August 12, 2025 – DRC MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA **Downtown Residents' Council**

Place: First Financial Innovation Center – 1 E. Fourth Street
Time: 6:00 PM EST
Welcome: Andrew Naab

Andrew Naab called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and welcomed our new members.

Meeting Agenda:

1. **Welcome, July 2025 New Members**: Andrew Naab
   - **a.** New DRC Members:
   - **b.** Mindy Rosen, Alexander Otten, John and Joan Dornette, Louis Black, David Holliday / Betsy Leigh, Ken and Amy Laake, Amy Gerowitz, Joe Scherperberg, Merrie Stillpass, Julia Indalecio, Steve Sinden, Shana Merrick, Tim & Sherry Pompos, Christopher Weimer, N. Lorraine Becker, Liberty Hill Mgt LLC - Chris Hikel, Nate & Suzanne Turner, Rob Jones, Dana Wasserman, Maxanna & Don Lucas

2. **DRC Question and Comment Box**: Andrew Naab
   - **a.** Andrew mentions the DRC suggestion box for comments, questions, and suggestions.

3. **Monthly Reports**
   - **a.** Cincinnati Police Department: Captain Hennie and Officer Chris Loreaux
     - **i.** Police and Safety Updates
       Reported on police activities, including SWAT operations, the closure of a Community School, extended weekend/event patrols, increased bike patrols, and a task force to ensure food truck certifications.
     - **ii.** Community Concerns and Responses
       Topics included the Love nightclub's public safety impact, challenges in revoking liquor licenses, a tent community under the Third Street bridge, and the importance of community engagement and DRC feedback to developers.
   - **b.** 3CDC: Marissa Reed, Director of Operations; Alex Martin, Community Engagement Manager
     - **i.** Alex discussed the organization's role in community engagement and the new downtown curfew. Updates were given on encampments and efforts to address homelessness, highlighting the DRC's collaboration with the city and other groups. The importance of community involvement and ongoing communication with the DRC was emphasized.
4. **Speaker Series**
   - **a.** Special Presentation – America's River Roots
     - **i.** Holly Brians Ragusa from America's River Roots provides an overview of the upcoming festival celebrating the 250th anniversary of the country.
     - **ii.** The festival will feature music, cuisine, and culture, with events taking place from October 8–12, 2025.
     - **iii.** The importance of community engagement and the role of local artists and merchants in the festival are discussed.
     - **iv.** Information on ticket sales, volunteer opportunities, and the festival's impact on the community is provided. More information can be found at americasriverroots.com

b. Special Presentation – Convention Center Hotel: 3CDC and Portman Holdings
- **i.** Portman Holdings provides an update on the convention center hotel project.
- **ii.** The project's design, including the hotel's 700 rooms, meeting spaces, and exterior terrace, is discussed.
- **iii.** The project's funding sources, including public and private investments, are outlined.
- **iv.** The impact of the project on traffic and public safety, including the creation of a new skybridge, is addressed.

5. DRC Monthly Reports
- **a.** Treasurer's Report: 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
- **b.** Social Committee: Teri Boland and Lorry Hartley
  - **i.** Highlighted the upcoming social at Mellatone Beer Project.
- **c.** Public Safety Committee: Jim Beering and Sue Byrom
  - i. Jim and Sue provided an update on the DRC Public Safety Committee's efforts, including improvements to camera coverage and promotion of the 311 Cincinnati app.
  - **ii.** Emphasis on community engagement and the committee's role in addressing public safety concerns.
  - **iii.** Discussion of the DRC's involvement in the ACT for Cincy safety strategy and collaboration with the city council and other organizations.
- **d.** Real Estate and Economic Development Committee: Trip Wolf and Andrew Naab
  - i. Andrew provides an update on forming the committee and announces the first meeting on August 26th at 5:30 pm via Zoom. Reach out to Andrew if you are interested in attending: cincinnatidrcpresident@gmail.com
- **e.** Downtown Neighborhood Plan Committee: Chase Mosijowsky
  - i. The downtown neighborhood plan was approved by the city, but plans to start on it have not been started. Should have more updates soon.

6. New Business
- a. Public Safety Updates
  - i. Andrew Naab provides an update on the DRC's efforts to address public safety concerns, including the creation of the DRC Public Safety Committee and participation in the ACT for Cincy initiative.
  - ii. The importance of community engagement and the role of the DRC in providing feedback to city leadership is emphasized.
  - iii. Updates on the city's allocation of $2 million for public safety efforts and the DRC's involvement in discussions about the allocation of these funds are provided.
  - iv. The role of the DRC in addressing issues related to traffic, speeding, and excessive noise in downtown is discussed.

7. Old Business
- **a.** Approval of the July 2025 Member Meeting Minutes
  - **i.** A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and approved.

8. Announcements
- **a. Monthly CBD Neighborhood Walk** – Thursday, September 4th at 6:30 PM (first Thursday of the month). Meet at Piatt Park, near the intersection of Garfield Place and Vine Street. All are welcome!
- **b. DRC Photo Contest** -- The DRC is hosting a monthly photo contest to showcase the beauty, vibrancy, and character of Cincinnati's Central Business District. Submit your best CBD shots to

CincinnatiDRCPresident@gmail.com. Each month, the Board will select the top 1-2 images, and at year's end, we'll crown our Photo of the Year at the annual DRC holiday party! Please submit photos on or by the Sunday preceding our monthly Membership Meeting!

9. Meeting Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:00 PM – First Financial Innovation Center