

MARCH 2018 – MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES Downtown Residents Council, Inc.

Date: MARCH 13, 2018 @ 6:00pm

Place: Public Library, 800 Vine Street, 3rd Floor, Tower Room

Welcome

Gary Bryson opened the meeting and welcomed new members.

New Members

Jennifer Corey
Dale Johnson
Christian Rahe



Monthly Reports

Cincinnati Police Department

Captain Mike Neville introduced his superior officer, Lt. Col. Paul Neudigate who explained his duties and means of solving crime through a community-based approach. As a result, there has been a decrease in shootings in the last two years and 60% fewer arrests than in 2000. He emphasized that he and his staff will continue to seek community feedback, work with agencies and remain transparent as they address quality of life issues.

Fire Department – Fireman Dan Miller announced that the department recruitment test will occur in April; also in April, the Cincinnati Fire Museum will hold an open house to provide school students the opportunity to learn of fire department history, fire safety and equipment use.

Speakers

- Dave Spalding and Lee Groh of Turner Construction Company described the plan for the downtown Kroger's and the status of the construction project. Besides the store, the building will include residential apartments and parking. They expect the garage to be open in February of 2019, the store in the summer of 2019 and the apartments in the autumn of 2019.
- Doug Moorman of Development Strategies Group described his company's plans for the redevelopment of the Provident Bank Building on Seventh Street. The \$38 million dollar project will include 160 apartments and commercial space. Work at the site will begin May or June of this year.
- David Siders of the Hamilton County Public Library described his new role with the library as the Civic Engagement Coordinator. In general, his duties will include partnering with people through the libraries many branches to provide opportunities for local residents to learn of county-wide issues and to express their views and concerns. The library has 41 locations in the county. 80% of households likely have library cards. Circulation of library materials has increased. A 10 mil levy to improve all branches of the library will be on the May ballot.

Old Business

- A motion to approve the February 2018 Meeting minutes was made by Andrew Reiss, seconded by Chris Smith and passed by the members.
- Sue Byrom announced that nominees for the three vacancies on the DRC Board have been secured and their bios are available for review. They are: Lisa Sprague, Mary Heimert, and Christian Rahe. Tim Nolan, a current Board member, will be serving another term. Voting on the nominations will occur at the April meeting.

New Business

No new business announced.

Reports

- **Events Committee** – Brigid Almaguer reminded the members of the DRC's After Meeting Social at Zeblong Pizza, 23 E. Sixth Street.
- **Clean, Green and Safe Committee** – Alan Bunker described a potential 'green' improvement project for this year. Activity will continue in 2018 to improve and maintain the Path to the Taft. He will send out a notice to members of dates, locations and duties of projects for the volunteers' consideration. His written report will be posted with the meeting minutes on the DRC website.
- **Treasurer's Report** – John Stringer **Beginning Balance** as of 01/01/2018 – **\$11,673.80** and **Ending Balance** as of 02/28/2018 – **\$11, 809.17**, (Expenses: \$1,204.39/Income: \$1,339.76; detailed copy of treasury report available upon request).
- **President's Report** – Gary Bryson thanked the meeting's speakers and then called for announcements.

Announcements (All non-political items are welcome)

Chris Smith of the Main Library announced that a St. Patrick's Day program will be held at 11:00 a.m. March 17th on the third floor. Also, a display on the history of beer making in Cincinnati from 1806 through 2018 is on the third floor and will remain through May.

Victoria Perschick mentioned that the 'Thank You' notes, received by Ginnie Schlosser for her DRC's work with Rothenberg Elementary at Christmas, were on the back table for members' review.

A representative from the DownTowne Listening Room (DTLR) announced that Balcony TV, a new internet music video channel, will be filming great local acts in live outdoor performances on the rooftop of the Renaissance apartments.

Jackie Bryson asked for volunteers to be at O'Malley's and Knock-Back on Sunday night, March 18th to interact with the attendees of a pub crawl. The pub crawl patrons are meeting planners who select sites (cities) for conventions.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 2018

CLEAN, GREEN AND SAFE COMMITTEE – Report for the DRC Board Meeting of March 12, 2018, by Alan Bunker, Chairperson.

February 15, 2018 – Met with representatives of Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) regarding possible assistance in painting retaining wall along the Path to the Taft.

February 26, 2018 through March 12, 2018 – Picked up numerous small bags of trash along the Path to the Taft, the Purple People Bridge (PPB) and Friendship Park.

March 1, 2018 – Discussed possible downtown clean-up sites for DRC's Clean, Green and Safe Committee with representatives of Downtown Cincinnati Incorporated (DCI).

March 2, 2018 – Assessed needs of Ohio entrance to Purple People Bridge (PPB) for possible DRC maintenance project in 2018.

March 7, 2018 – Assessed needs of Skate Board Park on Fifth Street between Plum and Elm Streets for possible DRC clean-up project.

March 10, 2018 – Several members of the DRC reported participation in the clean-up of the Cincinnati Parks along the river following the recent flood.

Treasurer's Monthly Summary Report for February 2018

Column1	DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	PURPOSE	EXPENSES	RECEIVED	SOURCE	TYPE	BALANCE
Year to Date Total	1/2/18				\$658.36	\$1,008.20			\$12,023.64
	2/12/18	611	CBA Training &TC	Presentation at DRC 2/13/18 meeting	\$500.00				\$11,523.64
	2/28/18	612	Jackie Bryson	ist Responder recognition	\$46.03				\$11,477.61
	2/28/18					\$176.56	membership Paypal	Ach(H), Governati(H), Burgess(H), Gay(B), Painter(H), Rehe(H), Trebes(B), Corry(I)	\$11,654.17
	2/28/18					\$45.00	membership cash	Johnson(I), Williams(I), Bryen(I)	\$11,699.17
	2/28/18					\$110.00	membership chks	Beyersdorfer(I), Koon(I), Engle(H), Shaver(I), Hiles(I), SycamorePtrns(B),	\$11,809.17
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Year to Date Total	2/28/18				\$1,204.39	\$1,339.76			\$11,809.17
Year to Date Net	2/28/18					\$135.37			