



**Date:** August 14, 2018 @ 6:00pm

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

### Welcome

President Sue Byrom opened the meeting and welcomed everyone attending and recognized the new Household Members: Judy Ballantine, Jeff Hirsh, Lois and Steve Amy and Bob Boesenberg, and Brian Klein.

### Monthly Reports

#### **Cincinnati Police Department**

Captain Mike Neville reported that the momentum from last month regarding the homeless encampments resulted in the development of a humane process for moving the camps off of public property. Any new camp will be handled in the same way by local officials. Panhandlers can still panhandle. Captain Neville used emails, photos, etc. of the encampments from citizens in his sworn affidavit to the courts to get the removal process started. A court hearing on the continuance of the process is planned.

A flock of 'Bird' scooters arrived in town before local laws/regulations regarding the riding of them were in place. They should be finalized within 60 days.

The police are looking into several complaint of noise (loud music) coming from a downtown restaurant.

#### **Cincinnati Fire Department**

No representative in attendance and no report.

#### **Downtown Ambassadors**

Derek Chance reported that he recently enrolled 10 homeless individuals into housing, making the total 40 thus far for the year. He also reported on the progress of the 513 Van Program. Supported by DCI, City Gospel, 3CDC and others, the program offers panhandlers daily cash wages for picking up litter in the city. Participants are picked up and transported by a van to and from the worksites, provided a lunch and some counseling. They work six hours per day and five days per week.

### Speakers

- Derek Scacchetti of Urban Rangers had to cancel his appearance at the meeting.
- Tim Swallow of Cincy World Cinema was not at the meeting but Chris Smith, Hamilton County Library Historian and DRC member spoke in Tim Swallow's place about Cincy Worlds Cinema. The theatre occupies the old Shakespeare Theater building. It boasts 167 new seats and will open August 17. It is the first movie theater in Cincinnati since 1991.

### Old Business

- A motion to approve the July 2018 Meeting minutes was made by Rick Dieringer, seconded by Lisa Sprague and unanimously passed.

### New Business

- No new business

### Reports

- **Events Committee, Mary Heimert** - Announced the DRC Social immediately following the meeting at the Spoon & Cellar. Mary also described planned socials for the rest of the year.

- **Clean, Green and Safe Committee** - Alan Bunker described the brief activity during the past month and that the report was available for reading on the DRC website.
- **Treasurer's Report, John Stringer - Beginning Balance as of 06/30/18 - \$11,346.92 and Ending Balance as of 07/31/18 - \$10,516.46**
- **President's Report** - Sue Byrom mentioned that she will serve on a panel with others discussing the city's homeless issue hosted by WCPO television. She will also serve on a city government sponsored Task Force to address the problem although no date for the first meeting has been set by the city. Sue also announced that some Board vacancies will be coming up and asked for members' consideration in serving on the Board.
- **Announcements** (*All non-political items are welcome*)

Jackie Bryson described the planned Ambassadors' Appreciation Party that will be held October 16th at the Reserve. She has requested donations from DRC members and businesses for checks, food and beverages, and gift cards. About six DRC members will be on site to serve and clean-up after the party which will be held exclusively for the Ambassadors.

Caitlin Douglas of Downtown Cincinnati Inc. (DCI) announced the issuance of her organization's 2018 Perceptions Survey that gathers suggestions for improving downtown. Caitlin also announced DCI's sponsorship of the *Tour of Living*, October 13 from Noon until 5:00 p.m. Views of 18 (thus far) apartments and condominiums will be available. Volunteers will be needed.

The 708 Gallery will have an Open House September 7th.

Art and live jazz will be featured at the T.M. Berry Pavilion September 15th.

The Hamilton County Public Library will show the documentary September 4th. The Pioneer Cemetery on Wilmer Avenue (across from Lunken Field) will host an anniversary celebration from 10 to 2.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 6:43 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.**