

Date: September 14, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Place: First Financial Innovation Room, 4th & Vine

New members: Aaron Jenkins, Trey Quealy, Natalie Wolf, Gail and Joel Schindler



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

Monthly reports:

Captain Doug Wiesman acknowledged **Officers Chris Loreaux** and **Marcus Moore**. He reported on a shooting Saturday night at 126 W. 6th Street. The shooter escaped in a car. Many shells were recovered. The victim remains in serious condition. Following up on a shooting reported last month, Doug said that divers were unable to recover a gun from the river, but that video identified the shooter.

Doug invited Marcus to introduce himself. (Chris had done so at the August meeting.) Marcus said he had been with CPD for 23 years and that he looked forward to working with all of us.

Sara Bujas of 3CDC reported that the mural and 3rd and Plum is completed. Work on another, at 4th and Central, will start soon. The Outside the Box project, which involves decoratively wrapping traffic signal boxes, is underway. A Hometown Heroes display is being installed in the windows of vacant storefronts between 7th and 9th on Main. 3CDC is working with BLINK organizers.

DRC Reports

Treasurer **Tricia Lynn** reported an opening balance of \$16,780.36 on August 1 and a closing balance of \$14,958.09 on August 31.

Old Business

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

New Business

Alan reminded the group of an email he had recently sent to all DRC members outlining two proposals he would like to submit to the city as Community Budget Requests for FY 2024-25. These are improvements to the 3rd and Pike Street intersection and the creation of a dog park on Central

Avenue. **Lisa Sprague** moved approval of the submission, **Gary Bryson** seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Speakers

Jackie Bryson introduced **Doug Moormann** of the Development Strategies Group, who provided an update on the Terrace Plaza project. The deed for the building was set to transfer to the Birkla Investment Group on September 14 or 15. Doug and others have been meeting with city officials to agree on a “make-safe” punch list that will need to be completed before full renovation may commence. The long-range plan is for at least five stories of parking within the enclosed brick tower, topped by a floor given to resident amenities, topped in turn by nine floors of apartments. Birkla also plans to bring back the Gourmet Room restaurant. Both Development Strategies and 3CDC are working to find alternative space for the three remaining retail tenants on the ground floor. Doug expects the duration of the demolition and construction activity to be two years.

Jackie then introduced **Justin Brookhart**, Executive Director of BLINK, along with **Josh Heuser** of AGAR, one of BLINK’s original founders. BLINK will take place October 13-16, 7:00 – 11:00 pm, and will kick off with a downtown parade on the 13th. Projected attendance is 2 million people, up from 1.3 million in 2019. Justin gave a slide presentation showcasing featured artists from all over the world. Seventeen new murals will debut, including one by Cincinnati’s own Jenny Ustick. One hundred music acts will perform on six stages around the city. Justin asked DRC members to consider enrolling as volunteers; many are needed.

Announcements

Alan announced that DRC has received the necessary permit to decorate Piatt Park for the holidays once again; the date set for this is November 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm, First Financial Innovation Center, 4th & Vine.