

May 2024 - MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

Date: May 13, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

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

Members Unable to Attend: Esther Wing



President **Jackie Bryson** called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

Speakers: **Janet Westrich** with Episcopal Retirement Services (ERS) and **Blake Must** with Urban Sites provided an overview of the Atlas building conversion into 66 affordable senior apartment living units. ERS owns the property at 530 Walnut Street and will manage it. Urban Sites, who has experience in adaptive reuse of buildings, will be the co-developer of the property. The total development cost is \$23.9M and is expected to be 100% leased by 2/28/2027.

Approval of April 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Lisa Sprague motioned to approve the minutes, Tricia Lynn seconded, and all voted in favor.

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

Mary Heimert motioned to approve the report, Joan Meyer seconded, and all voted in favor.

Reports of Committees and Projects:

Finance:

Tricia Lynn reported that the NSP monies have been received and checks written for \$1,000 each to Generocity 513, Ziegler Summer Camp and CYC Saturday Hoops.

Membership Management:

Joan Meyer reported we received feedback on the fee increase for Household and Business accounts with minimal opposition.

Information & Technology:

Jackie reported we need to find another host for our website. Tricia agreed to look for a viable replacement.

Social:

Mary Heimert has The Filson lined up to host the May social. Court Street Kitchen will host a social at the end of June. Hosts are set up for the remainder of year.

Clean, Green & Safe:

Sue Byrom noted that Alan Bunker has seven volunteers to help him with the Path to the Taft. She also noted that Alan has a lot of DRC material that needs to be stored elsewhere. Sue agreed to look for an off-site storage solution.

Speakers:

Seth Harmon has a June speaker lined up on the Streetcar. Speaker slots are full for the remainder of the year except for November.

Young Downtowners:

Chase Mosijowsky continues pushing out DRC updates on Twitter/X.

New Business Items for Discussion/Action/Assigning or Deferring:**Traffic Calming recommendation for May 30th submission**

Kurt Grossman summarized the results of the member survey where we sought input on a Downtown location to install a traffic calming device. He also reviewed the city's selection criteria used to select a location. He suggested the DRC recommend installing a traffic calming device near the Aronoff Center at 7th and Walnut Streets. Jackie called for a vote, and all voted in favor.

Connected Communities

The Connected Communities initiative is recommending zoning changes that give up property variances. Although the Downtown area isn't impacted, other community councils are opposed to the changes. Andrew Naab agreed to review the changes from a planning perspective and report back.

Convention Center/500 Block of Elm Closure

Although the 500 Block of Elm Street closure was presented to DRC members a few times it wasn't fully understood it would be an immediate and permanent closure. Kurt Grossman motioned to object to the Elm Street closure at this time, Tim Nolan seconded, and all voted in favor. Tim agreed to prepare a letter to the city on our behalf.

DRC Outing

Jackie asked if there was interest in pursuing a DRC outing to a Reds or FC game this year. All voted in favor of pursuing an outing. Teri Boland agreed to work with Jan Hirlinger to lead the effort.

Old Business:**Website/Wild Apricot membership fee change**

Wild Apricot has been successfully updated to reflect the fee increases.

Processing liquor license requests and renewals – any updates/meetings with police

Sue reported there have been no new communications.

Recreational Marijuana Downtown location update

Jackie reported the recreational dispensary will look the same as a medicinal dispensary.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Next meeting: June 10, 2024, 6:00 pm., First Financial Innovation Center