



Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

## **September 2023 – MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** September 12, 2023 @ 6:00pm

**Place:** First Financial Innovation Room, 4<sup>th</sup> and Vine

**New members:** Sara Krailler, Chris Sands/Voodoo Brewery

President **Jackie Bryson** called the meeting to order at 6:04 and welcomed our new members.

### **Monthly reports:**

Captain **Adam Hennie**, Cincinnati Police Department, started by sharing a map of street closures taking place this week/weekend for in preparation for the festive weekend (Oktoberfest, Bengals game, concerts). He reported the monthly crime stats were not available to share tonight due to a software update. He will get the report to Jackie Bryson for distribution to members later this month.

Captain Hennie answered several questions from members regarding the Smale Park shooting that occurred over the Labor Day weekend. He addressed multiple other questions related to open containers in the Dora area, gun shots heard by residents at 8<sup>th</sup> and Sycamore and young adults riding scooters on sidewalks forcing people to the streets.

**Marissa Reed** of 3CDC reported the study results on the downtown street conversions from one-way to two-way (Vine, Race and Elm streets) is under review. Next, she introduced a new 3CDC member (Alex Martin) who replaces Sara Bujas.

**Brandy Delavero** of 3CDC gave an update on the Findlay Recreation Center. She invited members to attend one of the two in-person community engagement meetings on 9/13 and 9/17. Additionally, on 9/13 a community survey will be launched to gather more input. She provided a QR code to scan to take the survey.

### **DRC Reports**

#### **Treasurer's Report-**

**Tricia Lynn** - Starting balance 8/1/2023: \$13,317.86 with a closing balance of \$12,873.69 less allocated funds of \$1,164.01 leaving a DRC balance of \$11,709.68.

#### **Social Committee-**

**Mary Heimert** invited members to Voodoo Brewery for tonight's social from 7-9pm.

### **Old Business:**

**Tricia Lynn** made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes, **Joan Meyer** seconded, and all voted in favor.

**Marissa Reed** thanked DRC members for the donated care packages for the Generocity job van. Furthermore, Jackie Bryson thanked everyone for their contributions.

#### **New Business:**

Kurt Grossman reported the DRC Constitution has been modernized/updated and ready for member review. The red-lined version is online at [ilivedowntown.com](http://ilivedowntown.com). Look for the link in the "Proposed Amendments to DRC Constitution" section. A vote for approval will occur at the October DRC member meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Speakers:**

**Seth Harmon** introduced speakers **Matthew McKenna** from Ascend Wellness and **Eric Metz** from Ohio Patient Access. They described how the medical marijuana dispensary on Reedy Street will be managed, provided photographs of the facility, and reviewed its security features. The facility, which is monitored 24x7, will only offer medical marijuana products to those who have a medical card. However, it could expand to include recreational products based on November election results.

#### **Announcements**

**Margaret Swallow** from Cincinnati World Cinema on Race St. invited members to attend the upcoming film series.

**Morgan Rigaud** from Skate Downtown Cincy invited members to the 2023 Fall free public skate sessions at the Sawyer Point skate rink.

**Scott Skeabeck** from DownTowne Listening Room invited members to the October 28<sup>th</sup> singer-songwriter pop-up show in Piatt Park.

**Esther Wing**, DRC Board Member, asked members to donate snacks for the Bengals' DJ Reader resource room at Shroder High School. Donations will be collected at the October meeting.

**Jackie Bryson** announced City Bird opened on Fountain Square. Menus were provided to members who wanted a copy.

Jersey Mike's opened on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Everyone was invited to have a sub.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.