

March 2024 - MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

Date: March 11, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

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

Members absent: Andrew Naab, Lisa Sprague



President **Jackie Bryson** called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.

Approval of February 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Tricia Lynn motioned to approve the minutes, Teri Boland seconded, and all voted in favor.

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

Sue Byrom motioned to approve the report, Mary Heimert seconded, and all voted in favor.

Reports of Committees and Projects:

Finance:

Tricia Lynn completed the application for requesting funds from the Neighborhood Support Program (NSP). The application will be presented Tuesday 3/19 for approval.

Membership Management:

Joan Meyer recommended raising membership dues to \$20 per person for household accounts and to \$40 for businesses, effective May 1, 2024. Tricia motioned to approve the increases, Sue seconded, and all voted in favor.

The new dues will be effective for new and renewal memberships starting 5/1/2024. The fee increases will be communicated to the membership via the weekly Newsletter and website.

Information & Technology:

A discussion ensued about Wild Apricot and how the system is set up to provide the capability to add a secondary email address for household accounts. Jackie will provide instructions for adding the secondary email address for household accounts in her welcome letter. Instructions will also be provided in the renewal letter.

Social:

Mary Heimert reported about 60 people have RSVP'd for the social at Corkopolis tomorrow night (3/12). She spoke about the Kinley Hotel and how they may be interested in hosting a social at their Burgers and Bourbon restaurant (formerly Khora) in the future.

Nominating Committee:

Sue Byrom, nominating committee chair, reported candidate bios were provided in the DRC Newsletter dated 3/7/2024. She noted Alan Bunker will be stepping down and another Vice President will be named. Tracey Johnson will fill the IT position on the Board.

Outreach:

Nothing to report.

Clean, Green & Safe:

The next meeting is in April.

Speakers:

Seth Harmon has Katie Westbrook from 3CDC scheduled to give an update on the convention center project tomorrow night. Rick Pender, author, will speak about the books he has written about Cincinnati tomorrow night as well.

Young Downtowners:

Chase Mosijowsky posted The Barrister ribbon current video on Twitter (X). He can also post our meeting agendas and socials there.

New Business Items for Discussion/Action/Assigning or Deferring:**Water Works providing faucets for Path to Taft:**

Ideas for obtaining a reliable and close source of water for the Path's flowers was discussed. Alan has been in touch with the Water Works for possibly watering the Path. Marissa Reed, 3CDC, is finding out who owns the land there. Another possible watering source could be Cincinnati Parks.

Alan asked for volunteers to help him maintain the Path. Seth volunteered his pick-up truck to haul mulch to the Path.

Attendee(s) for Invest In Neighborhood annual summit:

Jackie is looking for volunteer(s) to attend the IIN summit on April 20th at the Tangeman Center at UC. Please let her know if you can attend.

Role of Police Liaison with DRC/Downtown residents:

Sergeant Lisa Dotson, CPD, is the neighborhood liaison. Sergeant Dotson wants to be 100% engaged with the DRC. Jackie encouraged everyone to welcome her.

Ziegler Park Contribution:

Jackie spoke about Sara Portman's request for a contribution for art supplies. The board agreed to ask members to donate art supplies at an upcoming meeting.

Old Business:**Processing liquor license requests and renewals:**

Sue Byrom is working directly with Sergeant Dotson on liquor license requests and renewals. Lisa can be reached on 513-352-5425 and via email at Lisa.Dotson@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Announcements:

Thank you, Alan Bunker, for all your contributions to the Board and DRC. This was Alan's last Board meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58PM

Next meeting: POST MEMBER ELECTIONS BD MEETING WEDNESDAY, April 10, 2024, 6:00 pm., First Financial Innovation Center