



“Brewing success in our community”

Notes of November 14, 2007 meeting

Meeting hosted by Greg Hardman at Below Zero Lounge.

Paid members in attendance: Steve Hampton, Bryon Martin, Jack Martin, Omar Childress, Fred Berger, Gail Berger, Bryan Vielhauer, George Hibben, Debbie Mays, Greg Hardman, Mike Morgan, Denny Dellinger, John Donaldson, Randy Clipson* (* indicates first time participant)

Future members in attendance: Dean Zaiden, Jason Price*, Ed Ratterman, Kevin Feldman, Betsy Sundermann*, Shawn Pfeil*, Vermell Perkins, (* indicates first time participant)

Please remember to sign in.

Agenda items:

1 & 2 The meeting started with socializing and introductions. Greg did a terrific job of hosting the meeting and provided plenty of OTR Ale and pizza. Steve Hampton led the meeting.

3. No one had comments on the last months meeting minutes, so the minutes were approved.
4. Captain Ken Jones from The Cincinnati Police Department gave a report on safety issues. For September, Part 1 crimes are down 31.2% from last year and down 29.5% from the beginning of the year. Part 2 Crimes are down 5.7% from last year and down 2.7% from the beginning of the year. He reported on fights after a teen dance at Club Red, and that they had been served with an administrative warrant and shut down for a few days. Concerns about the Sheriff's patrols leaving were raised, and he said that the CPD would continue to make a difference in OTR whether the Sheriff is here or not. He also said State Troopers have been working on OTR and other parts of the city focusing on traffic violations, and that frequently leads to other charges as well. There were several questions about the number of officers apparently responding to relatively minor issues, and whether that was really effective use of police resources. Captain Jones explained that it takes 1.75 officers to cover one 8 hour shift for 7 days, due to time off, court time, training time, etc. The 250 officers under his command in District 1 are also split into other programs, such as 50 vice officers and 50 Vortex officers.

- Greg Hardman commented that customers who came down for the Steins in the Rhine event reported that the area seemed a lot rougher than last year with lots of aggressive panhandlers and threatening looking people hanging out on Main St. Mike Morgan commented that if the City Solicitor had guts, there was a lot more that could be done to curb that sort of activity. He said a lot of things the Law Dept says cannot be done, can in fact be done.
5. Duane was not present to give a treasurer's report. Steve reported for him that we have about \$6,000 in the bank, with about \$2,000 of that allocated for the historical signage that has been approved by the State and should be ready to install in 2 – 3 months.
 6. Steve Hampton encouraged people in attendances that are not already members to sign up for membership. There is a membership application form on the website. The fee for calendar year is \$25.
 7. Steve reported that the Steins in the Rhine event was not as successful as we had hoped it would be, but we did get some good press coverage and growing awareness of our group. Prints of a poster Steve prepared highlighting historical and contemporary images of existing breweries were available for sale, and can be ordered through the web site. George Hibben reported that the 2nd edition of the Rookwood Stein is now available for \$300.
 8. Steve reported that the next major fund raiser will be the Prohibition Resistance Tour on Bockfest, March 8th weekend. The tour will be on Saturday and Sunday of Bockfest weekend. Tuesday Nov. 27th is the next planning meeting and volunteers are needed. **NOTE: This is being moved to Tuesday December 4 at 5:30PM to avoid a conflict with several important community meetings.** A float is not planned at this point in time, but if anyone is interested in leading the effort we will have one. Mike Morgan said we really need to do this again this year, so someone needs to step up to the plate to lead the effort.
 9. Steve reported that the City Council Finance Committee will be meeting to discuss the Street Car proposal on Monday, November 26, 2007 at 1:00p and that it is important that people show up to express support and to also call and write to council members. **NOTE: an announcement was sent out 11/25 prior to the meeting saying that the streetcar would not be discussed at this meeting, but was postponed. Please continue to contact Council and look to the website for the next Finance Committee meeting date.**
 10. John Donaldson reported that the Sheriff says he is pulling out of OTR but nothing is a done deal until the budget is written. He encouraged everyone to call and write the County Commissioners and to attend public meetings where the budget will be discussed.

The meeting adjourned around 7:10 pm.

The next meeting to be hosted by Kevin Feldman will be at 5:30pm, Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at Milton's Tavern at 301 Milton Street. This is our annual Holiday Party, so the meeting will be short to allow for more festive merriment!

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

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Denny Dellinger November 26, 2007.