

SEPTEMBER 2021 – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

Date: September 13, 2021 @ 6:00pm

Place: First Financial Innovation Center, 4th & Vine Streets

Members absent: Alan Bunker, Lorry Hartley

Vice President Jackie Bryson called the meeting to order at 6:02.



Items for Presentation, Discussion or Action:

1. Review/approval of previous meeting's minutes – Kurt Grossman made a motion to approve, seconded by Teri Boland, and all approved.

2. Review/approval of August Treasurer's report – Christian Rahe moved approval, Mary Heimert seconded, and all approved.

3. Reports of Committees:

A. Finance – Tricia Lynn reported on the city's Neighborhood Activation Fund. To apply for funds, it was necessary to choose only one of several specified grant categories. The Finance Committee chose Summer Youth, which will include the Ziegler STEM and Saturday Hoops programs, to which DRC would like to contribute \$5,000 each. Lisa Sprague made a motion to approve this decision, Kurt seconded, and all agreed. The recipients will be notified that receipts for approved expenditures will be required.

Available NSP funding is down \$300 this year. The Finance Committee will be working on the necessary NSP request, and will bring it to the Board for approval next month.

B. Membership – Heidi Shenk, having met with Jan Hirlinger, Victoria Pershick, and Jackie Bryson, will now step fully into the role of Membership Chair.

C. Information & Technology – Victoria Pershick noted that the I & T Committee will meet soon. On its agenda are DRC's presence on Facebook and other social media.

D. Social – Mary reminded the group of the scheduled September 14 social at FB's Kitchen (126 W. 6th). Fifty-five members have registered, down a little from the normal level.

E. Outreach – NSP dollars will fund outreach activities. ABC remains a likely recipient; other suggestions for nonprofit organizations serving the 45202 zip code are welcome.

F. Clean, Green & Safe - Alan had previously emailed his report on this topic; there were no questions.

G. Speaker Coordinator – Cate Douglas announced that Jordan Hamons, owner of the new Tablespoon Cooking Company in OTR would speak at the next night’s membership meeting. New YMCA director Jack Estael is on tap for October.

H. Young Professional Recruitment – Christian reported that plans are to hold a social for this target group on a quarterly basis. The next will take place in November. Help with publicizing the event in downtown buildings would be appreciated.

New Business

Andrew Naab acknowledged that he owed the group a proposal for a Board retreat. He also raised a question as to whether we could run in-person and virtual membership meetings concurrently, for the benefit of those unable to attend or uncomfortable with attending in person. Tricia said that we would have to work with First Financial to determine whether their A/V system could accommodate this or whether we would have to bring our own laptop. All agreed that the idea was well worth pursuing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 11, 2021, 6:00 pm at First Financial Innovation Center, 4th & Vine.