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We MOVE for the City Administration and the Department of Transportation & Engineering to conduct a parking study of the Over-the-Rhine North area to evaluate and report to Council the parking needs and a parking plan for this section of the OTR neighborhood.

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STATEMENT

This parking study is a direct community request stemming from multiple engagement sessions led by both the City Manager's Office and the Vice Mayor's Office and will provide additional data and direction regarding future parking needs for OTR North.

On October 5th, the City Manager's Office held a community engagement session designed as a follow up to the previous Healthy Neighborhoods Committee meeting on September 13th, and a problem definition community engagement session on September 21st. The goal of this session was for the community, City Administration, and elected leadership to collaborate by creating a suite of solutions to tackle important challenges the OTR community is facing. Approximately 15 participants were led through an exercise to begin to propose solutions in the four keys areas identified in previous sessions: Violence Reduction, Parking, Pedestrian Safety/Movability, and Affordable Housing.

Residents were encouraged to have conversations with each other about their proposed solutions, as well as City staff. These conversations brought forward additional challenges that residents face, including substantial concerns regarding available parking in OTR North. Included below is a community capture of information from the City Manager's Office regarding parking concerns:

Focus Area A - Parking

Top Themes	Potential Solutions	Priority
Create a Residential Parking Plan	<p>Create residential parking permits north of Liberty Street</p> <p>Stop demolition and destruction of parks for surface and parking and garages</p> <p>Create dedicated parking for residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free parking • Dedicated spaces in garages • Build more parking <p>Fund a Parking Study in the Community Budget Request process</p>	1
Enforce Existing Rules & Laws	<p>Hire more parking enforcement officers</p> <p>Enact 24/7 parking enforcement rule</p> <p>Ensure CPD has access to the residential parking permit database to support parking enforcement</p>	2
Balance Density with Parking	<p>Decide how large in population we want OTR to be</p> <p>Evaluate new density proposals regarding parking availability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure developments that don't provide parking address residents' mobility needs (I.e., free Metro passes or a car-free building policy) • If there aren't enough on-street parking spots in proximity, limit density <p>Consider repealing or suspending the Urban Overlay District</p>	3
Create More Parking Structures	<p>Incentivize parking structures on large parcels</p> <p>Don't sell parking to 3CDC</p> <p>More parking enforcement (staff and hours)</p>	4

Parking has consistently been identified by community members in OTR North as a concern. Our office requests that the City Administration and DOTE conduct a parking study in this area to further evaluate concerns raised during these community engagement sessions and provide possible solutions to City Council to address these issues.

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