

MARCH 2020 – BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Inc.

Downtown Residents' Council,

Date: MARCH 9TH 2019 @ 6:00pm
Place: 3B Meeting Room, Main Library



Board members unable to attend: Cate Douglas, David Ostrander

Items for Discussion/Action

1. City of Cincinnati's Department of Community & Economic Development's proposal for Urban Housing Overlay zoning changes – John Reiser and Rob Denham presented the Department's proposal for changes to the city's zoning policy. The goal is to expand available housing in a time of high demand and diminished supply, focusing on middle-range housing units, i.e., not luxury apartments or those heavily subsidized with public funds. In essence, it would reduce the required ratio of lot size to housing units. The city's building code, focused on health and safety concerns, would not be changed. The Department is seeking support from various stakeholders, including community councils, architectural firms, and others. Postcards outlining the proposal will be mailed to city residents in April. The Department would like to make a presentation to DRC members, though the Board agreed that this would have to be a special meeting, as the time required for a full presentation is beyond the limits of the standard membership meeting. A larger public meeting, open to all stakeholders and city residents, is contemplated by the Department. Eventually, the proposal will be submitted to the city Planning Commission and then to City Council.

2. Update on Nominating Committee – Al Bunker presented the Nominating Committee's recommendations. Teri Boland and Hank Davis are nominees for Board seats, with a further recommendation that Tricia Lynn be appointed to fill Carol Parobek's remaining term (ends April 2021). Also recommended is the establishment of committees to assist Board members in carrying out administrative duties connected with responsibilities in areas such as membership, finance, and information technology. The Board voted unanimously to accept all recommendations. Jackie Bryson will include nominees' names and biographies in the next newsletter, and Sue Byrom will send a blast e-mail to all DRC members at least 10 days in advance of the April annual meeting.

3. Request from CRE8 for further DRC involvement – Sue was again approached by Team CRE8 seeking DRC support. It now appears that, while the team's proposal has been considered by both 3CDC and DAAP and that elements of it may be incorporated in plans for Piatt Park, the proposal will not go forward as a whole. Consequently, the Board sees no need for DRC action.

4. Liquor license objection update – The city's annual liquor license renewal hearing will take place at 9:00 a.m. on April 13 at City Hall. The police department will object to renewals for PRVLGD and Main Event. Those impacted by these bars are urged to speak at the hearing. Police have tried to talk with the respective owners, but have received no

cooperation. Police will not object to renewal for Chalet – in spite of the fatal shooting there in November – on the grounds that the owner has been cooperative and pledged improvements. It was agreed that DRC would not take a position on any of these matters as an organization, though Sue will continue to pass on member comments and concerns to police.

5. Update on TIFs and DRC involvement – John Reiser will head an effort to work with DRC to make sure that we are kept informed of and permitted to comment on projects that his Department is considering in connection with TIF funds.

7. Wild Apricot update – Christian Rahe and Victoria Pershick reported that progress is being made. Their committee is working on setting up membership information in Wild Apricot, in parallel with Better Impact until all errors and anomalies can be eliminated. The end of April (after which Better Impact comes up for renewal) remains the deadline for full migration. Social information (dissemination of and responses to invitations) is the next priority.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08.

Treasurer John Stringer subsequently requested that the page following be made an addendum to the meeting minutes.

Next Meeting: WEDNESDAY, April 15th, 2020

DRC NSP 2020 – Board Monitoring, Board Mtg 3/9/20

Project Name	Specialty Contracts*	Postage	Consumable Supplies	Budget Totals	Spent to Date	Amount remaining	Amount Claimed	Amount reimbursed
1. Membership Management & Development	Software License/ Database support \$1000	Stamps & Envelopes \$150	Paper, ink, Photocopying etc. \$428	\$1,578	\$229.20	\$1,348.80	\$0	\$0
2. Community Service/ Improvement	Downtown Projects incl- DT Planting \$1500 Library \$500 Schools ABC \$1000 ArtWorks \$1000 Generocity \$500			\$4,500	\$4,000	\$500.00	\$0	\$0
Totals				\$6,078	\$4,229.20	\$1,848.80	\$0	\$0