APRIL 2017 – MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING–Minutes **Downtown Residence Council, Inc.**

Date: April 11, 2017 @ 6:00pm

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

Welcome: Gary Bryson

Announced Susan Lennard's passing, notice will be sent on Memo

Introduction of New Members (Gary Bryson)

Residents:
Doug & Tricia Lynn
Laura Hemmingway
Michael Elliott

Monthly Reports:

Cincinnati Police Department – Captain Mike Neville
Positive feedback regarding police on foot patrol and bikes, decline in crimes and activity
Drug dealer apprehended, attorney requested lesser offense, may need DRC & residents support…

Cincinnati Fire Department – Daniel? – Broadway station
350 runs currently/386 overdoses – March/815 for quarter; highest area of usage Price Hill & Springdale
Spring Cleaning – Reminder to check smoke detectors monthly/Change batteries
Clean laundry dryer hose & lint traps (fire hazard)
Careful when using extension cords, not meant to be permanent
Plan & practice an emergency evacuation – be prepared! https://www.fema.gov/ for more info

Ambassadors Report – Carlos Davis
Opening Day Parade – Success/street cleaned timely manner afterwards
Transients (not from Cincy) decline subsequent abuse treatment, but purchase drugs here
No arrests unless they're found with drug paraphernalia
Consistent report that drug issues are down

Speakers:

Judge Kurt Kissinger – Hamilton County Municipal Court, Room 124**, 513-946-5138** (Concerns, please call)
2 years downtown resident, Sycamore Place
Handles misdemeanor crimes that affect us; criminal trust past, domestic violence, shop lifting, robberies, etc.
Unresolved issues – limited ability to hold offenders long enough to get them help they need for drug treatment
Jails overcrowded (capacity 1240/last count over 1421)/ constant battle with limited resources (female/men)
180 days Maximum jail time/treatment not very successful/Casey's Law – not utilized often
Many mental health issues/some folks don't want treatment/encourages detox before coming to court
Changes in DUI/OBI Laws – increase penalties for 1st time offender – will see a lot more same offenders
Body camera – many issues – subject to discovery/timeliness is not good

Housing Ordinance – limited resources

Concerns why offenders are let go without discussing with the judge who placed them in confinement

Positive Success Story is AIW, which are women who made it through the program and achieved their goals

Recommend talking to youth and educate them on the dangers of drugs, etc. – early intervention

Bob Mecum – Consultant

With 3CDC to work with downtown businesses and residents to analyze panhandling issues and find a way

The goal is to reduce or eliminate/will gauge attitudes and perceptions with a survey

Gary Bryson will email the survey for all residents to complete and return, asap

On completion of surveys the data will be consolidated and shared with the organizations to work strategies

Bob has benchmarked this type of issue in other major cities

The work that's been started in Cincinnati, thus far will be implemented into these efforts

Ambassadors will play a major part in this endeavor, to engage visitors to the city and the panhandler

Partnering with DCI, Chamber of Commerce, DRC and OTR organizations

Suggestion to add: OTR Community Council and Pendleton Neighborhood organizations

Mark Antrobus – Keep Cincinnati Beautiful – n/a

Old Business

- Approval of **March 2017** Minutes
  - 1st Rick Dieringer 2nd Chris Smith All in favor – No opposed

New Business

- Recognized Mike Glotfelter and his work with DRC, who term is expiring
- Voting Rights for Members who do not live within DRC geographic boundaries – Approved
  - 1st Chris Smith 2nd Craig Hudson 45 in favor – No opposed
- Nominating Committee Slate of Candidates
  - Gary Bryson, Sue Byrom, Cate Douglas, Mary Jacobs & Dennis O'Connor
- Floor Nominations
  - No nominations from the floor
- Election of Trustees (Board Members) – Approved
  - 1st Barb Smurda 2nd John Stringer 49 in favor – No opposed

Reports:

Events Committee – Brigid Almaguer

DRC Social: Tues., April 11th Pi Pizza following the Member Meeting extended Happy Hour $ for bar only

Clean, Green and Safe – Al Bunker (no updates)

Treasurer Report – John Stringer

(March Beg. Balance $14,937.35: Expenses – $21.24/Received – $1,232.88 Ending Balance $16,148.99)

President's report – Gary Bryson (no updates)

Announcements All non-political items are welcome

Tom Thinnes – Reminder to register for Breakfast Series on May 10th at Masonic Temple (CBP Director)

James – manages Fido Field, it's been cleaned up, added bike path, encouraged taking your pets

Ed Ratterman – Brewery District – Findlay Market Beer Garden is open

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2017
Website: www.livedowntown.com

Treasurer's Monthly Summary Report for December 2016

Column1	DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	PURPOSE	EXPENSES	RECEIVED	SOURCE	TYPE	BALANCE
Year to Date Total	3/1/17				$64.67	$591.44			$14,937.35
	3/8/17	567	Ohio Secretary of State	Not for Profit Filing Fee		$30.00	memberdues chks	Queen City History and Ed	$14,967.35
	3/8/17	568	Gary Bryson	DCR meeting photocopies		$750.00	IIN 2017		$15,717.35
	3/14/17	569	Cappels	Reissue of check cut and accounted for in 2016 $34.20		$15.35	memberdues paypal	LJacobs	$15,732.70
	3/14/17	570	Brenda Shawver	Homeless Coalition "Buckets"	$21.24		IIN 2017		$15,711.46
	3/16/17					$175.00	memberdues chks	Uhl,Koon,Almaguer,Hemingway,Nelson, J&MWellinghoff,D&GBishop, LLoydLibrary, CincinnatiArtsAssoc	$15,886.46
	3/16/17					$50.00	memberdues cash	Elliot,Bergen,D&Tlynn	$15,936.46
	3/31/17					$117.53	memberdues paypal	Stetson,Ach,T&GSchlosser,Baylor,Bond, Reiss	$16,053.99
	3/31/17					$75.00	memberdues chks	Smurda,Wichman,B&MTurk,Davis	$16,128.99
	3/31/17					$20.00	memberdues cash	Byerly	$16,148.99
Year to Date Total	4/1/17				$85.91	$1,824.32			$16,148.99
Year to Date Net	4/1/17					$1,738.41			