September 8, 2025 – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA **Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.**

Place: First Financial Innovation Center - 1 E. Fourth Street
Welcome: Andrew Naab
Board members not attending: Jacob Wilson, Seth Harmon, Dave Cason

Agenda:

Start time: 6:04pm

1.Special Presentation: Transit & Emergency Vehicle Lane Proposal – Walnut Street (20 minutes)

a.Presentation by Brad Thomas and Andy Shenk, hosted by the Pedestrian and Transportation Infrastructure Committee.

b. *Members expressed concern about street congestion from Aronoff, 21c Hotel, valets, loading docks, rideshare, etc. Also concerns about noise from the streetcar honking at blockages. Members also asked about metrics to evaluate success of the project.*

c. *It was suggested that the Pedestrian and Transportation Infrastructure Committee contact the City's Department of Transportation and Engineering to discuss geofenced restrictions to rideshare dropoff zones to alleviate idling congestion on Walnut St.*

d. *Further discussion tabled for new business time slot.*

2.Approval of August 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Approved unanimously

3. Approval of August 2025 Treasurer's Report

Approved unanimously

4. Reports of Committees and Projects

a. Finance/NSP - Tricia Lynn

i. Starting balance 8/1/2025: $13,902.94 with a closing balance of $14,343.12, less allocated funds of $1,668.70, leaving a DRC balance of $12,714.42.

ii. Tricia is looking for someone interested in taking on the Finance role in April 2026. The role has required trainings.

Membership: Joan Meyer

- *Joan noted that flyers have not been working. Word of mouth has led to growth. Suggested socials targeted at residents of various apartment/condo communities.*

Sector Meetings: Sue Byrom

- *Larger business presence. Meeting led by Captain Hennie focused on safety.*

Socials and Outreach: Teri Boland and Lorry Hartley

- *Community support for fire department was well-received. Prime (venue for December social) has an upcoming deadline for menu selections.*

Speakers: Seth Harmon

- *Sept – Saturday Hoops, Sky Central Apartments. Oct – Metro BRT, CPD crisis response team. Nov – Children's Theatre.*

Public Safety: Jim Beering and Sue Byrom

- *First meeting notes posted online. 3CDC has a homeless resources flyer. Discussed cost issues with city-promoted camera program.*

Transportation and Pedestrian Infrastructure: Anshul Sukhlecha

i.Transit & Emergency Vehicle Lane Proposal: Walnut Street carries about 26,000 daily bus and streetcar riders—60% more than cars—yet suffers from congestion and delays. Brad Thomas and Andy Shenk will present a proposal for a dedicated transit and emergency vehicle lane from Central Parkway to 5th Street. The Pedestrian and

Transportation Infrastructure Committee unanimously supports the plan, citing its low cost, minimal impact, and role in preparing for Bus Rapid Transit, consistent with peer cities like Pittsburgh, Columbus, and Cleveland.

Also discussed upcoming speed cushions at Adams Crossing.

Real Estate and Economic Development: Andrew Naab

i. Convention Center Hotel: Letter of support submitted, contingent on street calming on W Fourth, upgrades to the Metro stop at W Fourth and Plum, design quality (lighting, storefront activation, historic context), and 3CDC providing construction-period parking for 30+ W Fourth small businesses.

Board unanimously ratified the letter of support to the City of Cincinnati and Portman Holdings. Residents of W Fourth reported that street parking is being used for the project and water has been shut off at times with no notice.

i. Project Tracker: Monitoring 46 CBD projects. Building a public inventory of vacancies: 40 buildings, 6 lots, 100 surface lots. Plan to map on DRC site and update twice a year. Exploring partnership with the City to speed redevelopment and address safety tied to vacancy.

i. Developer Engagement: Drafting criteria and a process for how developers engage with the DRC so residents and businesses are heard earlier.

i. Next Meeting: Tue, Sep 23, 2025 at 5:30 PM on Microsoft Teams. Contact: Andrew Naab, CincinnatiDRCPresident@gmail.com.

Special Projects (Downtown Neighborhood Plan): Chase Mosijowsky

Emphasized need for a 24/7/365 safety plan to be included in the comprehensive plan.

DRC Mission - Vision - Identity: Andrew Naab

i. Members: Kurt Grossman, Lorry Hartley, Sue Byrom, Chase Mosijowsky, Jacob Wilson, Dave Cason, Andrew Naab. Meeting Dates: 8/25/2025 and 9/4/2025

i. The Committee met to review the DRC's mission and vision statements and to consider a potential name change for the organization. The discussion was prompted by inclusivity concerns and frequent questions from downtown stakeholders (businesses, nonprofits, residents, media, and City Council).

i. After reviewing other community council names across Cincinnati, the Committee voted 5-0-1 to recommend that the DRC Board consider a formal name change. If the Board agrees, the Committee will reconvene with broader input from the membership and draft a proposal for Board approval, followed by a vote among the General Membership.

5 New Business

a. DRC Mission - Vision - Identity

Board voted 8-0-2 (yea/nay/abstain) to continue the exploratory work of this committee.

b. CBD Food Truck Curfew

Discussed a same-day City meeting regarding the policy, and the desire for the City to provide more outreach prior to such changes, as with the weekend night closure of Redbike.

c. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Partnership

Discussed adopting a park/spot and further nonprofit engagement.

d. October DRC Event

e. *Transit/emergency lane on Walnut St*

Board voted unanimously in support. Pedestrian and Transportation Infrastructure Committee will write a draft letter in support of the proposal.

6 Old Business

7Announcements

a.Monthly CBD Neighborhood Walk: 10/2/2025 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. The winner will be announced at the annual DRC Holiday Party!

c.Love Your Park — Piatt Park Cleanup: Roll up your sleeves and join the DRC Board, Covenant First Presbyterian Church, and 3CDC on Saturday, September 13 at 9:30 AM, in keeping Piatt Park beautiful. Meeting location is 717 Elm Street, in front of Covenant First Presbyterian Church.

d.Cruise the Core with the DRC — Monthly Neighborhood Bike Ride: Hop on your bike and "Cruise the Core" with your neighbors! We'll take a relaxed, 5-mile ride through downtown, starting at Deeper Roots Coffee on W. Fourth Street, out Riverside Drive, ending at Coffee Emporium. This will be a monthly occurrence as long as the weather permits. First ride is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, at 9:30 AM.

e.Piatt Park Holiday Decoration: Join the DRC on Saturday, November 15, at 11:00 AM to decorate Piatt Park for the holiday season. Refreshments will be provided by Covenant First Presbyterian Church, with an optional happy hour to follow Knockback Nats. Many thanks to DRC Members Kevin and Sally Donovan for leading our decorating efforts this year!

8. Adjournment

End time: 7:33pm

Next Meeting: Monday, October 13, 2025, at 6:00 PM – First Financial Innovation Center

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