

Date: June 14, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Place: First Financial Innovation Room, 4th & Vine

New members: Ann Cable, Ben Lottman, James Ritter, Gregory Lionatti



President Alan Bunker called the meeting to order at 6:00 and welcomed new members.

Monthly reports:

Captain Doug Wiesman reported that theft from autos remains a major problem. Police resources aimed at the problem have been augmented. Doug noted that some groups of juveniles have been picked up more than once; they are not kept in custody long and return to thieving upon release.

Doug described two sidewalk hold-up incidents, the nights of June 8 and 9, in which a pedestrian had a car pull up and a man with a gun get out of it to demand money. No suspect has been identified as yet. He reported that CPD is closing in on suspects in the gun-battle incident at the Banks a month or so ago.

The task force formed to address disorderly conduct at Government Square has made progress, and will meet again in advance of schools reopening in August.

Upcoming events include a Juneteenth festival on Freedom Way and a Pride Parade on June 25.

Sara Bujas of 3CDC gave the monthly activity update. There have been 380 stakeholder requests so far this year, coming by means of the Ambassador and Outreach hotlines, email, and the 3CDC website. 3CDC is engaged in stakeholder outreach efforts via meetings and social media.

There will be virtual public engagement session on the subject of 3DCD's affordable housing development projects on June 16 at 4:00. More information can be obtained from city planner Jesse Urbancsik (jesse.urbancsik@cincinnati-oh.gov).

The pop-up roller rink will be back the weekend of July 4.

DRC Reports

Treasurer **Tricia Lynn** reported an opening balance of \$17,059.58 on May 1 and a closing balance of \$16,813.63 on May 31. Some of these funds are obligated; the balance available for use is \$14,009.58.

Mary Heimert announced that the evening's social would take place on Fountain Square, with two free drink tickets provided courtesy of 3CDC. A social is also scheduled for June 21 at the Alcove in OTR, and an event is planned at the Hard Rock Casino in July.

Teri Boland let the group know that the Board plans an August outreach visit to first responders (police, fire, and Ambassadors) and asked for volunteers to help with securing and delivering treats.

Old Business

Sue Byrom made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes, Chase Mosijowsky seconded, and all voted in favor.

Speakers

Jackie introduced **Patrick Dye** of Gestcarts of Cincinnati. This is a ride service available throughout downtown and extending into northern Kentucky. Its costs are largely covered by advertisers. A resident wanting a ride can call for a car between 6:00 and 10:00 Tuesday through Thursday and between 6:00 and 1:30 on Friday and Saturday. Riders are requested to tip the driver; otherwise, the service is free. Vehicles can transport five people. Gestcarts has an app that anyone can download, or cars may be requested by phone at 513-421-4378.

Victoria Pershick and **Heidi Sherk** of the DRC Board introduced themselves and outlined the Board's plan to create a membership directory, so that members can get to know one another more easily. Victoria has sent an e-blast with instructions to all members. The standard fields will be name, photo, and building name, though members can choose to add a phone number and/or email. Members may also choose to opt out of the directory altogether. All are asked to take action by July 1. Victoria will be available at the First Financial Innovation Room the evenings of June 20 and 27 to provide assistance and answer questions. Members wishing to attend are asked to let Victoria know by email (vicpershick@zoho.com).

Announcements

Christ Church Cathedral has opened a new gift shop, Soul Goods, in the church building on 4th Street. Current hours are 11:00 – 2:00 Monday – Friday and 9:00 – noon on Sundays.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm, First Financial Innovation Center, 4th & Vine.