

JANUARY 2023 – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

Date: January 9, 2023, 6:00 pm

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

Members absent: Teri Boland, Seth Harmon, Lorry Hartley, Heidi Shenk, Esther Wing. Jackie Bryson attended via Zoom.



President **Alan Bunker** called the meeting to order at 6:03.

1. Approval of earlier minutes – Mary Heimert made a motion to approve the November Board meeting minutes, **Joan Meyer** seconded, and all voted in favor. **Seth Harmon** moved approval of the November 19 special Board meeting minutes, **Chase Mosijowsky** seconded, and all voted in favor.

2. Review/approval of Treasurer’s report – Mary Heimert moved approval, **Kurt Grossman** seconded, and all voted in favor.

3. Reports of Committees:

A. Finance – Tricia referred to her email of the previous week, wherein she explained that the city had decided to raise the amount of NSP funding by \$2,234 to \$9,872. She proposed earmarking \$2,000 of additional funds to the Zeigler Park Summer Camp and the remainder to DRC Business Expenses (which have been increasing). The new budget would look like this:

DRC Business	\$1,934
Rothenberg Prep	1,250
GeneroCity	1,250
Path to Taft	1,188
City Plant Watering	1,000
Wrap Utility Boxes	1,250
Zeigler Park Summer Camp	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL	\$9,872

Tricia made a motion that the Board accept the new budget, **Jackie Bryson** seconded, and all voted in favor.

Tricia then asked the Board to consider adopting the Square app as an aid to processing member credit card payments. The app itself is free, but there is a small processing fee. **Lisa Sprague** made a motion authorizing Tricia to pursue this matter (including determining fee details), **Joan Meyer** seconded, and all voted in favor.

Tricia noted an odd development: for the first time, this month we received a direct bill from AffiniPay, in connection with Wild Apricot processing of member payments. Tricia and **Victoria Pershick** will pursue the matter.

B.Membership Directory Update - Victoria said there is nothing new, but we might want to promote it to the membership.

C.Information & Technology – Nothing new here either, except a reminder that someone will have to be named to replace Victoria in the IT role when she rotates off the Board.

D.Nominating Committee – Jackie asked for a second Board member to serve on this committee. Both Andrew and Joan volunteered. **Gary Bryson** will serve in the non-Board slot.

Since **Heidi Shenk** has requested a formal leave of absence from the Board, four seats will need to be filled in April, to replace Heidi, Victoria, **David Ostrander**, and **Christian Rahe**. Alan will send an email blast later this month announcing the openings and inviting members to inquire about the possibility of serving.

E.Social – Mary reported that three social events are in the works: January 29 at Music Hall for the CSO's *Tchaikovsky Spectacular: 1812 Overture* (includes discounted tickets and a welcoming reception); February 14 on Fountain Square, hosted by 3CDC in their warming tent, and April 28 with the Pops.

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

G.Speakers – Seth presented a line-up of potential speakers for upcoming meetings. Other suggestions were offered: the Mercantile Library, Alan on the Path to the Taft, someone from Metro to talk about plans for new express bus routes, someone from Cincinnati Cares to talk about finding volunteer opportunities. Seth mentioned that Dylan Lurk, speaker at the next night's meeting, is hoping for DRC endorsement of the Bridge Forward Cincinnati coalition's vision for improving on ODOT's Brent Spence Bridge proposal. Discussion led to Board consensus that we are not willing to (in effect) take sides in regard to bridge proposals at this time.

H.Young Downtowners – Chase reported that he will be attending a Chamber-sponsored happy hour aimed at young professionals and will explore possible collaboration on other such events between the Chamber and DRC.

4.New Business

Alan called for a motion to establish the Nominating Committee officially. Mary so moved, Chase seconded, and all voted in favor.

DRC members have received a follow-up to the recent member survey, this one focused on cleanliness and safety issues, both of which were raised by many respondents to the original survey.

The city has instituted a new mobile app, Cincy 311, which will facilitate contact with various city agencies and serve as a means for residents to make service requests. Jackie will include information about it in the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03.

Next meeting: Monday, February 13, 2023, 6:00 pm, First Financial Innovation Center