

**OAKLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting, September 5, 2006**

**Call To Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. All Board members were present with exception of Beth Dziech who was excused.

**Welcome and Announcements**

- Speaker cards can be found on a table at the rear of the meeting room. Anyone wishing to speak needs to complete a speaker card and give to President.
- The OCC website has moved to a new hosting company. The new domain name is [www.oakleynow.com](http://www.oakleynow.com). The suggestion box is a popular option. In the month of August there were 30,000 hits with 800 of them being unique visitors (first time log-ins to the site).
- George Dyer explained the Adopt-A-Spot program where a business can sign up to be responsible for keeping trash and debris picked up in a certain area of the neighborhood. RP McMurphy's is an Adopt-A-Spot sponsor.
- Jan Garvin from the United Church of Christ on Taylor Avenue in Oakley announced their upcoming Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 7 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. The event will feature a German dinner and silent auction/raffle. Call pastor, Judy Jackson, or Victoria Miller at 871-3136 for more information or to request a church representative to accept a donation. The church is trying to raise funds to cover repairs for the roof and water damage.
- Krista Criddle from Councilmember Monzel's office announced that Annie Oakley Days will be held in the community of Fairmount on September 16 and 17.
- The fall edition of the Oakley Voice should be published and mailed around mid October. Any story ideas should be submitted to the editor, Kate Harold.

**Senior Citizen Liaison Report**

- No report.

**District 2 Police Report**

- Lt. Joe Williams, Officers Metz and Detectives Evans and Phillips presented information about the recent robberies in Oakley. The individual that robbed Sharp's Jewelers has been arrested. The suspect in the Pack Pharmacy robbery was just arrested this evening. There has also been a robbery or breaking and entering at National City Bank, The Pub, Animations, Oakley Pub & Grill and Habits.
- Board trustee, Katie Carroll, speaks about the increase in drug related activities in the area of Brownway, especially over the last 2 weeks. There seems to be a "tent city" by the railroad tracks. At the end of September, Operation Vortex will be moving from the Over The Rhine area to other neighborhoods throughout Cincinnati in an effort to deter crime.
- Email the City of Cincinnati Council members with your complaints and they will be forwarded to the appropriate District 2 police personnel for investigation.

**Cincinnati Recreation Commission/CNAS**

- Greg Pierson reports that an open air shelter will begin construction at the

Oakley Playground within the next 6-8 weeks. Picnic benches and table will be installed at a later date. Questions or comments can be directed to [oakley@cincyrec.org](mailto:oakley@cincyrec.org).

- The Grand Opening of the Otto Armleder Park will be held on September 23 from 10:00 to 12:00 noon with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

#### **Standing Committee Reports**

- Shannon Adams reports that she is busy gathering proposals for holiday decorations for the Geier Esplanade. The Fall Re-Leaf program is now accepting requests for trees to be planted in the public rights-of-way. Call 591-6000 for information.
- Bob Luthy reports for the Business Committee the application for \$600,000 for the Gateway/Streetscape project implementation has been denied. There will be a meeting on September 7 to begin discussions for submitting an application for the 2007 funds. Vince Schirmer reports that he is working with the NBD to extend the Oakley Central Business District to the railroad overpass. The Business Committee will also be submitting an application for a \$10,000 grant from CNBDU for 2007.
- Brent Van Lieu reports the requested zone change for the Millworks development was accepted by the Planning Commission on September 1. On September 19 a public hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. in Room 300 regarding an amendment to the Oakley North Urban Renewal Plan. The plans for car wash at Wasson and Paxton were rejected by the Planning Commission. Representatives from the City and the developer will be at the OCC October meeting to present updated information regarding Millworks.

#### **New Business**

- Tracy Beasley and Craig Samuels reported on the success of the Final Fridays event that is taking place the last Friday of each month from May through September. The event has been so successful it has been decided to extend it to the last Friday in October. Over the Rhine Pendleton business district has sent a letter objecting to the use of the term Final Friday citing that they have registered the term as a Service Mark in the US Patent and Trademark Office. Dan Bennie will respond to a letter that the OCC received from Strauss & Troy, the legal firm representing the Over the Rhine Pendleton business district.

#### **NSP**

- Katie Carroll reports that the proposed NSP budget was approved the Invest In Neighborhoods. We will need to track the hours we use for any event that uses NSP funds.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- John Heilman made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Dan Bennie. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Minutes**

- Katie Carroll made a motion to approve the July 2006 minutes. John Heilman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A Business Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2006 at 5:30

p.m. at Richards Industries located at 3170 Wasson Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Becky Stephens  
Secretary