



## **Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.**

### **June 2024 - MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** June 11, 2024 @ 6:00pm

**Place:** First Financial Innovation Room, 4<sup>th</sup> and Vine

**New members:** Alecia Ricker, Todd Simmons

President Jackie Bryson called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and welcomed our new members.

#### **Monthly reports:**

Officer **Chris Loreaux**, Cincinnati Police Department (CPD), reviewed the crime statistics noting personal theft and theft from automobiles are trending downward compared to last month. There was a bit of discussion about recurring problems at 615 Main Street. **Sergeant Lisa Dotson**, our CPD neighborhood liaison, asked members to continue calling when they see something occurring at 615 Main. She also noted Rusconi Bar and Kitchen on 6<sup>th</sup> Street continues to be problematic.

**Alex Martin**, 3CDC, spoke about the completed beautification projects around the area. She noted stop signs are coming to the 4<sup>th</sup> and Race Street Garage very soon. The skybridge on Race Street connected to the former Saks building will be coming down soon resulting in blockages on Race Street. Construction begins July 1<sup>st</sup> on the convention center. Next, she introduced **Tara Immele** with GeneroCity 513.

#### **DRC Committee Reports**

##### **Treasurer's Report**

Tricia Lynn - Starting DRC balance 5/1/2024: \$15,643.21 with a closing bank balance of \$13,406.93 less NSP/AIG funds committed for expenditures of \$3,417.49 leaves the DRC membership balance of \$9,989.47.

##### **Social Committee**

Mary Heimert reminded members about the social at the container bar on Fountain Square following tonight's meeting. She reported Court Street Kitchen is hosting a social on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Sue Byrom announced Nelson Castillo, owner of Prime, Street City Pub and the restaurant in the Kinley Hotel is sponsoring a DRC networking social June 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 at the Kinley Hotel on 7<sup>th</sup> and Race Streets.

#### **Old Business:**

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

Teri Boland motioned to approve the minutes, Sue Byrom seconded, and all voted in favor.

### **Traffic Calming Downtown Location Recommendation for 2025 Budget:**

Jackie thanked members for their responses to the traffic calming survey. She recognized Kurt Grossman, the point on the traffic calming project, for the great job done. Based on the survey results the DRC submitted recommendations to install traffic calming devices at five locations:

1. Aronoff Center at 7<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Streets
2. East 5<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets
3. East 9<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Streets
4. Fourth Street
5. Fifth Street

### **New Business:**

#### **Community Budget Request**

Jackie introduced Chase Mosijowsky, DRC Board member, who will be leading the community budget request for the DRC. Chase indicated the DRC can submit funding requests for three projects. Each project submitted would be for \$5,000 or greater. There will be an e-blast to the membership asking for community project suggestions to be considered.

#### **Speakers:**

Seth Harmon introduced speaker **Lori Burchett**, Deputy Director, Streetcar Services. Lori spoke about the Connector System. Ridership is up year over year, fares are free, and five trains are operational. She encouraged members to take a survey on their website to help them improve customer service. To access the survey: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/streetcar/>

Lori announced they received a grant to be used to upgrade on-board technology such arrival times at the stations, upgrade GPS, and more. Finally, she noted the Connector is looking to expand services.

#### **Announcements**

Margaret Swallow, volunteer at Cincinnati World Cinema, promoted current films and invited everyone to attend a show.

Courtney Alexander, owner of Maple Street Moving Services, introduced his local start-up moving solutions. You can learn more at [www.maplestreetmovers.com](http://www.maplestreetmovers.com)

Scott Skeabeck, Downtowne Listening Room, spoke about expanding its concerts to Northern Kentucky. The concerts are small listening room type performances. You can bring your own bottle and snacks are provided. He invited everyone to attend a concert. <https://www.downtownlisteningroom.com/>

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

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