

OVER THE RHINE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Healthy Neighborhoods Committee
September 20, 2023

Some recent wins in the community

- Findlay Market garage soon to open
- Streetcar ridership continues to rise
- Vibrancy on the streets
- Mixture of affordable and market-rate housing projects
- New Findlay Rec Center project is nearing end of design phase
- Community Activities including Kid Skate
- Cincinnati Beverage Company – renovation of historic breweries

Focus areas of the OTR Community Council

Parking

- Effort underway to find right balance between residential, flex and paid for today's needs
- Vacant lots for pocket parking as outlined in OTR Comprehensive Plan
- Long-term parking study to include impact of new Findlay Rec Center, new Grant Park, new residents
- How can we continue add new residents and re-activate vacant buildings while ensuring existing residents aren't pushed out due to "parking competition."

Violence and crime

- High Priority Areas: Green and Republic, Green and Vine, Shell Station, St Francis, Senior Center on Race, McMicken Ave
- Cornerstone focus on community volunteer and incentivizing street cleanup
- Despite PIVOT program, many residents feel disconnected from and disillusioned with the police
- Need enforcement of existing laws including parking, speeding, noise, loitering, drug dealing.

Pedestrian Safety

- Continue efforts to slow cars down and prioritize Vision Zero
- Raised crosswalks and speed bumps
- Greener streets with more trees, plants, and landscaping
- Bump outs at intersections and crosswalks
- Other street calming measures

Housing

- Ballot topic this Fall
- Collaborate with developers such as 3CDC, Model, OTRCH to continue push “north” renovating vacant buildings
- Too many buildings and storefronts are still vacant.
- Perception is that there’s not sufficient pressure/enforcement on owners of abandoned/vacant buildings.

Figure 1: vacant and blighted buildings in Mohawk area

Address	Owner	Yearly Taxes	Vacant or Occupied	Condemned on ezTrak	VBML	Address	Owner	Yearly Taxes	Vacant or Occupied	Condemned on ezTrak	VBML
269 W McMicken		684	Vacant	No	No	421 W McMicken		1154	Vacant	Yes	No
271 W McMicken		840	Vacant	Yes	No	422 W McMicken		645	Vacant	No	No
281 W McMicken	CPMS LLC	2800	Vacant	Yes	No	427 W McMicken	CPMS LLC	4323	Vacant	No	No
283 W McMicken	CPMS LLC	645	Vacant	Yes	No	429 W McMicken	CPMS LLC	3470	Occupied	No	NA
288 W McMicken		1825	Vacant	No	No	431 W McMicken	CPMS LLC	877	Occupied	No	NA
289 W McMicken	CPMS LLC	699	Vacant	Yes	No	451 W McMicken	CPMS LLC	1478	Occupied	No	NA
						456 W McMicken		5970	Vacant	Yes	No
211 W McMicken	CPMS LLC	11,117	(1) occupant	No	No	459 W McMicken		1751	Vacant	Yes	No
211 W McMicken	CPMS LLC	0	Vacant	No	No	461 W McMicken		419	Vacant	Yes	No
211 W McMicken	CPMS LLC	0	Vacant	No	No	463 W McMicken		232	Vacant	Yes	No
						464 W McMicken		484	Vacant	Yes	No
2011 Mohawk Place	CPMS LLC	1632	Vacant	Yes	No	465 W McMicken		877	Vacant	Yes	No
2019 Mohawk Place	CPMS LLC	499	Vacant	Yes	No	469 W McMicken		5969	Vacant	Yes	No
2024 Mohawk Place		5692	Vacant	Yes	No	501 W McMicken	CPMS LLC	1310	Occupied	No	NA
303 W McMicken		973	Vacant	No	No	503 W McMicken	CPMS LLC	1094	Occupied	No	NA
314 W McMicken		1798	Vacant	Yes	No	509 W McMicken	CPMS LLC	1343	Occupied	No	NA
316 W McMicken		3892	Vacant	Yes	No	513 W McMicken	CPMS LLC	1417	Occupied	No	NA
318 W McMicken		3620	Vacant	No	No						

Next steps

- Gather input on programming for new Rec Center and Grant Park
- Facilitate input on latest parking proposal North of Liberty
- Work to reconnect with PIVOT; focus on high crime areas
- Continue to implement successful community events
- Work with the City on traffic calming initiatives
- Continue to advocate for affordable housing as market values rise
- Work with City on increased enforcement of VBML program
- Meet regularly with Findlay Market and OTR Chamber to increase collaboration between residents and local businesses

Thank you!