August 11, 2025 – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA **Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.**

Place: First Financial Innovation Center
Welcome: Andrew Naab
Board members not attending:

Andrew Naab called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Agenda:

1. Special Presentation: 3CDC and Portman Holdings - Convention Center Hotel
- **a.** A presentation was given on the development of the new convention hotel in Cincinnati, led by Portman Holding and 3CDC. The project, valued at $536 million, includes 700 rooms. The hotel will connect to the convention center via a new skybridge. Concerns about parking and pedestrian safety were raised, with plans to address them. The project aims to improve streetscapes and convert Plum Street into a two-way street to enhance pedestrian access.

2. Approval of July 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
- **a.** A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and approved.

3. Approval of July 2025 Treasurer's Report
- **a.** A motion to approve the report was made, seconded, and approved.

4. Reports of Committees and Projects
- **a.** Finance/NSP - Tricia Lynn
  - **i.** *Starting DRC balance 7/1/2025: $13,491.42 with a closing bank balance of $13,902.94 less $2376.05 NSP/AIG Funds committed for expenditures DRC Balance $9,532.37*
  - **ii.** Membership: Joan Meyer
    - **1.** No updates
  - **iii.** Sector Meetings: Sue Byrom
    - **1.** No updates
  - **iv.** Socials and Outreach: Teri Boland and Lorry Hartley
    - **1.** Highlighted the upcoming social at Mellatone Beer Project.
  - **v.** Speakers: Seth Harmon
    - **1.** No updates
  - **vi.** Public Safety: Jim Beering and Sue Byrom
    1. Jim provided an update, showing a new flyer planned for distribution at the member meeting. The flyer includes the co-chairs and members, along with proposed focused action areas, and outlines plans for the first meeting to take place before next month's meeting.
  - **vii.** Transportation and Pedestrian Infrastructure: Anshul Sukhlecha
    - **1.** Scheduling a meeting with the city's transportation department to discuss potential low-cost safety improvements to intersections
    - **2.** Meeting with bus advocates to learn about their proposal to reserve a lane on Walnut Street for the bus and streetcar
    - **3.** Kurt Grossman reported that the City has reviewed all of the Community Councils submissions for 2026 Traffic Calming and that none of our proposals was graded high enough for funding at this time

viii. Real Estate and Economic Development: Andrew Naab

1. The DRC Real Estate and Economic Development Committee met on July 22, 2025. The Committee presently consists of Andrew Naab, Trip Wolf, Joan Meyer, Anshul Sukhlecha, and Dave Cason.

2. Meetings will occur on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM via Microsoft Teams.

3. Initial focus is on the creation of a comprehensive real estate development tracker to detail all active projects in the CBD. This will be housed on the DRC website and updated regularly. Our hope is to then have a corresponding mapping feature to depict the locations of the respective projects.

4. Next meeting is scheduled for 8/26/2025 at 5:30 PM.

ix. Special Projects (Downtown Neighborhood Plan): Chase Mosijowsky

1. No updates

5. New Business
   a. Public Safety Updates
      i. Andrew provided an update on public safety measures, including increased funding for CPD recruits and community outreach initiatives. The city has implemented tighter curfew restrictions in downtown and Over-the-Rhine, with specific measures for youth engagement and enforcement.
      ii. Andrew and Chase are actively scheduling meetings with city council members to discuss the allocation of the $2 million public safety funding and its impact on downtown.
   b. July 2025 Board Retreat Recap - Mission Statement and Identity
      i. Mission statement to be discussed at next meeting
   c. DRC Budget Creation
      i. Andrew raised the need for a strategic discussion on the DRC's budget, noting that the board has around $9,000 in discretionary funds and that the holiday social will be a major expense. Teri emphasized the importance of securing a venue early due to limited holiday availability.
      ii. Andrew discussed the need for membership approval of the budget and encouraged members to ask questions about line items. Another board member noted that the holiday party is the only social event for which funds are spent. Andrew suggested exploring new approaches for social events, such as paying small businesses to provide food instead of relying on complimentary offerings. Another board member recalled past practices of providing food at events and outlined the associated costs.
      iii. Another questioned whether the group could finalize the budget within a month, and two members agreed it would take longer due to complexity and lack of experience. Concerns were raised about fairness in funding events, with specific mention of the holiday party.
      iv. Regarding the holiday party, a board member expressed concern about the negative impact of canceling it, as members value it. Another highlighted its popularity and benefits for families. Other members believed that there was not enough time to create a budget and still lock down Prime for this year's holiday party.
      v. Teri made a motion to approve the holiday party with Prime for 2025, which was seconded and approved by the board.

7. Announcements – All

8. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:00 PM – First Financial Innovation Center

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