



Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

July 2024 - MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 9, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Place: First Financial Innovation Room, 4th and Vine

New members: Gary Lessis and Nadine Catalino

Vice President Sue Byrom called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and welcomed our new members.

Monthly reports:

Officer **Chris Loreaux**, Cincinnati Police Department (CPD), spoke about the cooperative with the CPD and the City Manager's office regarding the 'Place Based Initiative' that addresses homelessness in the city. Prior to the CPD taking any action to move/remove the homeless, a place to move them to must be secured. He reminded members to report non-emergency activities through 311 Cincy and to include photo's if available.

Alex Martin, 3CDC, provided an overview of the 'Fountain District'. The Fountain District is a new branding that highlights Fountain Square and associated entertainment establishments around it. It was created to support and promote bars, restaurants, shopping, arts and entertainment venues within the vicinity. The Fountain District area stretches from Race to Main and from 4th to 7th Streets.

Alex reported 3CDC is working with the Department of Commerce to schedule a meeting to discuss the 4th Street CBD dispensaries. She also noted a stop sign has been installed at the 4th and Race parking garage. Finally, a Convention Center District meeting is scheduled July 23rd and will address the closure of Elm Street between 5th and 6th Streets.

DRC Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report

Tricia Lynn reviewed the Treasurer's report - Starting DRC balance 6/1/2024: \$13,406.96 with a closing bank balance of \$12,552.92 less NSP/AIG funds committed for expenditures of \$2,166.79 leaves the DRC membership balance of \$10,386.13.

Social Committee

Mary Heimert welcomed everyone to the social following tonight's meeting at Bourbon's Craft Kitchen and Bar. Next months social is at Nicholson's. She mentioned the library is offering tours to DRC members. More details will follow.

Old Business:

Approval of June Member Meeting Minutes:

Tricia Lynn motioned to approve the minutes, Tracey Johnson seconded, and all voted in favor.

Tricia Lynn provided an update on the Community Budget request. We have received 5-6 suggested projects to fund in 2025. More details to follow.

New Business:

Speakers:

Seth Harmon introduced speaker **Kurt Reiber**, President/CEO, Freestore Foodbank. Kurt showed a video of the 'Liberty Street Market', a place to get nutritious food offering a variety of healthy selections. The Foodbank has 140 team members with 9,000 volunteers supporting 625 pantries. They also host two workforce training programs: 1) Cincinnati Cooks - a free culinary job training program to learn the mechanics of a commercial kitchen and 2) Lift Program - a free job training program to learn about logistics and forklift operations. The goal of the Foodbank is getting families back into the workforce while addressing food insecurities.

Announcements:

Jan Hirlinger reminded members about the DRC Outing to the Reds game Tuesday, July 30th at 7:10PM. Tickets can be purchased at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/DRC>.

Randy Tucker, Cincinnati Enquirer Reporter, introduced himself and asked if anyone would like to talk about their reaction to the 4th Street Dispensaries. He is writing a 'reaction' article. If interested in sharing your reaction he can be reached at 513-431-1169 or at rtucker@enquirer.com.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

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