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**Downtown Residents’ Council, Inc.**

**November 2024 - MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** November 12, 2024 @ 6:00pm

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

**New members:** Zoe Brazell

President Jackie Bryson called the meeting to order at 6:04PM and welcomed our new members.

**Monthly reports:**

**Captain Adam Hennie**, Cincinnati Police Department, reported additional full-time outreach workers are on staff to help with ongoing activities in the 1300 block of Cincinnati. He noted repairing the Daniel Carter Beard Bridge following the fire will take some time. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. He also reported the city is looking into all under bridge encampments and acting to remedy.

**Officer Chris Loreaux**, Cincinnati Police Department (CPD), stated the City Manager’s office is organizing a Winter Coat drive. Coats, hats, gloves, etc., can be dropped off at all police stations. He spoke about a new program, FususCONNECT, which is a community camera sharing program with Cincinnati Police in emergencies to improve community safety and law enforcement. Access to your cameras is conditional upon mutual agreement between you the CPD. You can register your home or business surveillance camera with the CPD here: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/police/online-camera-registration/>

Officer Loreaux reported parking garages are being targeted again for break-ins. He noted Court Street robberies between Walnut and Main Streets have become a focus for the CPD.

**Alex Martin**, 3CDC, reported the Ambassadors and busy picking up the autumn leaves. She noted the DCID annual meeting is 11/14/2024 at 4PM, Mercantile Library. She addressed questions about the Fountain District.

Alex introduced **Ashley Wilson**, 3CDC, who spoke about upcoming events on the Square on 11/29 and 11/30.

Jackie Bryson reported 3CDC is hosting a Downtown Ambassador Appreciation Day November 19th. Consider donation $25 gift cards for the Ambassador goodie bags. Downtown restaurants create a win-win. Contact Alex Martin at 3CDC (513) 977-8013 or amartin@3cdc.org for pick up or drop off at the 3CDC office, 12th and Walnut Streets, 4th Floor by EOD November 18th.

GeneroCity, our downtown program supporting those who are panhandling, living outside, etc., is participating as a recipient in Day of Giving which takes place Tuesday, December 3rd. Consider a monetary donation to GeneroCity for the work they do with those who are less fortunate. This will be publicized as we get closer to December 3rd.

**DRC Committee Reports:**

**Social Committee**

Mary Heimertinvited members to VooDoo Brewing following tonight’s meeting. She reminded everyone about the annual Holiday party on December 9th at Prime Cincinnati, 6-9PM.

**Old Business:**

**Approval of October Member Meeting Minutes:**

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

**New Business:**

Jackie noted the bi-annual DRC survey is set to launch later this month.

**Speakers:**

Jackie introduced speaker **Andrew Dudas**, City of Cincinnati Budget Director. Andrew provided an education on the budget process speaking about the five strategic priorities they use for funding decisions: 1) Public safety and health, 2) Economic opportunities, 3) Thriving neighborhoods, 4) Fiscal sustainability and 5) Excellent and equitable service delivery. He provided an overview of the budget process that begins with community engagement, developing budget estimates by department and review by the Budget Office. An annual budget is then recommended to the City Manager. The City Manager takes the budget for final approval to the Mayor.

**Announcements**:

**Alan Bunker** reminded members about the annual decorating of Piatt Park Saturday, November 16th, 11-1PM. He asked for additional volunteers.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 6 p.m. (**Mercantile Library, 4th St.**)