



Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

March 2024 – MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 12, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Place: First Financial Innovation Room, 4th and Vine

New members: Tony Collins, Mike Loomis household

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 theft from autos has trended downward for the period. He spoke about the city manager funding for the additional police officers on the streets from 3PM-9PM Monday through Friday and from 7PM-2AM Saturday and Sunday has been approved through May 2024. He reported our letters to elected officials and judges have been effective in dealing with juveniles. He reminded members about the St Patrick's Day parade on Saturday and the Heart Mini-Marathon on Sunday, both of which result in Downtown Street closures.

Captain Hennie responded to multiple questions from the audience. He told members they can contact him on 513-352-5435. His office number, as well as Sergeant Doton's office number, are in the DRC Newsletter in the DRC section.

Marissa Reed of 3CDC reported the Ambassadors start mulching next week. Pressure washing begins in April. She noted Outreach workers are engaging with youths at Government Square to get them involved in after school activities. She reported the OTR South Special Improvement District plan and budget is up for renewal in 2024. The Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District budget is up for renewal in 2025. Finally, Marissa introduced Tine Caldwell, Cincinnati Metro Area, District Operations Manager, 3CDC.

DRC Reports

Treasurer's Report-

Tricia Lynn - Starting DRC balance 2/1/2024: \$8,956.38 with a closing bank balance of \$9,363.96, less no outstanding checks leaves a DRC balance of \$9,363.96.

Social Committee-

Mary Heimert reminded members about the social at Corkopolis following tonight's meeting.

Old Business:

Approval of February Member Meeting Minutes:

Chase Mosijowsky motioned to approve the minutes, Sue Byrom seconded, and all voted in favor.

New Business:

Introduction of 2024 DRC Board Nominees: Downtown Residents Council Board – Sue Byrom, Chair, Nominating Committee.

Sue introduced the Board members running for re-election: Kurt Grossman, Teri Bolan, Chase Mosijowsky and Seth Harmon. She noted Tracey Johnson has been nominated to fill the IT Board position and that Alan Bunker is stepping down at the end of this month. The election takes place next month at the member meeting.

Speakers:

Jackie Bryson introduced speaker **Katie Westbrook** from 3CDC. Katie spoke about the convention center renovation and development plans. The existing convention center interior will be modernized. The exterior entrance will be opened. Elm Street between 5th and 6th Streets will be closed to connect with the outdoor open area space where the former Millennium Hotel was located. A new 800 room hotel will be built on the vacant lot next to the Whex garage.

Seth Harmon introduced speaker **Rick Pender**, author. Rick spoke about the history of Piatt Park, the Cincinnati canal (Central Parkway), Ingalls building (oldest skyscraper), Ruth Lyons Way (and its history as a Jewish synagogue), and many more. Rick has authored several books and spoke about two: *100 Things to Do in Cincinnati Before You Die* and *Oldest Cincinnati*.

Announcements

Sarah Maquire from the Cincinnati Library reported the renovated Downtown library is reopening in July 2024.

A member reminder everyone to vote in the Primary election next Tuesday, 3/19.

Sally Donovan spoke about a part time position open at the McAlpin Condo community on 4th Street. Anyone interested can call 513-604-5878.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6 p.m. (First Financial Innovation Center)