



**Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.**

**October 2023 – MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** October 10, 2023 @ 6:00pm

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

**New members:** David Zimmerman, Nancy Ayers/Jersey Mike's Subs

Vice President **Alan Bunker** called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and welcomed our new members.

**Monthly reports:**

Captain **Adam Hennie** - Cincinnati Police Department - The captain was on assignment and unable to attend tonight.

**Marissa Reed** of 3CDC thanked DRC members for the donated care packages for the Generocity job van made at the September meeting. Further, she addressed several questions from members about the job van.

**Laura Allen**, 3CDC Generocity Supervisor, reported her team is engaging with people in need on Third Street and on Fountain Square.

**DRC Reports**

**Treasurer's Report-**

**Tricia Lynn** - Starting balance 9/1/2023: \$12,873.69; Closing balance of \$12,831.79 less allocated funds of \$0 leaving a DRC balance of \$12,831.79.

**Social Committee-**

**Mary Heimert** invited members to our social at March First Brewing following tonight's meeting. She reminded members to mark their calendar for the Holiday Party on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

A motion was made to approve the previous meeting's minutes, seconded, and all voted in favor.

**New Business:**

**Tim Nolan** reported the red-lined DRC Constitution submitted last month for member review was withdrawn by the Board to make membership definition updates. The changes will be presented at the November meeting and voted on in January 2024.

### **Speakers:**

**Alan Bunker** introduced **Subhas Patel** of Keystone Hotels. Mr. Patel shared the redevelopment plan for converting the former “Chong” building at 616 Race Street into a Hilton Homes to Suites hotel. They plan to add two stories to the existing structure creating a six-story hotel. There will be 109 rooms with a first-floor restaurant. Subsequently, he addressed several questions from members.

**Alan Bunker** introduced **Richard Eiswerth** from Cincinnati Public Radio. Mr. Eiswerth shared a video of the groundbreaking event at the future home for Cincinnati Public Radio in Evanston. Its current location in downtown Cincinnati is being redeveloped and thus causing them to move. He encouraged members to pick up his business card and scan the QR code to see a virtual tour of the new building. Additionally, he addressed several questions from members.

### **Announcements**

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

**Dylan Lurk** from Bridge Forward Cincinnati (a coalition with a vision for improving on ODOT’s Brent Spence Bridge proposal) reported an overall plan has been developed and they are close to having city support for it. For additional information and to submit questions to go [bridge-forward.org](https://bridge-forward.org).

**Esther Wing**, DRC Board Member, thanked members for their donations to the DJ Reader resource room at Shroder High School.

**Alan Bunker**, DRC Vice President, reminded members the annual decorating of Piatt Park is November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Craig Hudson**, volunteer for Society of St Vincent de Paul, asked members for donations used to help families from becoming homeless.

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

Alan Bunker, DRC Vice President, reminded members to pick up a copy of Hamilton Count Voters Guide on the table in the back of the room before leaving tonight. The guide was prepared by the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area to provide a forum for candidates and information on the November ballot issues.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.