

## AUGUST 2023 – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

**Date:** August 7, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

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

**Members absent:** Lisa Sprague, Alan Bunker, Chase Mosijowsky



President **Jackie Bryson** called the meeting to order at 6:01.

### **Approval of July Meeting Minutes:**

**Mary Heimert** motioned to approve the minutes, **Tricia Lynn** seconded, and all voted in favor.

### **Approval of Treasurer's Report:** (report provided prior to meeting)

**Teri Boland** motioned to approve the report, **Joan Meyer** seconded, and all voted in favor.

### **Reports of Committees and Projects:**

#### **Finance:**

**Tricia Lynn** reminded the Board about the expense reimbursement and non-profit suggestion charity forms to be completed as needed. Both forms will be emailed to Board members.

#### **Membership Management:**

Membership management has been turned over to **Joan Meyer** with **Lorry Hartley** aiding. Joan updated the welcome letter that is automatically sent to new members. Joan will work with **Tricia Lynn** to get the letter into Wild Apricot.

President **Jackie Bryson** wants to send a personal welcome note to new members in addition to the automatic welcome letter. The draft personal welcome note was previously provided to Board members for review and input.

Joan Meyer is reviewing the DRC business memberships. She is reaching out to each business member asking if they would like to speak, perform a demo, or interact with members at an upcoming DRC member meeting.

#### **Information & Technology:**

Nothing new to report.

#### **Social:**

**Mary Heimert** reported about fifty members have RSVP'd for the August social at The Filson on the Banks. The September social is scheduled for Voodoo Brewing on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Mary is having discussions with Prime Cincinnati about the annual holiday party. **Jackie Bryson** reported she reached out to March First Brewing, a newly opened brewery on Fountain Square, and welcomed them to the DRC and the Cincinnati area.

**Outreach:**

**Teri Boland** reported the Cincinnati Fire Department, Cincinnati Police Department and Ambassadors have been recognized by the DRC.

**Clean, Green & Safe:**

**Sue Byrom and Jackie Bryson** attended the Clean, Green, Safe conference call. Officer Loreaux, CPD, talked about the shootings in the Downtown area, large group gatherings in Smale and Piatt Parks, and the WhatsApp. Dates for the 2023 Oktoberfest Zinzinnati were provided (September 14-17). This year Oktoberfest is moving to Fifth street where access streets will be closed September 12-19.

**Bus Stop Walnut/Court Street:**

**Sue Byrom** reported Cincinnati Metro is looking to relocate the bus stop at Walnut/Court Streets. Metro asked the DRC for a letter of support to move the bus stop. Jackie will draft the letter of support.

**Speakers:**

**Seth Harmon** reported Patricia Van Skaik of Lloyd Library is the scheduled speaker for the August member meeting. Ascend Wellness is scheduled for the September meeting, Cincinnati Public Radio for October, and Cincinnati Business Courier for an upcoming meeting. Speakers are in place for 2024.

**Young Downtowners:**

Nothing new to report.

**New Business Items for Discussion/Action/Assigning or Deferring:**

**Jackie Bryson** reported Generocity needs winter items and is having a supplies drive. 3CDC will bring a list of supplies needed to the August member meeting.

West End Lil Senators asked the DRC for a \$500 donation to help the West End Youth stay engaged in healthy athletics and learn teamwork. **Esther Wing** motioned to approve the donation, **Teri Boland** seconded, and all voted in favor.

**Old Business:**

**Kurt Grossman** is looking into the appropriate language to use in the DRC By Laws if the DRC organization would dissolve and how the remaining monies would be used/disbursed. Kurt is targeting the September 2023 member meeting to review the updated By Laws.

**Jackie Bryson** reported the DRC letter of support for 3CDC to purchase the former Saks building was sent on 8/11/2023.

**Announcements:**

**Kurt Grossman** reported Hays-Porter Elementary school needs tutors. Please let him know if anyone is interested. The time commitment is one hour per week. Jackie Bryson will also post the tutor need in the next DRC Newsletter.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09.

**Next meeting: Monday, September 11, 2023, 6:00 pm., First Financial Innovation Center**