

## June 2024 - MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

**Date:** June 10, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

**Place:** First Financial Innovation Center, 4<sup>th</sup> & Vine Streets

**Members Unable to Attend:** Kurt Grossman, Lorry Hartley, Andrew Naab



President **Jackie Bryson** called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

**Speakers:** **Kay Battle** and **Edgar Haynes** with TFG Development Group presented the development plan for 414 Central Avenue (former home to Campanello's Italian Restaurant). The redevelopment consists of converting the property into mixed-use with both commercial and residential units. The development will include an addition on the west side of the building to increase usable space and income potential. They asked the DRC Board for a letter of support for the redevelopment project. All voted in favor of providing a letter to the city of no objections from the DRC.

### **Approval of May 2024 Meeting Minutes:**

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

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

Tracey Johnson motioned to approve the report, Sue Byrom seconded, and all voted in favor.

### **Reports of Committees and Projects:**

#### **Finance:**

Tricia Lynn reported the remaining balance is \$9,989.47 after NSP and AIG funds are spent to support our Outreach programs.

#### **Membership Management:**

Joan Meyer and Tricia Lynn spoke about the aging receivables report. It was decided everyone 90-days past due would be removed and the individual or household can re-apply for membership at the new rates.

#### **Information & Technology:**

Tracey Johnson reported we received the web hosting quote. She noted for security purposes it is prudent to migrate to the new web server by September 1.

#### **Social:**

Mary Heimert has the container bar on Fountain Square lined up for the June social which is hosted by 3CDC. Court Street Kitchen is hosting a social on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Nicholson's backstage will host the August social. Hosts are set up for the remainder of year.

Sue Byrom announced Nelson Castillo, DRC's great friend and restaurateur, is inviting DRC members to be his guest at a networking happy hour at the Kinley Hotel (7<sup>th</sup> and Race) Monday, June 17 from 6-8pm.

#### **Clean, Green & Safe:**

Sue Byrom attended the sector meeting where the police reported crime statistics are trending downward. Car break-ins are also down compared to prior months.

#### **Speakers:**

Seth Harmon has Lori Burchett from the Cincinnati Bell Connector lined up as the keynote speaker for the June member meeting. Andrew Dudas will speak about government finances in July. A representative from the League of Women Voters will speak at the August meeting.

#### **New Business Items for Discussion/Action/Assigning or Deferring:**

##### **Traffic Calming recommendation for May 30<sup>th</sup> submission**

Jackie Bryson thanked Kurt Grossman for preparing the DRC recommendation. The topic is closed.

##### **Possible DRC Board Retreat Summer 2024**

Jackie asked the Board to think about when we may want to have a retreat. Possibly wait until next year because five current Board positions/seats will be available in 2025.

##### **Convention Center/500 Block of Elm Closure**

This topic is closed. Cincinnati city council passed an ordinance that permanently closes Elm Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets.

##### **DRC Outing**

Jackie will send an e-blast to members inviting them to the outing. It's to a Cincinnati Reds vs Chicago Cubs game on July 30, 7:10pm game. It's a 3-2-1 night meaning \$3.00 beers, \$2.00 hot dogs and \$1.00 ice creams. Seats are in section 110 and tickets are \$42.75 each. You can purchase tickets using the following website: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/DRC>

##### **Good Neighborhood Agreement**

Jackie asked us to think about creating a 'Good Neighborhood Agreement' for new establishments/bars to sign indicating they will be considerate of others and essentially be a 'good neighbor'. Tim Nolan agreed to research the feasibility of an agreement.

##### **Community Budget Request**

Chase Mosijowsky reported he is working with Alan Bunker to file a DRC budget request. He will be learning the process from Alan and subsequently submitting a project to fund. He agreed to draft a letter that will go to the membership asking for suggested community projects to fund.

**Old Business:**

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

Sue noted we received a request to transfer a liquor license from Up Cincinnati Central LLC to Flavors N Spice LLC located at 628 Vine Street. She reported a liquor license will not be extended to Rusconi Bar and Kitchen on 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:59PM.

**Next meeting: July 8, 2024, 6:00 pm., First Financial Innovation Center**