

August 2022 – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

Date: August 8, 2022, 6:00 pm

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

Members absent: Jackie Bryson, Heidi Shenk, Andrew Naab, Lisa Sprague, Esther Wing



President **Alan Bunker** called the meeting to order at 6:05.

Items for Presentation, Discussion or Action:

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

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

3. Reports of Committees:

A. Finance – Tricia again discussed the need to spend the \$861 dollars remaining from the Aggregate Insurance Grant. A plan was decided on to distribute treats to the Police, two fire houses, and downtown ambassadors by Pam Myers, Lorry Hartley, and Teri Boland, respectively. Tricia went on to communicate the status of the remaining NSP funds.

B. Membership Management – **Heidi Shenk** was not present; see New Business section.

C. Membership Directory – **Victoria Pershick** announced that the membership directory will go live on August 31st, and that barring some small emails requesting help there had been no complaints heard about timing or otherwise.

D. Information & Technology – **Esther Wing** was not present. However, Victoria commented on some communications with Rick Dieringer regarding a posting on iLiveDowntown.com.

E. Social – Mary reviewed the upcoming schedule: Jane's Bar in Findlay Market on August 16, and Frankie's Sips & Savories on Garfield Place on September 19th. Mary also mentioned that preliminary planning for the Holiday party has begun. Additionally, that the October meeting is still up in the air.

F. Outreach – As discussed in the Finance section, decisions were made as to who would be responsible for which outreach target – police, firefighters, and ambassadors.

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

H. **Board Retreat - Andrew Naab** was not present, but a summary is set to be provided by him for us to discuss in the future.

I. **Speakers** – Kurt made the Board aware that he had discussions with the owner of Royce about speaking at a future meeting – Terry Raley. Mary suggested a representative from the library would be a welcome speaker to discuss the status of the renovations and timeline. Alan communicated that **Jackie Bryson** would be looking for some help in organizing the speakers, and **Seth Harmon** volunteered to assist.

J. **Young Downtowners** – On pause; however, there was general discussion regarding some ideas to get this up and running.

4.Old Business

Board Retreat – **Christian Rahe** thought it was a very practical itinerary and there were positive action items. He hopes we can incorporate a review of our progress on those each meeting. The Board was reminded that Andrew was supposed to provide a summary today but had to miss this meeting. A few items that were discussed in the meeting were briefly touched on again including the possibility of a questionnaire and monetizing the newsletter.

5.New Business

A. Membership Management Assistance – Alan emphasized we need someone to take over for Heidi as she is out for the foreseeable future. Tricia briefly went over the responsibilities involved and mentioned it would be about one hour of work each week. Further discussion went on regarding the nuances of the role. Lorry Hartley indicated she would be willing to help with membership management and to work with Tricia to learn more about the role. Lorry also said that she would look into a process to send welcome/thank you emails to new members.

B. Neighborhood Activation Fund offer – Tricia explained that funds were offered to the DRC in the amount of \$6,100, and that the reason it was extended is somewhat opaque. There was discussion as to whether we should accept this offer with the time constraints on hand to decide – by the following day. Consensus was to accept the offer and extend these funds to Saturday Hoops as they have new programming in the city coming up soon, and considering the recent shootings in OTR any investment in the city's youth should be explored.

C. Flagship projects – Christian brought up the topic first originated in the retreat regarding flagships projects. He emphasized that to make a visible impact in the community we should consider choosing one a year. He brought up a suggestion regarding a dog park in the residential parts of downtown. Alan provided actionable steps to take in promoting this idea and noted the FY24/25 Community Budget

Request meeting was coming up. Lastly, another example raised was the existence of a neighborhood recycling program and the possibility of extending of a subsidy in order to get traction.

6. Announcements

Considering his recent personal residence move, Christian said he would not be seeking re-election and that this served as his official notice.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 12th, 2022, 6:00 pm at First Financial Innovation Center, 4th & Vine.