

JUNE 2022 – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

Date: June 13, 2022, 6:00 pm

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

Members absent: Kurt Grossman, Seth Harmon, Lorry Hartley, Joan Meyer, Esther Wing



Items for Presentation, Discussion or Action:

1. Review/approval of previous meeting's minutes – Jackie Bryson made a motion to approve, seconded by **Mary Heimert**, and all voted in favor.

2. Review/approval of Treasurer's report – Mary Heimert moved approval, **Teri Boland** seconded, and all voted in favor.

3. Reports of Committees:

A. Membership Directory – Victoria Pershick said that she had a PowerPoint presentation prepared for the next night's membership meeting. It will let DRC members know the Board's reasons for deciding to create a directory, how members may log in and upload photos, and choices they will have as to the extent of information to be shared with others. (Opting out altogether is also possible.)

B. Information & Technology – Victoria reported that **Esther Wing** is doing a fine job with DRC's newly revitalized Facebook page.

C. Social – Mary Heimert reminded the group that the next night's social would be at Fountain Square, with two free drink tickets per member courtesy of 3CDC. Tickets will be distributed at the close of the membership meeting. A social is scheduled for June 21 at MadTree's Alcove in OTR. July will feature a social at the Casino, date to be determined.

D. Clean, Green & Safe - Alan had previously emailed his report on this topic.

E. Speakers – Jackie reported that speakers for this month's membership would be Victoria and **Heidi Shenk** on the topic of the membership directory and **Patrick Dye** of Gestcarts of Cincinnati. July speakers will be David Cave of the Contemporary Arts Center and the sponsors of Saturday Hoops.

4. Old Business

- A. **Board Retreat – Andrew Naab** outlined plans for a July 23 Board retreat, to be held from 10:00 to 2:00 at the downtown YMCA on Elm Street. He asked for \$250 to cover food and other associated costs. **Lisa Sprague** made a motion to grant this request, Jackie seconded, and all voted to approve.

- B. **Pedestrian Walkway Bridge – Christian Rahe** reported that the project to revamp or reconstruct this bridge is still in the process of gathering public feedback. Some preliminary designs have been shared with the project committee,

5. New Business

Tricia Lynn explained that the NSP budget was in preparation for submittal at the end of September. The sum available to us will be \$7,600. This will be apportioned among membership expenses (Wild Apricot, nametags, etc.), city beautification (planters), GeneroCity 513, and the Rothenberg School. Tricia wondered whether the Board wanted to add Zeigler Park and Saturday Hoops, which received one-time grants from Neighborhood Activation funds this year, back into our regular contribution process. This will be discussed. In addition to NSP dollars, DRC has \$861 in AIG funds (derived from the Neighborhood Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation that is divided among neighborhood councils). Used to fund the provision of meals and treats to first responders, AIG money must be spent by the end of August. Teri agreed to speak at the membership meeting and to ask for volunteers to help in securing and delivering treats to the police station at the Banks, the fire station on 9th, and the Ambassadors.

Jackie wondered whether we might ask downtown schools to identify needs such as supplies that DRC members could collect and donate. Mary said that there is a recycling center off Gest Street in Price Hill that has all kinds of supplies available, and suggested that we check it as a source.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 11, 2022, 6:00 pm at First Financial Innovation Center, 4th & Vine.