



Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

April 2024 – MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 9, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Place: First Financial Innovation Room, 4th and Vine

New members: A. Evans, J. Beering, N. Mollihan

President Jackie Bryson called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and welcomed our new members.

Monthly reports:

Captain **Adam Hennie**, Cincinnati Police Department, reported that on the last day of Spring break about 200 juveniles gathered in Smale Park. The police were able to successfully get the teens onto buses without incidents. He also reported a designated officer will be working with Sergeant Lisa Dotson to ensure liquor licenses stay compliant with the laws. He addressed questions concerning traffic violations and the homeless gathering on 4th Street. The police continue to work in GeneroCity 513 to get the homeless the help they need.

Officer **Chris Loreaux**, Cincinnati Police Department, reviewed the crime statistics noting violent and property crimes are going down with the extra officers on the streets.

Sara Portman of 3CDC provided an update on upcoming Fountain Square programming, and programs at Washington Park. She reported the Ambassadors completed mulching in the downtown area as well as were very visible on Opening Day.

DRC Reports

Treasurer's Report-

Tricia Lynn - Starting bank balance 3/1/2024: \$9363.96 with a closing bank balance of \$9592.13 less no outstanding checks leaving a DRC balance of \$9592.13.

Tricia reported the 2024 NSP dollar allocations were submitted to Invest in Neighborhoods (IIN) and is waiting on the funds to be disbursed.

Social Committee-

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

Old Business:

Approval of March Member Meeting Minutes:

Tricia Lynn motioned to approve the minutes, Chase Mosijowsky seconded, and all voted in favor.

New Business:

2024 DRC Board Elections:

Jackie announced that it was time for the annual election of a DRC Board. She reviewed the voting rules in the DRC constitution before asking for a vote on them. The constitution allows anyone living and not living in the geographic boundaries, as well as people who have a connection such as job or business, to vote in the election. Jackie called for a vote. Fifty-three voted in favor of the rule, and five abstained. The motion passed.

2024 DRC Board Candidates:

Current Board members seeking another two-year term are Teri Boland, Kurt Grossman, Chase Mosijowsky and Seth Harmon. Tracey Johnson is a new Board candidate nominated to fill the open position replacing Alan Bunker. These five candidates constitute the slate being offered. Jackie declared the nominations closed and asked for a motion to approve the slate. A member motioned for approval and Mary Heimert seconded. Fifty-three voted in favor, and three abstained. The motion passed.

Speakers:

Jackie Bryson introduced speaker **Sara Portman** from 3CDC. Sara spoke about the new program coming to Ziegler Park called "Everybody In". She reviewed a few offerings for the 2024 summer season including swimming lessons, a swim team along with swim meets, monthly teen events, Friday pop-up events, as well as summer camp. Sara explained the Ziegler Park summer camp is expanding from "STEM" to "STEAM" adding ARTS to the summer camp curriculum. She promoted an Art Supply drive asking for craft item donations. The donations will be collected at the May DRC meeting or can be dropped off at 3CDC's office at 1203 Walnut Street, 4th floor.

Announcements

Jackie Bryson announced the email blast to members asking for street calming recommendations has resulted in many ideas and suggestions.

Margaret Swallow, a volunteer at Cincinnati World Cinema, invited members to attend the upcoming film series located at 719 Race Street.

Scott Skeabeck from the Downtowne Listening Room invited members to the live music show at the Fire Museum on April 20th.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 6 p.m. (First Financial Innovation Center)