



Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes – Thursday, May 12, 2022

Location: 3CDC Office, 1203 Walnut St

Attendance:

Board of Trustees: • Brian Banke (Chair) • Harry Blanton • Kristi Farris • Lindsey Taylor • Amanda Darnell • Liz Keating • Markiea Carter • Jon Burger

3CDC Staff and Guests: Jenni Wilhelm • Tim Szilasi • David Vissman • Sara Bujas • Monica Morton • Jenn Martin • Captain Wiseman

A quorum being present, Brian Banke (Chair) called the DCID Board of Trustees Meeting to order on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at approximately 8:02 am.

I. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the April 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes with no changes.

II. Finance

Jenn Martin from 3CDC reviewed the April financial results for DCID with the Trustees. Next Ms. Martin requested \$50,000 for Fountain Square operating support. Mr. Banke explained the history of the Fountain Square support. After some discussion Mr. Banke asked for a motion to approve the request. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the request to give Fountain Square \$50,000 in operating support.

Next, Mr. Banke requested approval to engage Barnes Dennig for the 2021 Federal and Ohio tax preparation. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the request to engage Barnes Dennig.

Ms. Martin then reviewed the financial results for DCI highlighting a few changes due to cleaning and beautification contracts and GeneroCity 513 contributions.

III. Downtown Cincinnati LLC

Ms. Bujas shared stakeholder requests for year to date as well as the status for the requests. A question was asked regarding the availability of the ambassador hotline number and the need to promote it more to residents. A discussion ensued as to the best way to do this. Next, David Vissman reported on the ambassador services year to date, status on GeneroCity 513 and announced the opening of the new mobile roller rink to open over Memorial Day weekend.

IV. Safety

Mr. Vissman introduced Cincinnati Police Captain Wiseman to the group. Captain Wiseman gave the Trustees some background on areas they have targeted in the past. Captain Wiseman told the group that although the clean up around Piatt Park worked, many of the same people

have now moved to Government Square. He indicated this was the area they were mainly focusing on. In addition to the usual problems they also have increased students in that area due to schools utilizing the Metro for student transportation. Captain Wiseman told the group his team is working with the schools to come up with a plan to limit the amount of time the students are spending in the area. Other issues include open drug and alcohol use and fights. Mr. Vissman announced the sale of the Mercantile Center to Model Group and the plans to try to relocate the liquor store across from Government Square to help limit easy access to alcohol. Captain Wiseman noted SORTA has increased detail coverage in the area and his team has recently arrested 12 juveniles thought to be creating issues.

Next, Captain Wiseman discussed challenges facing the area around 4th Street between Vine and Race. Some of these challenges include homelessness, aggressive panhandling and sanitation issues. Mr. Vissman noted this area receives the highest call volume for ambassadors and outreach. Mr. Vissman shared thoughts on solutions to the issues and indicated ongoing meetings with the business owners to try to help curb the problems.

Captain Wiseman next spoke about the issues regarding crime in parking garages. He indicated it was mostly juveniles committing the crimes. He showed the Trustees simple tools that are easily purchased to break car windows. Captain Wiseman said arrests are being made regularly for these crimes, but most are misdemeanors, and the criminals are out doing it again soon after. To try to curb the offenses, 3CDC is working to staff garages 24/7 with SP+ staff, 3CDC staff and 3rd party security staff. In addition, the Hamilton County Sherriff's department has agreed to do nightly patrols of the 3CDC garages accompanied by GCB Outreach staff to try to help the homeless population.

Finally, Mr. Vissman gave an update on the challenges faced by the E-scooters in the City. To help improve the situation, the City has implemented a 6pm-6am curfew, geo-fencing sidewalks, garages and civic spaces. The City is working on a plan for dedicated off-sidewalk parking and evaluating the renewal of the contracts with the scooter companies. Mr. Vissman told the Trustees that 3CDC has recommended to the City to discontinue the contracts.

With there being no further business, Mr. Banke adjourned the DCID Board of Trustees Meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Jenni Wilhelm, Clerk