



“Brewing success in our community”

Notes of August 8, 2007 meeting

Meeting hosted by Brad Thomas at campaign headquarters for Greg Harris

Paid members in attendance: Mary Bonansinga, Greg Hardman, Debby Mays, Bryan Marin, Jack Martin, Ted Fischesser, Wade Dent, Walter Reinhaus, Denny Dellinger, Mike Bootes, Omar Childress, Steve Hampton, Mike Morgan, Jeff Raser, Steve Pavlish, Brad Thomas, Steve Cersonsky

Future members in attendance: Capt. Ken Jones, George Hibben, Dave Alpern, Rob Kranz, Carl Klein, Martha Gitt, Shawn Baker, Bill Landeck, Zac Petit

Several people who attended the meeting did not sign up in spite of repeated requests to sign in.

Agenda items:

1 & 2 The meeting started with socializing and introductions. Brad did a terrific job of hosting and provided a keg of Barrel House beer. Steve Hampton led the meeting.

3. No one had comments on the July 11, 2007 meeting minutes, so the minutes were approved.
4. Captain Ken Jones reported on safety issues, saying that crime is way down in OTR. From June 2006 to June 2007 part one crime is down 24.8% in OTR. He also said that fixing up places and getting them occupied will be the way to maintain and continue this downward trend. In the recent past, District 1 was number 1 of all the districts in the amount of crime. Now it is last. Locking people up has made all the difference. Capt. Jones also said that vice has been focusing on prostitution and 274 arrests have been made year to date. He also showed maps indicating locations of complaints and arrests for prostitution that will be posted on our website. He said the county has very few jail cells for women, so most are out shortly after being arrested and a lot of them know how to respond to avoid saying the specific magic words that can lead to an arrest. Most of the prostitutes are addicted to crack or heroin. He also said there are 250 police officers assigned to OTR, not including sheriff's deputies, and that 73% of arrests last year were people who were not residents of OTR. Suburban communities are seeing an increase in crime as crime is going down in OTR. Ken was asked if he knew anything about the sheriff's patrols not continuing and if

that would mean that the inmate work details may not continue as well, but he said he did not have any information in regards to that.

5. Duane was not able to attend so we did not have a treasurer's report
6. Steve Hampton gave a report on the upcoming Ale Haus event, which will be Thursday thru Sunday, August 16 thru 19, 2007. We need volunteers and a sign up sheet was available. Times for the event will be 4pm – 9pm Thursday and Friday, 10am -9pm Saturday, 10am -5pm Sunday. This event will be the introduction of a new Moerlein beer called 5th and Vine Oktoberfest, a marzen beer that Greg Hardman describes as a toasted biscuit flavor with a touch of sweetness and fruity flavors and a 5.7% alcohol content. Commemorative beer mugs will be available for \$7. and \$3 refills. Special, commemorative 8 color t shirts will be sold for \$15. Greg also noted that OTR Ale has been rated as the 6th best ale in the world now and that the average price for the limited edition Rookwood steins at auction has been \$1500, for the steins that sold for \$200. Spread the word and invite all your friends. For more info check out www.otrbrewerydistrict.org and www.christianmoerlein.com Mike Morgan noted that the liquor license is good until 1am and private parties are an option. All proceeds of this even go to benefit The Brewery District and The Over the Rhine Foundation.
7. Steve also gave an update on the Transitional Housing move to 45 West McMicken Ave, in The Brewery District. CPS is buying the existing transitional housing buildings at the corner of 12th and Elm for \$550,000 with those funds to go the Drop In Center for additional programs. City Council approved a grant of \$880,000 to fund the renovation of the building for 12 units of transitional housing. Only one council person opposed it. Mike Morgan said that he has been assured by city council members that this is not a continuation of a trend and that we have at least raised more awareness of the inappropriate over concentration of social service agencies in OTR. Mike Bootes suggested that someone from our group should be on the board of the Drop In Center and also encouraged everyone to join the OTR Community Council.
8. Martha Gitt gave an update on Citylink. September 12th is the next court date. A protest is planned for September 5th at Crossroads Church. This is a special Wednesday evening service where Brian Tome speaks about what he did on his summer vacation. The service begins at 7pm and protesters should be there by 6:30. Many people from the West End and Clifton Heights will also be there and Brian Tome has been very annoyed by protesters in the past. Martha expects there may be some press publicity there for the protest. Martha also said any donations are appreciated as there are still large legal fees owed.
9. Steve Hampton gave a report on the street signs and historical marker. Everything is in process and he hopes and expects we will have a special event in the fall.

10. Steve Hampton also announced that The Prohibition Resistance Tour has been pushed back until next spring and will be done in conjunction with Bockfest, in part because of changes in the schedule of the planned exhibition at the Museum Center.
11. Greg Hardman announced that the Steins in the Rhine event will take place again this year at Kaldi's on November 12th..
12. Denny Dellinger announced that the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission is hosting a meeting to discuss the creation of a LEED-Historical Building category. The meeting will be held on Tuesday August 28th from 12:30pm to 2:30pm at Park & Vine- A Green General Store at 1109 Vine St. Anyone interested in attending should respond to Dean Niemeyer at 513-946-4487 or dean.niemeyer@hamilton-co.org.
13. Steve Hampton announced the the board decided we will assist in the renovation of The Mohawk Memorial Monument, if asked, but not take a leadership role. Steve Pavish said that a veterans organization is planning on some fundraising activities, but no details are available yet, and that the repairs to the monument are already partially completed.
14. Debby Mays announced that The Free Store is planning an expansion proposes to demolish several contributing buildings in the Historic District, but nothing has been formally submitted yet.
15. Omar Childress announced that he and others have been working on opening a recording studio in the old Warner Bros. building at the corner of Liberty and Central Parkway. He also announced that he now has Lloyd Price energy bars and other products placed for sale in UDF Stores in Cincinnati, Dayton, and Columbus.
16. Brad Thomas announce that a new website www.cincystreetcar.com will soon be up and that there will be more public input in mid September. He also speculated that 3CDC will lobby hard for taking the streetcar up Vine St. in spite of the recommendations of the consultants. If we want to go with the recommendations of the experts, with the zig zag route of Main north to 12th, then west to Elm, north to McMicken, east to Race and south to Central Parkway, then south on Walnut, we will likely need to express that opinion vocally and in a letter and email writing campaign.
17. Walter Reinhaus encouraged members of The Brewery District to also join the Over the Rhine Community Council.

The meeting adjourned around 7:10 pm.

The next meeting will be hosted by Michael Bootes at Stenger's, 1720 Vine St. at 5:30pm, Wednesday, September 12, 2007

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

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Denny Dellinger August 10, 2007.