

JUNE 2017 – MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING-MINUTES Downtown Residence Council, Inc.

Date: June 13, 2017 @ 6:00pm

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

Welcome: Gary Bryson

Introduction of New Members – Gary Bryson

Residents:

Bob Rinaldi

Louis & Ellen Ross

Businesses:

BurgerFi (offer 10% discount with DRC card)

Monthly Reports:

Cincinnati Fire Department – Lt. Miller

In May, there were 357 runs of which 297 were medical runs

Downtown is still a hot zone for heroin abuse

Roy Winston is Cincinnati's new Fire Chief

Fire works safety is paramount around the 4th of July holiday — legally there can be none in City limits

Cincinnati Police Department – Captain Mike Neville

Panhandling signs on hold but they are they working on other ways to communicate - stay tuned.

The process for addressing vagrancy is hampered because it cannot legally be stopped on government property but the issue can be addressed on private property. "No Trespassing" signs can be placed on space if it is designated unsafe. He also stated 80% of homeless are not on the street panhandling. The issue is with the other 20% whose cardboard signs asking for money feed their drug habits and should read "help me die".

Captain Neville then introduced P.O. Tim Epstein and P.O. Johnie Harris who are beginning a "Good Neighbor Process". Problem liquor sellers can be asked not to sell items like drug paraphernalia and to sign good neighbor agreement. If they do not comply, the police can then object to the renewal of their liquor license.

Speakers:

Yvette Simpson, Cincinnati City Council

The City has a projected \$26M deficit this year and \$20M next year

Asked that budget system concerns around this year's budget be sent to her this week — Council will vote next week

Also discussed issues like the new Kroger store planned for Central Parkway and Walnut, heroin problems and that a heroin task force being planned

Anne K. Gray, Education Specialist, Rumpke Waste and Recycling

Rumpke will arrange tours of their recycling facility on Vine St in St Bernard and land fill in Colerain

Discussed plastic items that can be recycled, primarily plastic bottle or jugs (defined as a container where the top of container needs to be smaller than base)

Biggest no no: absolutely NO plastic grocery bags



Old Business

Approval of **May 2017** Minutes Motion - Craig Hudson; Second - MaryJacobs,
Passed unanimously

New Business

n/a

Reports:

Events Committee – Brigid Almaguer

DRC Social: Bauer Farm Kitchen 435 Elm Street @ 7:15 pm – 9 pm

Clean, Green and Safe – Al Bunker

Path to the Taft planting completed by Alan and Mary Bunker

Treasurer Report – John Stringer

Beginning Balance for May \$12,280.64: Expenses \$2,401.97/Received \$585.23=Ending Balance \$10,463.90;
Detailed copy available upon request

Announcements All non-political items are welcome

New Member Initiative with brochure and poster in process

Cocktails and Crown Jewels 6:30 to 8:30 on Thursdays nights when Peds not in town thru 9/7

3CDC needs help on Friday nights at Washington Park and Fountain Square

Paragon Salon - 15% discount for DRC members Mon. thru Wed. (must show membership card)

Meal cards for downtown available

Downtown Listening Room at Shillito Loft

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 2017