



Date: April 11, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Place: First Financial Innovation Room, 4th & Vine

President Alan Bunker called the meeting to order at 6:00.

Monthly reports:

Captain Doug Wiesman reported that thefts from autos represented the most active crime category. He said that there was some good news: a group of juveniles, wearing distinctive jackets, was recently captured on video in a downtown parking garage. Subsequently, police in Clifton pursued and surrounded a stolen car, which proved to contain youths in the same jackets. They were taken into custody.

Doug announced that streets forming the route of the April 12 Opening Day parade (Race from Findlay Market and 5th to Broadway) would close at 11:00 am and that the parade's expected duration was to be three hours.

Reporting on behalf of Officer Tim Eppstein, Doug confirmed that an encampment below Columbia Parkway, in the vicinity of Adams Place, had been cleaned up, as had one on 3rd Street near the entrance to 71. A third, at Gilbert and another 71 ramp, is being looked at.

Sara Bujas of 3CDC gave the monthly update on Ambassador activity. The largest category in the first quarter was trash removal/sweeping; graffiti and snow removal were also featured. The first quarter saw 86 outreach requests, most of them involving connecting clients with social services. Following up on a question at the March meeting regarding the block of 4th Street between Vine and Race, Sara said that efforts to involve property owners in discouraging the loitering (if not all-out camping) of homeless people are proceeding slowly inasmuch as several of the property owners are not local. She hopes that the presence of construction workers for an estimated 16 months once the PNC project is in full swing will be a deterrent. Jay Joyce asked whether the construction company to be encouraged to raise the lowest ceiling of the scaffolding so that is not so dark and cramped, making it feel safer to the block's residents at night.

Sara summarized 3CDC plans for spring events, including the Asian Food Fest May 7 – 8 (which moves from last year's Court Street location to the Banks), a Court Street Flower Market on April 30, and an Easter egg hunt in Washington Park. The Fountain Bar is now open, as is the Porch at Washington Park. Fountain Square will feature a rotation of food trucks offering weekday lunches through the summer. (The former farmers' market has been discontinued.)

Sara encouraged members to be in touch with any questions or concerns; she can be reached at sbujas@3CDC.org.

DRC Reports

Treasurer **Tricia Lynn** reported an opening balance of \$20,575.59 on March 1 and a closing balance of \$17,147.80 on March 31. Less monies obligated to NSP, the balance available for use is \$13,259.80.

Social committee chair **Mary Heimert** reminded everyone that the social scheduled for the original April 12 meeting date had to be rescheduled (as did the meeting itself) because of Opening Day, but announced a new date of April 26 for our gathering at the Kinley Hotel. Discounted drink prices and light bites will be offered, plus those in attendance will receive a \$20 gift certificate to the hotel's restaurant, Khora. Hours are 6:00 – 8:00.

Old Business

Jay Joyce made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes, **Rick Dieringer** seconded, and all voted in favor.

New Business

Alan announced that it was time to elect new Board members. First, he said, it was necessary to vote on whether non-residents of the central business district who were present at the meeting would be given the power to vote, as has occurred in the past. Such people may have businesses or other connections with the central city. Rick Dieringer moved approval of granting these rights; Kurt Grossman seconded. Thirty-five of those in the room voted to approve; one voted to oppose. The motion passed.

Alan then presented the slate of candidates offered by the Nominating Committee and approved by the DRC Board at its March meeting. He thanked committee chair **Jackie Bryson** and committee members for their work. Candidates seeking to return for another term were **Teri Boland, Alan Bunker, and Kurt Grossman**. Candidates seeking election for the first time were **Seth Harmon** and **Chase Mosijowsky**. Those present stood to identify themselves. Alan asked whether there were additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he declared the nominations closed.

Gary Bryson made a motion to accept the slate of candidates. **Tim Nolan** seconded. There were 35 votes in favor and one abstention. The motion passed. Alan congratulated the candidates.

Speaker

Claire Bryson, an Arts Program Director with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful gave an overview of the organization's activities, with particular emphasis on a new beautification program for city streets. This will involve wrapping metal traffic control boxes (often graffiti and sticker magnets) in decorative and durable coverings. Specific corridors have been targeted for the first phase (20-30 boxes) of this "wallpapering" initiative. Coverings may be illustrations, graphics, patterns, etc. KCB would like to hear from residents about the images they would like to see. Claire handed out QR codes to access a survey, which will also be available in the DRC weekly newsletter.

Note: An additional speaker scheduled to address the issue of landmark status for the Terrace Plaza Hotel had to cancel because of COVID in his office; the topic will return at a future meeting.

Announcements

Alan welcomed returning business member Woods Hardware,

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm, First Financial Innovation Center, 4th & Vine.