



Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

January 2024 – MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 9, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Place: First Financial Innovation Room, 4th and Vine

New members: NOV: Julie & David DiMuzio, Bob and Chris Santoro, Michelle Reynolds, Jessica Ousley, Melody Bell, DEC: Melanie Kern/Joe Curtain, Carol Jennewein, Sarah Evans.

President **Jackie Bryson** called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and welcomed our new members.

Monthly reports:

Captain **Adam Hennie**, Cincinnati Police Department, reported the largest issue in the Downtown area continues to be groups of juveniles breaking into cars looking for drugs or firearms. Cameras have been added in garages to help address the issue. Secondly, a police Sergeant has been added to the area. Captain Hennie then addressed several member questions around gun control.

Officer **Chris Loreaux** - Cincinnati Police Department, reviewed the crime statistics noting, although it's early in the year, thefts from autos are up.

Lieutenant **Bob Von Hoene**, Cincinnati Fire Department, reported drug overdoses are up. A public health alert was issued on January 4th by local public health partners and the Hamilton County Addiction Response Coalition to enhance community awareness.

Alex Martin of 3CDC reported the winter shelter on Gest Street is open from 7PM – 6AM to single men and women experiencing homelessness. 3CDC is sponsoring a winter coat drive through February 28th for gently used but freshly laundered coats, jackets, hats, gloves, etc. Donations can be dropped off at 1203 Walnut Street or brought to the February DRC member meeting.

Hannah Naberhaus, Councilperson Cramerding Government Affairs Lead, proposed renaming a street in honor of Jerry Springer. The street location, which is TBD, would have an honorary plaque above the street sign if no objections from membership. No objections were voiced from members. The DRC Board will subsequently compose of letter of support.

DRC Reports

Treasurer's Report-

Tricia Lynn - Starting DRC balance 12/1/2023: \$13,482.01 with a closing bank balance of \$8,357.72 less no outstanding checks leaves a DRC balance of \$8,357.72.

Tricia presented how funds will be allocated in 2024. She asked for suggestions from members for Downtown non-profits to be considered in 2024. A suggestion form was provided to members.

Members will approve the 2024 fund allocations at the February meeting.

Social Committee-

Sue Byrom reminded members about the social at Palm Court on January 16th from 6-8PM.

Old Business:

Approval of November 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Chase Mosijowsky motioned to approve the previous meeting's minutes, **Rick Dieringer** seconded, and all voted in favor.

Member Vote on Updates to Downtown Residents Council Constitution:

39 voted in favor, zero against, and amended constitution passes.

New Business:

DRC Board elections:

Jackie Bryson reported DRC Board election will take place in April. If you have interest in learning more about the DRC role, please contact **Sue Byrom**, Nominating Chair or her committee, **Seth Harmon**, **Tim Nolan**.

Speakers:

Jackie Bryson introduced speaker **Clare Healy** from 3CDC. Clare provided an overview on the proposed redevelopment of the former Saks building at 101 W 5th Street. She reviewed the project scope and timeline for completion. An exterior rendering was also displayed.

Seth Harmon introduced speaker **Brett Parr**, Cincinnati Music Theater. Brett spoke about the all-volunteer/non-profit organization, known as the Downtown Cincinnati Community Music Theater (CMT). They have five productions per season using Broadway sets. They are looking for new space to store the sets because they are losing their current space.

Announcements

Margaret Swallow from the Cincinnati World Cinema spoke about upcoming shows/films. She invited members to attend.

Rick Dieringer shared he posted photos from the Holiday Party to the ilivedowntown website and encouraged members to review the slide show.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6 p.m. (First Financial Innovation Center)