

SEPTEMBER 2023 – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

Date: September 11, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

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

Members absent: Teri Boland, Alan Bunker, Andrew Naab

President **Jackie Bryson** called the meeting to order at 6:00.



Approval of August Meeting Minutes:

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

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

Lisa Sprague motioned to approve the report, **Mary Heimert** seconded, and all voted in favor.

Reports of Committees and Projects:

Finance:

Tricia Lynn reported the DRC has re-registered with the Neighborhood Support Program (NSP).

Membership Management:

Joan Meyer circulated a new/revised welcome letter that will automatically be sent to new members via Wild Apricot. She also reported existing members get automatic reminders when it's time to renew a membership. Follow-up reminders are sent, if needed. If a member decides not to renew, they are automatically removed from Wild Apricot.

Joan Meyer continued work on family and household memberships to ensure these members receive DRC communications via Wild Apricot. She reported household memberships are defined as for two people. Joan and Tricia Lynn will edit the website showing household memberships are defined for two. Jackie Bryson will also communicate the two-member household membership in the upcoming Newsletter.

Joan continued work on DRC business memberships. The plan is to get our business members engaged in member meetings as well as recognize them in the weekly DRC Newsletter. The DRC will also recognize new businesses by holding social events at their place of business.

Information & Technology:

Nothing new to report.

Social:

Mary Heimert reported 78 members RSVP'd for the September social at Voodoo Brewery on 8th Street. The October social is scheduled for March First Brewing on Fountain Square. The annual holiday party has been approved for December 4th at Cincinnati Prime. The holiday party will be promoted as a cocktail party with lite bites.

Outreach:

Nothing new to report.

Clean, Green & Safe:

No meetings were held this month. Nothing new to report.

Bus Stop Walnut/Court Street:

Jackie Bryson sent a letter of support from the DRC to move the bus stop at Walnut/Court Streets to Cincinnati Metro and copied 3CDC. Jackie will send **Chase Mosijowsky**, a Metro Advisory Committee member, a copy of the letter.

Speakers:

Seth Harmon has Matt McKenna from Ascend Wellness scheduled to speak at the September member meeting. Seth has speakers lined up for the remainder of 2023. Speakers/topics for 2024 may include: Pro-Kids, Cincinnati Streetcar, Cincinnati Bengals/Reds history, Anthony Birkla of Birkla Investment Group, Tom Demeropolis from Cincinnati Business Courier, and possibly Kroger.

Young Downtowners:

Nothing new to report.

New Business Items for Discussion/Action/Assigning or Deferring:**CBD surface parking lots ban on expansion:**

Jackie Bryson reported she is attending the 9/12 meeting and will keep the board informed. The Board had some discussion about the ban with mixed opinions.

Liquor license application notification for DRC review:

Jackie Bryson reported the DRC is not receiving new liquor license notifications as they had in the past. Alan Bunker and Sue Byrom have been asked to work on a formal process for reviewing, researching and communicating all liquor permits that are received in the DRC mail to the full Board.

Old Business:**DRC By Laws Update:**

Kurt Grossman and **Tim Nolan** completed updating the by-laws and are ready to share it with DRC members for approval. An electronic copy of the by-laws will be available on the website for members to review. We will ask members for a vote of approval at the October meeting.

Tim Nolan motioned to approve the by-laws, Sue Byrom seconded, and all voted in favor.

Announcements:

Alan Bunker is leading the October meetings on behalf of the president.

Miscellaneous:

Some discussion occurred on the sale of the railroad. The DRC wants its members to understand/be educated on the pros/cons of the sale. Looking for a possible education session before the vote occurs.

Some discussion occurred about the homeless population.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05.

Next meeting: Monday, October 9, 2023, 6:00 pm., First Financial Innovation Center