



Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

May 2024 – MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 14, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Place: First Financial Innovation Room, 4th and Vine

New members: Guy Guckenberger, Jacob Wilson, Ty & Julie Walters, Theresa & Brian Klein

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

Jackie introduced the new First Financial Bank Manager, Darrell Knight. She welcomed him to Downtown and invited him to join the social after the meeting.

Monthly reports:

Officer **Chris Loreaux**, Cincinnati Police Department (CPD), spoke about a shooting at Government Square over the weekend that appeared to be related to a drug dispute. He stated the CPD is still seeing a lot of students/juveniles on Government Square. They are working with Cincinnati Metro to put timeframes around when students are eligible to ride the buses. Additionally, the Dohn Community High School is hoping to get their buses running to transport their students.

Officer Loreaux also spoke about the ability to register a home surveillance camera with the CPD. When a crime or traffic crash happens, CPD's online camera registration program lets investigators know who may have caught the incident on camera. Once the registration process is finalized, formal information will be sent to DRC members to see if they wish to register and possibly participate.

Alex Martin, 3CDC, thanked the membership for their donations to the Ziegler Park summer camp program. She noted art supplies can still be dropped off at the 3CDC office located at 1203 Walnut St., 4th floor, through May 30th. Alex reported scooter compliance is now active on 311. Issues relating to scooters can be reported via 311. Finally, beautification projects in the city are moving along including painting the walls on the Path to the Taft.

DRC Reports

Treasurer's Report-

Tricia Lynn - Starting bank balance 4/1/2024: \$9,592.13 with a closing bank balance of \$15,643.21 less NSP Funds committed for expenditures leaves the DRC membership balance of \$9,780.21.

Social Committee-

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

Old Business:

Approval of April Member Meeting Minutes:

Rick Dieringer motioned to approve the minutes, Tricia Lynn seconded, and all voted in favor.

Traffic Calming Downtown Location:

Kurt Grossman summarized the member survey results that sought recommendations on where to install a traffic calming device. As background, each community council was asked to select one location for consideration. Based on the survey the DRC Board recommended installing a traffic calming device near the Aronoff Center at 7th and Walnut Streets. Next, the city will select ten locations to install these devices. Thus, we may or may not get selected.

New Business:

Household/Corporate member fee change effective May 1st.

Jackie reminded us of the membership fee increase for both Household and Business accounts raising from \$30 to \$40 per year effective May 1, 2024.

Speakers:

Tricia Lynn introduced speaker **Adam Turer** from Saturday Hoops. He spoke about the organization's mission and purpose. Saturday Hoops strives to make a difference in the lives of children or young adults in our community. Each Saturday morning at Ziegler Park through September, Saturday Hoops provides a variety of creative, instructional, and physical activities to stimulate and engage our children. Adam spoke about how to get involved in the program by volunteering on a Saturday morning (9:30-2:00) and/or providing donations such as cash or swimming gear for the summer activities.

Announcements

Rick Dieringer announced the city is getting funds from additional sources to calm traffic and to fund improvements in the Downtown area.

Kurt Grossman spoke about how fulfilling it is to be a tutor at Hays-Porter Elementary School in the West End. He asked for volunteers to join him.

Rebekah Beaulieu, President of Taft Museum of Art, introduced herself. She spoke about the projects they are working on.

Morgan Rigaud, volunteer with Skate Cincinnati, spoke about the skate party on Court Street Plaza on May 15th and about the fundraising event on May 17th for the Riverfront rink at Sawyer Point.

Craig and Mary Hudson bid farewell to Downtown Cincinnati as they head to their new home in Kenwood.

The owner of Court Street Kitchen spoke about his new restaurant on Court Street and invited everyone to stop in.

Jan Hirlinger, a stylist at Hair 633 on Main Street, introduced two new nail techs working at Mood Nail Bar on 633 Main. They are sisters, Angelica and Cristina Denise. Go to moodnailbar.co to book an appointment.

Dave from Mt Adams invited everyone to participate in the Mt. Adams historic guided walking tours. See the DRC Newsletter for more information.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2024, at 6 p.m. (First Financial Innovation Center)