

## **Draft Minutes Economic Development Reform Panel**

July 9, 2021, 1pm- 2:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order:** Chair Ann Marie Tracey  
Panelist in attendance: Tim Burke, Bobbi Dillon, Guy Guckenberger, Dan Schimberg, KZ Smith, Bernadette Watson, Verna Williams and Alicia Bond-Lewis
  
- II. Approval of 7.2.21 minutes**  
Bernadette Watson moved to approve  
KZ Smith seconded the motion
  
- III. Overview of EDRP**
  - A. Goal is to address reforms to the City's Economic Development Process.
  - B. Recommendation categories
    - i. Contributions to elected officials.
    - ii. City's development approval process.
    - iii. Confidential whistle blower hot line.
    - iv. Behavioral expectations.
  
- IV. Public Comment:** The panel heard from 3 speakers who logged in to speak regarding the EDRP recommendations.
  
- V. Discussion regarding the questions and comments of the speakers**
  - A. Emergency Ordinances
    - i. Definition - "immediately effective".
    - ii. Passes ordinances more efficiently.
    - iii. Not unique to the City of Cincinnati, it parallels state law.
  - B. Mayor
    - i. Mayor has a role in the administrative and legislative process.
  - C. Suggestion to move the timing when a developer can contribute to a council member's campaign.
    - i. Development process can take years.
  
- VI. Development Process and Issues**
  - A. The panel agrees to the edited verbiage.
  
- VII. Campaign Contribution Restrictions**
  - A. The panel agrees to the edited verbiage.
  - B. Bobbi Dillon presented her portion of the outline.
    - i. It was suggested to refer to the Ordinance charge.

## **VIII. Other business**

- A. Before the next meeting, EDRP members should send their sections draft and a summary of their work product and send to Ann Marie and Ann Schooley to present to the panel at the meeting on July 16.

Meeting adjourned 2:23 pm

**The Next Meeting is Friday July 16, 2021, at 1pm.**