

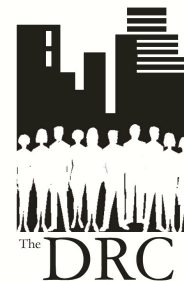
## **JANUARY 2018 – MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES** Downtown Residence Council, Inc.

**Date:** JANUARY 9, 2018 @ 6:00pm

**Place:** Public Library, 800 Vine Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Tower Room

### **Welcome**

Gary Bryson thanked Rose Emory for her service as Secretary; Bridged Almag arranged the Holiday Party; Ginnie Schlosser for spearheading the Rothenb donations; and Sue Byrom for handling the decorating of Piatt Park.



### **New Members**

Patti Clancy  
Lydia & Kevin Conner  
Staci Jenkins  
Janice & Ron Newbold  
Teri Reed  
Staci & David Seuberling  
Christa Zielke

### **Monthly Reports**

#### **Cincinnati Police Department**

Captain Mike Neville sought the majority opinion of attendees regarding the possible disposition of a person who will be on trial tomorrow (January 9th). Members voted to have the plea and its guaranteed year in prison rather than risk a trial decision. In response to a member's question, the Captain also described the lawful procedure for using a crosswalk. He also reported that the number of auto accidents in Downtown was down from the previous year.

**Fire Department** – Fireman Sam Miller thanked the DRC for the fruit baskets provided to their firehouse. He spoke of the need to properly select space heaters and use them safely.

### **Speakers**

- Steven Hampton, Director of the Brewery District Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, described his organization's efforts to spur residential and commercial development in the OTR, particularly north of Liberty Street, including the establishment of a Brewing Heritage Trail opening in spring of 2018.
- Matthew Wachterhauser, Health and Wellness Director of the YWCA Fitness Center at 9th and Walnut, described the Y's facilities which include a large salt water pool, running track, basketball court and other fitness features. He offered discounted fees to DRC members.

### **Old Business**

- A motion to approve the November 2017 Meeting minutes was made by Chris Smith, seconded by Andrew Reiss and passed by the members. (Note: The DRC Holiday party replaced the December membership meeting. Hence, there were no December meeting minutes to record and approve.)
- Gary Bryson described changes to the February meeting. Instead of the usual meeting format, an hour-long Active Shooter Training session will be held for the attendees.

### **New Business**

- Sue Byrom announced that several vacancies will occur on the DRC Board and asked those who might be interested in filling them to contact her. Board nomination will occur in March followed by voting in April. Sue also mentioned that the removal of the remaining decorations at Piatt Park will occur Saturday, January 13, weather permitting. She thanked Ginnie Schlosser

and her husband for removing a significant amount of the decorations the week before. An article about the decorated Piatt Park was recently published in the Enquirer.

### **Reports**

- **Events Committee** – Gary Bryson reminded members of the DRC's **After Meeting Social** at Americano Burger Bar.
- **Clean, Green and Safe Committee** – Alan Bunker (see attached)
- **Treasurer's Report** – John Stringer (see attached) **Beginning Balance** as of 12/01/2017 – **\$15,910.04** and **Ending Balance** as of 12/31/2017 – **\$11, 673.80**, (Expenses: \$348.27/ Income: \$421.37; detailed copy of treasury report available upon request)
- **President's Report** – Gary Bryson reported that Macy's Closing Sale will begin this week. He thanked Macy's for their support of the DRC over the years. The city is seeking suggestions for locating new crosswalks and strengthening existing ones with crossing 'paddles'. Please send your suggestions to Gary and he will forward them to City Hall. He also mentioned that changes are being made to when Dues are to be paid. Details will be sent out in a few days.

### **Announcements** (All non-political items are welcome)

Chris Smith – The Main Library will have several programs for the public during February's Black History Month.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

# CLEAN, GREEN AND SAFE COMMITTEE

Report to the DRC Board Meeting of January 8, 2018 by Alan Bunker, Committee Chairperson

November 13, 2017 -- Purchased and planted 15 perennial 'on sale' plants for the Path. Also performed minor weeding and litter pick-up.

December 3, 2017 -- Cleared out poison ivy vines overhanging south end of the Path and also cut down numerous shrub and small tree stumps. A minor amount of litter was also removed. Vandalism of the plants or the site continues to be a non-issue.

January 4, 2018 -- With Gary Bryson, I attended the Safe/Clean/Beautiful Committee monthly meeting of Downtown Cincinnati Incorporated (DCI). Items reported and discussed included:

1 -- A description of the city's 2018 Snow Removal plan by Jarrod Bolden. The city works with the Ambassadors to keep the street corners as passable as possible for pedestrians. Snow is often removed from the streets rather than remaining in piles along the sidewalks or curbs. Much of the work cannot proceed, however, until the snow has stopped falling.

2 -- A Site Selectors Convention will be held in mid-March. DCI will work with agencies/partners to make downtown look good for those who will be checking out the city for possible development/business opportunities.

3 -- There was much discussion on the process for submitting comments (as the DRC does) regarding the approval of liquor permits in the city.

4 -- The plan for addressing the panhandling issue and the Third Street issue is moving forward through the City Manager's office. A solution involving partners and funding should emerge this spring.

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## Treasurer's Monthly Summary Report for December 2017

Column1	DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	PURPOSE	EXPENSES	RECEIVED	SOURCE	TYPE	BALANCE
<b>Year to Date Total</b>	12/1/17				\$11,843.09	\$13,342.55			\$15,910.04
	12/10/17	600	Sue Byrom	Piatt park - scissors	\$11.77				\$15,898.27
	12/10/17	601	Mary Jacobs	Ambassador Recognition	\$77.70				\$15,820.57
	12/15/17	602	Brigid Almaguer	Prime C DRC Member Holiday Party	\$3,675.50				\$12,145.07
	12/15/17	603	Gary Bryson	Piatt Park Ribbons. Business Mem copies	\$40.61		IIN		\$12,104.46
	12/27/17					\$140.00	memberdues chks	F&LWright(H),MBerry(I),K&CMiller(H), PClancy(I),R&JNewbold(H),AHeimert(H), PlumStCafe(B)	\$12,244.46
	12/15/17					\$112.34	memberdues paypal	Hegysei(H),Daniels(I),Preece(I),Turner(I), Heskamp(I),Libby(I),Zielke(I)	\$12,356.80
	12/19/17			Deposited by GB		\$80.00	memberdues chks	4th&ElmStorage(B),M&DAnderson(H), KHiggins(I),LSprague(I)	\$12,436.80
	12/19/17					\$25.00	Fundraiser	Higgins25,	\$12,461.80
	12/26/17	604	West Bend Insurance		\$788.00		NSP		\$11,673.80
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<b>Year to Date Total</b>	12/31/17				\$16,436.67	\$13,699.89			\$11,673.80
<b>Year to Date Net</b>	12/31/17					-\$2,736.78			