



“Brewing success in our community”

Notes of October 10, 2007 meeting

Meeting hosted by Bryon and Jack Martin at 2017 Elm St., The Moerlein House

Paid members in attendance: Steve Hampton, Duane Donohoo, Bryon Martin, Jack Martin, Omar Childress, Fred Berger, Gail Berger, Bryan Vielhauer, Dan Paul, George Hibben, Jason Herbort, Debbie Mays, Greg Hardman, Denny Dellinger, John Donaldson, John Back, Josh Helton

Future members in attendance: Kim Hoekstra*, Ed Ratterman*, Linda Ziegler, Vermell Perkins, Drew McKenzie, Brad Thomas, Mathew Wirtz, Bob Ketterer, Heath Horn, Adrian Carsiotis, Margo Warminski, (* indicates first time participant)

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. Brian and Jack did a terrific job of hosting and provided draft beer from The Barrel House. Duane Donohoo led the meeting.

3. No one had comments on the last months meeting minutes, so the minutes were approved.
4. No one was present from The Cincinnati Police Department.
5. Duane gave a treasurer's report. We had approximately \$7,000 in the bank.
6. Steve Hampton gave a membership report. We have 45 paid members and over 350 people on our email distribution list. There is a membership application form on the website. The fee for this year is \$25.
7. Mike Morgan gave a report on Cincinnati Public Schools and Rothenberg School. CPS is considering demolishing the existing school building to build a new school on the site. The Over the Rhine Community Council, Pendelton Community Council, the Downtown Resident's Council and The Brewery District have all passed resolutions stating that the building should be restored and continued to be used as a school. Next Monday at noon the education committee of City Council will be discussing this issue in Council Chambers. Several years ago, CPS

concluded it would be less expensive to renovate the building as a school, rather than build a new school, however recently consultants have recommended otherwise. Several community groups and individuals feel the numbers being referenced are not accurate. Recently a group of neighborhood people were invited to tour the building and all reported being impressed with the quality of the building and feel it should be preserved as a school. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the Council Meeting to speak in support of restoration and reuse as a school.

Mike also reported that CPS has previously agreed that the green space at the existing SCPA School and Washington Park School would be turned over to the Parks Board, however, he feels the agreements in place are difficult to enforce and ambiguous. He also mentioned a recent CPS report declaring the neighborhood unfit for educational purposes. Mike mentioned that the next school board meeting is Oct. 22 and encouraged people to attend.

8. Greg Hardman reported that the Steins in the Rhine event will be repeated this year on Saturday, November 10, from 11am to 6pm at Kaldi's. George Hibben will again be appraising brewery memorabilia. The event will feature old world food items, similar to what would have been served in OTR in the late 1800s. Jeremy Thompson has agreed to donate \$1.00 of every Moerlein Beer sold to benefit The Brewery District. Last year's event brought many people to OTR who would not likely have come, and we hope to see an even better turn out this year. Some items will also be for sale.
9. Steve Hampton gave a report on the street signs and historical marker. He has received conditional approval from the Ohio Historical Marker sign, to be located in the vicinity of Hanna Park on West McMicken. He expects a final decision to be made later this week. The street signs may need some changes and may not be permitted to be displayed with the existing street signs as originally proposed.
10. Brad Thomas reported that the Economic Development Committee of City Council will be meeting next Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 1pm to discuss the proposed streetcar system. Public comment will be heard and all interested parties are encouraged to show up to express support for the project and the route recommended by the expert consultants. John Schnieder is also planning another trip to Portland, November 16th thru 18th.
11. Julie Fay reported that Otis Taylor is now the proud owner of the Kaufmann Building and restoration will begin soon. She is in the process of organizing a media event, which she hopes will be at the old Stenger's Café. More information to follow. November 7 is a possible date.
12. Bryan Vielhour announced that the marketing committee will again be handing out Halloween candy to neighborhood kids on trick or treat night, and anyone

interested in participating is welcome. Volunteers will be treated to beer and pizza.

13. Steve Hampton reported that Give Back Cincinnati is sponsoring an event in OTR this Saturday, called a Community Immersion. The event starts at 10 am at Kaldi's and continues with events and speakers all day long. Every one is encouraged to participate.
14. Margo Warminski of The Cincinnati Preservation Society announced that they will be having their fall forum in the Hall of Mirrors at noon on October 19, 2007. The featured speaker is Robert Liberty from Portland, Oregon. Call 513-721-4506 for reservations.

The meeting adjourned around 7:10 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 5:30pm, Wednesday, November 14, 2007 to be hosted by Greg Hardman at the Know Theater @ 1120 Jackson Street.

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

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Denny Dellinger October 12, 2007.