



THE BREWERY DISTRICT

“Most Endangered”

Notes of May 9, 2007 Meeting

Meeting hosted by Gail and Fred Berger at the Apex Building.

Paid members in attendance: Omar Childress, Mike Bootes, Denny Dellinger, Julie Fay, Duane Donohoo, Ted Fischesser, Steve Hampton, Greg Hardman, Fred and Gail Berger, Josh Helton, Bryan Vielhour, Tim Brannock, Steve Cersonsky, Bob Krejci

Future members in attendance: Vermell Perkins, Debby Mays, Steven Pavelish, Lt. Emmett Gladden Jr., Martha Gitt, Kim Hale, Tom Walter, Brandon Druffel*, Pete Subach*, Matt Max*, Aquil Mohammad*, Mike Valenski*, Jon Henn*

* indicated first time participants, 28 people attended, 6 for the first time

Agenda items:

1. & 2. The meeting started with socializing and introductions. Fred and Gail did a terrific job of hosting the meeting and provided a variety of beers..
3. No one had comments on previous meeting minutes of the April 11, 2007 meeting, so the minutes were approved
4. Julie Fay reported on applications for CNBDU grants, including historic markers and banner holders for Main St, parking lot study for Vine St and Main St., and streetscape for Vine St. She also reported that this coming Sunday, May 13 is Second Sunday on Main, from noon to 5pm Among the many special events will be a Christian Moerlein Beer Garden, selling beer including the new Moerlein OTR Ale.
5. Steve Hampton reported that the Moerlein Ale Haus was a great success and we were packed all 5 days. Bob Pickford mentioned that it was the third busiest weekend the Market has ever had. Final tally of net income is not yet available. Funds will be used to purchase Ohio Historical Markers and street signs sub naming McMicken Brewers Boulevard. Steve will be working on writing applications to get this moving. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event possible. We also added about 12 new paid members. Remember to drink lots of Christian Moerlein OTR Ale, as a portion of the profits will go to OTR non profit groups, including The Brewery District.
6. Martha Gitt, Kim Hale, and Tom Walter reported on the status of Citilink. A group of 8 churches has other non profits is proposing to build a 100,000+ square foot social services facility on Bank St. in the West End, directly across Central Parkway from The Brewery District. There have been several court cases and appeals, which have so far mostly been won by opponents to Citilink, however, the proponents, represented by Tim Burke are continuing to appeal. The next appeal is likely to be in late summer and Tim Burke is likely to appeal to the Supreme Court if necessary. It has been an exhaustive and expensive legal battle so far and additional legal fees are inevitable. The core group who has spear headed the opposition is in need of help and assistance. They requested Brewery District assistance in planning fund raisers to help pay for legal fees. They feel strongly that the opposition will prevail in court as long as they have the

resources to fight the battle and pay the attorneys, but that if they are not able to do that, the proponents of Citilink will prevail, and the inevitable outcome will be devastating to the entire basin area.

7. Lt Gladden, with District 1 Police reported that since this time last year, calls for service in OTR are down 9>6% and part one crimes are down 28.7%, part two crimes are down 13>2%

8. Ted Fischesser gave a membership report. We have had 12 new members join, bringing the total paid membership to 50 people. Mike Boots volunteer to host the next meeting at The Over the Rhine Boat Works, at 132 East McMicken.

Ted also introduced Mr. Mohammad, with a development company from Tennessee, who is going to be purchasing the Husmann Building from Ted. He has government contracts to create jobs and affordable housing and wants to get aligned with the community and other property owners.

10. Denny Dellinger reported that there will be a 5k run in OTR on June 2, sponsored by the OTR Chamber. The OTR tour of living will be the following Saturday, June 3.

11. Julie Fay reported that Heritage Ohio is having their annual conference in Cincinnati next week on Wednesday and Thursday. They will be offering several programs dealing with historic redevelopment issues. Tuesday afternoon Main St. managers from around the state will be meeting with several stakeholders to review issues.

The meeting adjourned around 7:30 pm.

The next meeting will be hosted by Mike Bootes at 5:30pm Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at The Over the Rhine Boat Works, 132 East McMicken.

Please visit the website www.otrbrewerydistrict.org for additional and updated information.

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Denny Dellinger May 11, 2007