

## **FEBRUARY 2023 – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

**Date:** February 13, 2023, 6:00 pm

**Place:** First Financial Innovation Center, 4<sup>th</sup> & Vine Streets

**Members absent:** Jackie Bryson, Chase Mosijowsky, Victoria Pershick

**Guest:** Dylan Lurk, Bridge Forward Cincinnati



President **Alan Bunker** called the meeting to order at 6:00.

**1. Dylan Lurk**, who addressed the membership meeting in January, asked to meet with the Board to clarify his organization's objectives and what they are seeking from DRC in terms of support. He outlined Bridge Forward's priorities, including enhancing connections among neighborhoods, removing barriers to mobility, adding green space, and promoting job growth and quality of life. Dylan stressed that his group is not opposed the Brent Spence Bridge Project, but wants its planners to consider a range of issues beyond engineering design. The Ohio Department of Transportation and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, who will make the final decision, have so far been resistant to looking at changes to their proposal, largely in fear of putting funding in jeopardy. Now that federal funding has been secured, more flexibility may be possible. Bridge Forward believes that the approach they have proposed would be at least cost-neutral, as it is more ground-based and involves less new concrete construction. Dylan reiterated that he is not seeking our support for Bridge Forward's design, but only for greater attention to Cincinnati residents' perspective.

Alan thanked Dylan for his presentation and assured him that the Board would discuss it later in the meeting.

**2. Approval of January minutes – Kurt Grossman** made a motion to approve the January Board meeting minutes, **Tricia Lynn** seconded, and all voted in favor.

**3. Review/approval of Treasurer's report – Joan Meyer** moved approval, **Kurt Grossman** seconded, and all voted in favor.

### **4. Reports of Committees:**

A. **Finance** – Tricia noted that we had been assessed a charge by AffiniPay in connection with Wild Apricot services. The additional NSP monies that we added to the membership expenses last month may not quite cover AffiniPay charges. Tricia will monitor this.

NSP and AIG paperwork has been filed. Tricia still needs more information from Saturday Hoops to complete the NAF paperwork.

**B.Membership - Lorry Hartley** reported that she is getting comfortable with Wild Apricot membership management and thanked Tricia for her help.

C. **Nominating Committee** – Joan and Andrew reported that we have a list of 11 potential Board candidates, but noted that only one (Sue Byrom) has so far committed to standing for election. More outreach will be done to others. It is the Committee’s intent to present a slate of candidates at the March Board meeting.

D. **Information and Technology** – Alan announced that **Carol Glotfelter**, who has long been involved in DRC’s IT activities, has volunteered her services as a consultant during the transition from **Victoria Pershick’s** leadership in this area to a Board member yet to be designated to take over. Victoria will rotate off the Board when her term limit triggers in April. Carol and Victoria (both of whom have agreed to this approach) will meet before Victoria’s departure to discuss the operation of Wild Apricot software as it applies to DRC functions such as membership, treasury, socials, and so forth. Carol would then coach Victoria’s successor. Alan moved that the Board accept Carol’s offer to provide informational and technical computer assistance at no charge to the DRC Board beginning now and continuing as mutually agreed to by her and the Board. **Christian Rahe** seconded the motion, and all approved. Al stressed that finding a Board member willing to take on this role is of critical importance.

**Esther Wing** said that she would be comfortable playing a role in IT management. However, her work situation has changed, including her hours, so some accommodation will need to be reached as far as her Board participation in general. She reminded the group that she manages the DRC Facebook page, which is tied to her personal account. She needs to look into whether a single individual account tether is the only route Facebook will permit, since sooner or later Board members change. Christian observed that social media management might in any case be made a responsibility in its own right, separate from IT management.

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

F. **Speakers** – Seth reported that the next night’s speaker would be Mark Samaan, long-range planner for Cincinnati Metro/SORTA. March will bring Josh Steele from Memorial Hall. The principal of the Rothenberg school had also petitioned to speak at the March meeting, Tricia said; she and Seth agreed to work this out. Esther said she could get a Bengal to speak should this be of interest.

## **G.New Business**

Andrew said that further discussion of DRC member survey results would be postponed until he and **Jackie Bryson** had an opportunity to talk further.

Alan transmitted a noise complaint about the Brady Music Center’s outdoor concerts that he had received from DRC member Valerie Newell. Board members agreed to seek more information.

Alan requested volunteers to man the door and the sign-in table at the next night's meeting. Joan and **Lisa Sprague** agreed to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04.

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