



Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes – Thursday, May 9, 2024

Location: 3CDC Office, 1203 Walnut St

Attendance:

Board of Trustees: • Brian Banke (Chair) • Bob Deck • Liz Keating • Markiea Carter • Kristy Farris • Rob Lancaster

3CDC Staff and Guests: Jenni Wuestefeld • Monica Morton • Marissa Reed • Alex Martin • Joe Rudemiller • Tim Szilasi • David Vissman

A quorum being present, Brian Banke (Chair) called the DCID Board of Trustees Meeting to order on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at approximately 8:02 am.

I. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes with no changes.

II. Administration

Mr. Banke introduced a proposed public records policy and reviewed the policy with the Board. The Board discussed policy and agreed to adopt with slight edit to technology wording. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the public records policy with edit to technology wording.

III. Finance

Tim Szilasi presented the treasurer's report for DCID. Mr. Szilasi reported results through April. Next, Mr. Szilasi shared the operating budget for Fountain Square and requested the Board consider contributing \$50,000 to the Fountain Square operating budget. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the request to contribute \$50,000 to the Fountain Square operating budget.

Mr. Szilasi presented the DCI budget through March with projections through the end of the year.

IV. OTR South SID Reassessment and DCID SID Renewal

Joe Rudemiller shared the results of the OTR South SID reassessment. Mr. Rudemiller stated over 65% of petitions had been returned as of May 1st which was an increase from the 2020 assessment. Mr. Rudemiller then reviewed the timeline for the next DCID SID renewal.

V. Fountain District Branding

Mr. Rudemiller reviewed the goals for the Fountain District branding project along with an updated timeline and roll out plan. Mr. Rudemiller then shared images of the potential brand along with examples of how it would look in public spaces.

VI. Public Safety

David Vissman shared crime statistics for the Central Business District and Government Square from January through March 2024 as compared to 2023 and 2022. Mr. Vissman then reviewed Cincinnati Police and youth engagement plans for Government Square as well as an update on discussions with Metro and Dohn School related to bussing issues. Mr. Vissman then gave an update on physical changes to the area surrounding the square.

VII. GeneroCity 513

Marissa Reed reviewed client numbers for GeneroCity 513 through March 31st as well as updates on housing for the chronically homeless clients. Ms. Reed then reported statistics for the Jos Van program through the end of March. Ms. Reed then shared numbers of clients that were considered sheltered (not sleeping outside) since a second outreach coordinator was hired in December 2023. Initial reports show a significant increase in the number of sheltered clients. Ms. Reed noted a seasonal outreach worker was hired in April and they were hiring another full-time outreach worker. Finally, Ms. Reed gave a report on fundraising efforts with City and County for outreach.

VIII. Public Realm

Ms. Reed shared volunteer and beautification projects completed and upcoming. Next, she gave an update on the sidewalk enhancement program which included 3 areas targeted along with the budgets for the improvements.

IX. Development

Mr. Rudemiller gave an update on the Convention Center renovation project with updated renderings and an update on the proposed Elm Street Plaza adjacent to the Convention Center.

With there being no further business, Mr. Banke adjourned the DCID Board of Trustees Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Jenni Wuestefeld, Clerk