

# **JANUARY 2018: BOARD MEETING –** **Minutes**

Downtown Residents Council



**Date of Meeting:** Monday, January 8, 2018 – 6:00 PM  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Library)

**Board Meeting presided over by:** Gary Bryson

**Attendees:**

Brigid Almaguer, Alan Bunker, Gary Bryson, Sue Byrom, Caitlin Douglas, Tim Nolan, Dennis O'Connor, Victoria Pershick, Andrew Reiss, Ginnie Schlosser, John Stringer, and Melissa Ullman. Guest of Andy Reiss for a few minutes of the meeting was Doug Frick.

**Not Attending:**

Brenda Shawver, Mary Jacobs

**Items for Discussion/Action:**

- Recording Secretary Vacancy: Gary Bryson nominated/moved that Board member Alan Bunker serve as the DRC Recording Secretary; seconded by Sue Byrom; motion passed.
- Nominating Committee/Board Member Elections: Gary reported that Brenda Shawver will be stepping down from the Board in 2018. Gary will contact Rose Emory to find out if she will remain on the Board. Tim Nolan will remain on the Board. Having served as the DRC Events Chair for three consecutive years, Brigid Almaguer announced that she is stepping down from that role. Gary Bryson's and Sue Byrom's terms as President and Vice-President (respectively) are ending. The April election will fill the roles. Sue Byrom would like to discuss a change in the DRC constitution (after the next election) that would allow members to serve more than the current three consecutive years. Serving as the Nominating Committee, Tim Nolan and Caitlin Douglas will seek nominations for the Board from the membership.
- DRC Dues Policy: Melissa Ullman began the discussion about inequity in dues between single and family membership. She proposed a dues increase to \$25 for a family membership to bring closer parity to the individual membership and not simply to raise dues to increase DRC revenue. Others joined in the discussion and expressed the opinion that there is no need to raise dues unless valid reasons for raising them can be supported. Gary read from the new dues policy specifically regarding dates of renewal.
- Piatt Park Takedown: Sue Byrom reported that ribbons have been removed but 4 or 5 more volunteers will be needed this Saturday (11/13) at 11:00 a.m. to remove the garland.
- Rothenberg Elementary: Ginnie Schlosser reported that the DRC 'Adopt-A-School' program for Rothenberg students and staff was successful due to the generosity of so many people. She was thanked for her work.
- Shillito's Display/Algin Furniture: The owner of Algin Furniture has asked the DRC to help bring the old Shillito Christmas Elves Season window display back to Cincinnati. The display's owner will no longer display it in Mariemont. Caitlin Douglas will work with the display's owner and Algin Furniture to determine if it can be moved to Algin Furniture.
- February Speaker: Ginnie Schlosser provided more information about the February general membership meeting that will feature an hour long active shooter training. The DRC has paid \$500 for the speaker. The social following the training will begin at 7:15.
- DRC Succession Training: Gary mentioned the need for new people to fill the roles and offices in the DRC. Contact Sue Byrom for further information.
- Additional Topics: Gary asked Board members to respond to him regarding the recent request for new crosswalk locations and enhanced crosswalk 'paddle' locations

downtown. He will forward them to the city. Gary also mentioned the DRC's formal objection regarding the liquor license. Caitlin Douglas has a possible membership meeting speaker. She asked all to get speaker ideas to her and Melissa.

**Next Board meeting date:** Monday, February 12, 2018