

**Date:** June 12, 2023, 6:00 pm

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

**Members absent:** Seth Harmon

The 2023 Board picture was taken before the start of the meeting.



**Jackie Bryson** called the meeting to order at 6:03.

### **1. Speakers:**

**Jason Chamlee, The Model Group - Jackie Bryson** welcomed Jason, who introduced the Board to a new OTR project called Findlay Parkside. The new Findlay Parkside is a redevelopment project that will convert 12 historic buildings around the 1800 block of Vine Street into fifty-one new housing units. Half of the units will be affordable to households making 80% or less of the Area Median Income (AMI). Cincinnati Council gave \$2.3 million in city funding from the Downtown/OTR West TIF District to The Model Group to help fund the project. It will have forty-five dedicated surface parking spaces.

Several questions were raised by Board members: 1) Has the OTR community council approved the project, 2) What is the status of the Elm and Liberty development project, and 3) Are there any inclusion commitments. Answers: 1) The OTR community council has not formally endorsed the project, 2) The Elm and Liberty project is under development, but it is not a Model Group project, 3) There are inclusion commitments with the project and details will be shared with the Board as a follow-up.

**Speaker Jennifer Spieser, Cincinnati Parks Foundation - Jackie** welcomed Jennifer and the team from Cincy Skates. **Vice Mayor Kearney** was in attendance on their behalf as well. The team provided an informational session on the Riverfront Roller -Skating Rink project at Sawyer Point. They asked the DRC Board to submit a letter of approval to the city for \$500,000 in funding from the Downtown South TIF, which would represent a portion of the \$2M the Skate team and Park Board need to fundraise to provide the updates and enhancements to the Sawyer Point skate rink. The Board will review the request, compare it to other requests and advise of next steps.

**2. Approval of May minutes – Chase Mosijowsky** made a motion to approve the minutes, **Tricia Lynn** seconded, and all voted in favor.

**3. Review/approval of Treasurer's report – Sue Byrom** moved approval, Chase seconded, and all voted in favor.

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

- A. **Finance - Tricia Lynn** - Nothing new to report.
- B. **Membership Management - Joan Meyer** is the co-committee member with **Lorry Hartley**. Nothing new to report.
- C. **Information & Technology** - Member **Tracy Johnson** now has full access to the DRC website.
- D. **Social - Mary Heimert** reported about 60 members RSVP'd for the social at In Between on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Future scheduled socials:
  - a. July 11<sup>th</sup> - Nicholson's Back Stage second floor following member meeting
  - b. August - Filson at the Banks
- E. **Outreach - Teri Boland** has identified two volunteers to help her with the program. The funds for this program must be spent before August 2023.
- F. **Clean, Green & Safe - Alan Bunker** had previously emailed his report on this topic. **Sue Byrom** attended the recent City Hall roundtable that occurs every three months. The first meeting was introductory. Sue meets monthly with 3CDC. This month's topic was about moving the bus stop at Walnut and Court streets. She asked the DRC for a letter of support to move the bus stop. Sue will continue her work with City Hall and 3CDC.
- G. **Speakers - Jackie** reported Samatha Campbell will provide a Findlay Market update and Alan Bunker will provide Path to Taft update at the June member meeting.
- H. **Young Downtowners - Chase Mosijowsky** reported new DRC members will be attending the member meeting tomorrow evening.

#### **New Business**

**How to get DRC coverage in new apartment/condo buildings** - All agreed to have the DRC promotional brochure Jackie prepared available at each member meeting. At each meeting the members will be asked to take some brochures with them to use to invite others from their apartment/condo buildings to join the DRC and attend a meeting.

#### **Old Business**

**DRC Member Cards/DRC discounts for members** - **Jackie** asked if there was any feedback from Cincinnati Prime on the card. This item is still being researched.

**DRC By Laws update** - **Kurt Grossman** reported a draft constitution is ready for review. All Board members were asked to review the draft and get feedback to Kurt and Tim within the next two weeks.

**DRC Twitter account** - **Chase Mosijowsky** reported nothing new to report.

**Request to rename street** – Jackie reported the renaming street request for Simon Leis has been withdrawn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03.

**Next meeting: Monday, July 10, 2023, 6:00 pm, First Financial Innovation Center**