September 9, 2025 – DRC MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA **Downtown Residents' Council**

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

Meeting starts at 6:00 pm
Meeting Agenda:

1. **Welcome, July 2025 New Members**: Andrew Naab
   - **a.** New DRC Members:
   - **b.** Molly Thoms – Business, Deana and Kelvin Brewer, Denise Dufresne, Aileen Cobbs, Elease Fulgham, Christopher Wimpye, Lana Long, Brett Coldiron – Business, Zach and Allison Burrell, Julie Ellison

2. **DRC Question and Comment Box**: Andrew Naab
Andrew discussed the DRC's role in the Banks steering committee. Andrew also discussed recent break-ins to local businesses such as Black Coffee Lounge and encouraged the membership to support businesses affected by crime.

3. **Monthly Reports**
   - **a.** Cincinnati Police Department: Officer Chris Loreaux
     Officer Loreaux discussed recent downward trends in crime and explained the new policies regarding food trucks open late between 3rd and 5th Streets.
   - **b.** 3CDC: Marissa Reed, Director of Operations; Alex Martin, Community Engagement Manager
     Discussed Piatt Park beautification project on 9/13. Ice rink moving from Fountain Square to Elm St Plaza. Ambassadors are working hard at leaf removal. Discussed flyer for homeless resources.

4. **DRC Monthly Reports**
   - **a.** Treasurer's Report: 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 discussed the need to identify a new treasurer starting in April 2026.*
   - **b.** Social Committee: Teri Boland and Lorry Hartley
     Discussed upcoming Sky Central social.
   - **c.** Public Safety Committee: Jim Beering and Sue Byrom
     - i. First meeting held September 3 at 11:00 AM at the Main Library
     - ii. Discussion items:
       1. Expansion of CPD Level 2 Fusus camera/modem system
       2. Use of 311Cincy, 911, and 3CDC Ambassadors
       3. Partnership with 3CDC for lighting and alley audits
     - iii. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Main Library
     - iv. Planned topics: continued discussion of the above items and downtown traffic issues
     - v. Questions: jimbeering@gmail.com
   - **d.** Real Estate and Economic Development Committee: Trip Wolf and 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.

ii. 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.

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

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

e. Transportation and Pedestrian Infrastructure Committee: Anshul Sukhlecha, Kurt Grossman

i. Walnut Street carries about 26,000 daily bus/streetcar riders—60% more than cars—yet suffers from congestion and delays. Brad Thomas and Andy Shenk proposed a dedicated transit/emergency lane from Central Parkway to 5th Street. The Board unanimously supports the plan, citing its low cost, minimal impact, and role in preparing for Bus Rapid Transit, consistent with peer Midwestern cities. All stakeholders along Walnut St need to be engaged for the project to succeed.

ii. Speed cushions in progress on Riverside Dr / E Pete Rose Way (Adams Crossing).

The membership discussed 311 response quality with Vice Mayor Kearney.

f. Downtown Neighborhood Plan Committee: Chase Mosijowsky

5. Old Business

a. Approval of the August 2025 Member Meeting Minutes

i. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and approved.

6. New Business

a. Downtown Public Safety Update

State of Ohio to provide highway patrol support to allow CPD to focus on local enforcement. Also discussed city legislation to increase funding for public safety by $5 million. Downtown and OTR would likely receive a sizable amount of these funds, among other neighborhoods across the city.

In response to member questions, Vice Mayor Kearney spoke on her vision for public safety and her voting choices on recent legislation regarding funding for public safety efforts.

b. DRC Mission - Vision - Identity Committee

6 Speaker Series

a. Special Presentation

i. Sky Central Apartments - Towne Properties

The membership learned about Towne Properties' historic relationship with the City and the renovations to the building.

ii. Saturday Hoops - Cam Lane

Cam discussed the important work of Saturday Hoops, which the DRC supports through NSP grants. The closest location to volunteer is at the West End Lincoln Recreation Center.

7 Announcements

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!
Cincinnati World Cinema shared their movie offerings, and Morgan Rigaud shared information about adaptive skating at Sawyer Point on 9/13. Trivia at Nicholson's begins 7pm Monday September 22.

8 Meeting Adjournment

End time: 7:17pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM – First Financial Innovation Center