



College Hill Business Association

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Meeting Minutes: August 2, 2021

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8 a.m.: Community News

- **Gardeners:** Meeting this evening. Deciding on scaled back Pumpkin Patch at Patrick Park on October 9—same day as .
- **Forum:** Still on Zoom. Discussed Dora and voted to support it. PNC Bank is planning to convert to a no-teller bank. Many in the neighborhood dislike this idea and Karen would like the CHBA to send a letter to protest.
- **CHCURC:** Sleepy Bee is under construction. Unveiling new video series about community engagement.
- July Meeting Minutes approved.
- Treasurer's Report approved.

8:15 a.m.: Round Robin

- **Aaron Fleming, College Hill Yoga and Flemco Designs:** Yoga classes are hybrid online + in-person for vaccinated students.
- **Tina Stoerberel, College Hill Coffee:** Having a hard time finding employees. Don't have enough employees to service the dining room. Hopeful they can keep the door open. Supply chain shortage is affecting business.
- **Karen Hartman, Hartman CPA:** Slow time of the year. Some clients who were supposed to get refunds have not received them. About a million people in the country have not received refunds.
- **Kate and Marty W, Marty's Hops & Vines:** Still closed for dining in. Reconfigured our space for distancing requirements. Masks will be required for everyone soon. Trying to open in August for dining but the date is not certain because some equipment has not arrived. Hiring back two employees. Looking to hire more, especially servers and kitchen help.
- **Corless Berry, Chozen4You Boutique:** Business has been growing. \$100 bag sale helped move some merchandise.
- **Terry Owen, Silk Road Textiles,** Anniversary sale was a success. Still wearing masks and that is working out well. Up to seven employees. Classes are going great. Recommends Goldman-Saks business accelerator program—accepting applications for 2022 program. Send Terry an email at silkroadcincy@gmail.com.
- **Marty Russell, EXP Realty:** Sellers market is still really hot. Low inventory though.
- **Dan Bavis, The Orbit Room:** Looking at splitting space with Red Rose to open a new bar. Creating contracts for review.



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- **Peg Ashkroff, Ohio Living Lanfair:** One person tested positive for COVID so a portion of the building is under quarantine. The rest of a campus is open. Looking for more staff members.
- **Ron Busch, Bacall's Cafe:** Been open seven weeks. Need to hire about 17 more people. Open Tues-Sat, 4-11pm. The response has been great—been very busy.

On-going Business

- **DORA:** Geo Rocco, City of Cincinnati Economic Development. Designated Outdoor Beverage Area (DORA). If you have a liquor license you can sell liquor and patrons can walk around the district with their drink. Other neighborhoods who are a DORA district and it is going well. The city has to approve the designation. The designation would be active for five years and then is up for renewal. Hours of operation Mon-Fri, 5-11, Sat-Sun, 12-11. The hours of operation will be flexible. The boundaries will be on the cup so the customer will know where they are allowed to wander. Management would run through CHRCUR. New employees will maintain picking up litter. Cups are sold at a higher rate to have additional funds to hire police or other maintenance people. The boundaries will be designated marked on sidewalks. A customer can purchase a drink and go to another business who does not have a license. Karen wants to know if the district will need special insurance policy—Geo is not sure. Ron wants to know how many cups one person can purchase. Terry hopes there will be more trash cans. Department of Sanitation has surveyed the avenue and is deciding where to place more cans. Seth says that if DORA is not working we will scale it back or dissolve it. Tina motions to vote in favor of DORA licensing with CHCURC administering. Nine in favor and one abstained.
- More Booklets are out and ready for distribution.