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**Downtown Residents’ Council, Inc.**

**September 2024 - MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Place:** First Financial Innovation Room, 4th and Vine Streets

**New members**: Kelly Beishel household, Cindy Tsai, and Carnie de Lange - Christ Church

Board Member 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 bar activity on W 4th Street where patrons are partying outside the venue. He asked members to contact to him to get their ideas for methods to address the activity.

Officer Loreaux noted the influx of homeless sleeping on the Schmidlapp Event Lawn stage. The police, city officials and Generocity are working together to find a solution.

He reminded members about the class action lawsuit against Kia and Hyundai over vehicle thefts. Models from 2011 to 2022 are vulnerable to theft because they lack engine immobilizers. Kia and Hyundai are offering a free software upgrade that prevents the engine from starting without the key. Contact the dealerships for details.

**Marissa Reed**, 3CDC, noted the Ambassadors are busy with leaf removal. She reported the 609 Elm Street Garage on the corner of 6th and Elm is installing additional lighting. She also noted Generocity is visiting the Banks regularly. They are getting names and helping homeless get into shelters.

**DRC Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Tricia Lynn reviewed the Treasurer’s report - Starting DRC balance 8/1/2024: $11,908.42 with a closing bank balance of $12,140.27 less allocated funds of $666.93 leaves a DRC balance of $11,473.34. Tricia asked members to submit suggestions for non-profits to financially support through the Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) in 2025. Suggestion forms were supplied at the meeting.

**Social Committee**

Mary Heimertwelcomed everyone to the social following tonight’s meeting at Yard House on the Banks.

**Old Business:**

**Approval of August Member Meeting Minutes:**

Tricia Lynn motioned to approve the minutes, Ms. Whitlock seconded, and all voted in favor.

Chase Mosijowsky provided an update on the Community Budget Request the DRC leads annually. Two projects will be submitted to fund: 1) Development of Downtown Neighborhood Plan. 2) Removal of a large blue column and concrete pad at the entrance to the Path to the Taft on 700 E Pete Rose Way. Removing these structures will make the path ADA accessible.

**New Business:**

Alan Bunker spoke about decorating Piatt Park for the holidays. He noted another Decorations leader is needed for 2025 and asked for volunteers. If interested, please contact Alan or Jackie Bryson. Alan and Gary Bryson will lead the effort this year so the project can be passed on after using this year as a learning.

**Speakers:**

Seth Harmon introduced speaker **Ryan** **Hilton**, Senior Analytics Manager with Kroger Real Estate Department. Ryan Hilton spoke about the site selection process used to determine why and where to build stores. First, they look at competition in the area, 2) Number of people in the area, 3) Trade area composition, 4) Cost and 5) Other considerations such as labor, shrinkage, parking, etc.

**Announcements**:

**Nancy Ayers**, Jersey Mikes on 4th St., informed members they are offering a 20% discount on all purchases made between 5PM-9PM. Simply show your key fob.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6 p.m. (First Financial Innovation Center)