hours and recent clean and safe activities. Mr. Vissman discussed a map of "hot spot" locations within the District, and steps taken to address safety issues and deter negative activity in these areas.

Mr. Vissman also discussed locations for installations of raised crosswalks to help slow down traffic and increase safety for pedestrians. Raised crosswalks will be installed along Main Street and Vine Street. Mr. Antrobus and Mr. Vissman discussed the coordination of clean and safe activities around FC Cincinnati games and coverage zones within the District. They also discussed an ongoing project involving the GIS mapping of streetscape features and other elements within the public realm, as well as tracking streetlight outages and street trees.

3CDC Social Outreach

Mr. Vissman provided an update on social outreach efforts and results in connecting those who are experiencing homelessness and/or panhandling with needed services. Outreach staff has connected 60 clients with permanent housing so far this year. He also gave an overview of the Community Solutions Partnership.

Other Discussion:

The group discussed issues on Main Street, including the need for more parking enforcement, speeding by cars and motorcycles, and the need for traffic calming measures. The group discussed issues throughout the District with e-scooters issues with riding on sidewalks and not parking them properly. The group discussed drug activity along 13th Street and coordination with police on increased foot patrols and visibility.

The group discussed services provided before and after FC Cincinnati games and how hours and services are determined. Operations staff will provide more details at the next meeting.

Greg Olson discussed the need to trim trees along Main Street and how/why types of trees are chosen for plantings.

The group also discussed the location of the next meeting, which will be held in person at Memorial Hall.

With no further business, Greg Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Deck. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.