

**SEPT 2018 – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.**



**Board members who are unable to attend:** Ginnie Schlosser

**Date:** Sept. 10, 2018 @ 6:00pm

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

- 1 – Caitlin Douglas provided an update on the Tour of Living Downtown on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. The DRC will provide a table on Fountain Square to answer questions from those going on the tour.
- 2 -- Clean, Green and Safe report by Alan Bunker was provided online.
- 3 – Changes to DRC Constitution (ATTACHED) regarding terms of office were discussed and approved by the Board. A vote by the membership will take place at Tuesday's meeting.
- 4 – Mary Heimert reported on progress of the Ambassador Appreciation Event, October 16, 5-8pm, at The Reserve on Fourth. Donations are expected to exceed the amount needed to give each Ambassador a \$40 gift card, as well as door prizes, etc.
- 5 -- NSP funds: Less than \$200 remains to be spent from this fund.
- 6 -- IIN funds of approximately \$750 are available for community spending. \$500 will be designated for two Mutt Mitt stations and the remaining \$200 on the annual Post Office Box fee.
- 7 -- Recruiting new board members was discussed with trustees encouraged to think of possible board members, as several are leaving the board in the next year.
8. President Sue Byrom will ask for members to acknowledge the victims and first responders of the mass shooting at Fountain Square at Tuesday's meeting.

**Next Meeting: Monday, Oct. 8, 2018**

**CLEAN, GREEN AND SAFE COMMITTEE**

Report to the DRC Board Meeting of September 10, 2018, by Alan Bunker, Chairperson.

August 17 through August 29, 2018 - Weeded along the Path and the entrance to the Purple People Bridge (PPB) several times. Small amounts of trash were also collected.

September 6, 2018 - Attended Safe/Clean Committee meeting at Downtown Cincinnati Inc.:

Because of the shooting incident near Fountain Square earlier in the morning, a police department representative was not in attendance to provide a report.

Chico of the Outreach Program moved nine homeless/panhandlers into housing this past month. The 513 Program continues to provide temporary employment to panhandlers while offering social services to its participants.

Shelly Fuller described some changes to the Ambassadors' service methods: They will be increasing their attention to the grime issue by quickly spot-washing sidewalk spills with a small washer attached to a tri wheeled bike rather than wait for a significant number of spills to appear. A small 'paint wagon' will be used to support the painting of fire hydrants and to cover/remove graffiti. 30 Ambassadors work seven days per week. 120 new flower pots will be installed in time for next spring. The pots are tall enough to discourage people from sitting on them. Third Street has been washed in anticipation of Oktoberfest; leaf clean-up will start shortly.

Gary Bryson of the DRC reported that the Ambassadors' appreciation party will be held October 16th at the Reserve. He also mentioned that a DRC member provides a 'Goodie Basket' of healthy snack food to the fire house on 9th street every six to eight weeks in appreciation for the public service. Alan Bunker reported on a Smale Park Advisory Board member's request for increased police presence from 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. at the Schmidtlapp Event Lawn. During the summer, transients were observed sitting, drinking, and sleeping on the event stage and near the park elevator and playground. The police have removed several small groups over the summer months but more assistance at night from the police and park security would be appreciated. Chico Lockart asked to be notified of the transients frequenting this site.

Downtown neighborhood Sector leaders reported that things are somewhat quiet since the homeless camps have been disbanded.

Maslow's Army has been provided a new location on the Sycamore Street side of the Justice Center for their food distribution. The Cincinnati Homeless Coalition is challenging the latest ruling to determine the definition of a 'filled shelter', (e.g., 80%?, 90%?, 100%?) and thus when outdoor encampment can be allowed. Tender Mercies will be developing permanent supportive housing in the old YMCA in the West End over the next two years.

Other notes: A Chilifest will occur at the Fire Museum October 6th, Noon to 11:00 p.m.; 'Bird' scooters' continue to draw the city's attention and citations are being issued for improper use such as riding them (and Red Bikes) on the sidewalks; the Downtown Living Tour will occur October 13th.; authorities are working with the owners of an establishment at 920 Race Street to curb the late night noise; meeting attendees were reminded about completing the DCI survey by September 30th.

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# **CONSTITUTION OF THE DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS COUNCIL**

*Last amended and approved at DRC Members' Meeting Sept. 11, 2018*

## **IV. MEMBERSHIP**

- A. MEMBERS. Voting membership shall be available to any individual who is a resident within the geographic boundaries of the organization and that such membership shall not be denied any individual in violation of any local, state or federal statutes. Voting membership may be extended to nonresident property owners, representatives of businesses and others as determined by a vote of members who reside within the geographic boundaries of the organization at the annual meeting each year.
- B. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. Honorary membership may from time to time be bestowed by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees upon a person who has rendered outstanding service or interest in the Downtown Residents' Council. Such honorary member shall have all the rights and privileges of a member.

## **VII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- A. NUMBER OF TRUSTEES. The management of the organization, its affairs, finances and property shall be entrusted to a Board of Trustees consisting of no fewer than nine and no more than seventeen. Residents of the area of operations shall comprise at least a majority of the board.
- B. TERMS. Trustees shall serve for two-year terms or until their successors are elected and qualified. No trustee shall serve for more than three consecutive two-year terms in the same capacity. In order to maintain a continuity on the Board of Trustees the composition of that board shall be structured so that no more than six trustees are elected at each election.

## **VIII. OFFICERS**

- A. The officers of the organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer and who shall serve as such officers for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. No officer shall serve in the same capacity for more than two consecutive two-year terms.