

## **SEPTEMBER 2016 – MONTHLY MEMBER**

**Date: September 13, 2016 @ 6:00pm**

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

**Welcome: Gary Bryson**

**Introduction of New Members** (Melissa Ullman)  
Shirley Scherzinger – Eagle Realty Group  
Carolyn White

### **Monthly Reports:**

Cincinnati Police Department – **Capt. Mike Neville**

Channel 9 reports regarding radio runs and issues around library – quoted 500 runs 3 ½ yrs. was overstated

The police are aware of situations and currently working on it; Captain Neville said they need about month before they can give status.

The streetcar started; which Captain Neville's group owns its safety

Riverfest (2 incidents: one shooting for which the people knew each other and 2<sup>nd</sup> shooting – case is being worked.

Cases of Break and Entering; everyone is warned to be more careful to not leave personal belongings visible

Biggest challenge is heroin epidemic. If you see drug deals, please call communication at Police station

Rules of panhandles: ordinance/laws changed (based on Federal Court order), law enforcement has loss power

If panhandlers are aggressive, then it's a crime and you must call 911, it will be analyzed, remember to note the location where it happened

There are laws about where homeless can sleep – police must follow protocol

### **Speakers:**

**Kelly Adamson**, Director of Development  
Strategies to End Homelessness (STEH) [kadamson@end-homelessness.org](mailto:kadamson@end-homelessness.org) 513-263-2785

[www.Strategiestoendhomelessness.org](http://www.Strategiestoendhomelessness.org)

Project – most panhandles are not homeless

661 families in emergency shelters

Many coming from Kentucky due to our services

Awareness – getting the word out

Panhandling laws are complicated

Encourage people to donate to STEH cause instead of giving directly to people begging for money – it keeps them from seeking a solution to their situation.

STEH – want to inspire next steps and educate folks

**Kit Andrews**, Director of Individual Giving – Art Works – [www.ArtWorksCincinnati.org](http://www.ArtWorksCincinnati.org)

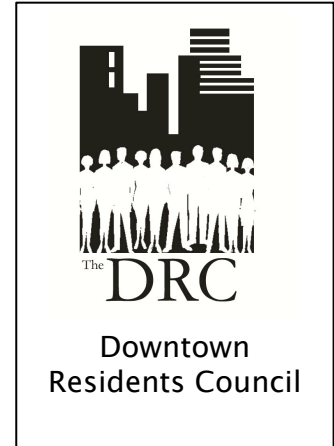
513-333-3610

Use public art to help homeless children

133 murals in our city are done by children from impoverished homes

Currently seeking space to create the sculptures

States it's a novel approach, but will change lives



Seeking financial support for project/partnering & investing  
Working on a "roundup" initiative for parking meters that will be donated to homeless program  
Rick Dieringer encourages DRC support the project with our NSP funds – which will be discussed at later time  
90% of people holding signs stating they are homeless are not homeless  
Fact that some who actually work are one-step away from being homeless

Jennifer North, Regional Field Organizer for Cincinnati's AARP – no show

### **Old Business**

Approval of **August** Minutes

1<sup>st</sup> Rick Dieringer

2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Lennard

**Approval of Amendments to DRC Constitution** (See attached)

(Purpose to bring the current operations into focus)

1<sup>st</sup> Craig Hudson

2<sup>nd</sup> Kurt Grossman

Passed unanimously

### **New Business**

Decorating Platt Park for Holidays November 19 11am-1pm partner with First Covenant Church

**Approval of proposed Community Budget Requests** (see attached)

1<sup>st</sup> Lee Jennings

2<sup>nd</sup> – Rick Dieringer

### **Reports:**

**Events Committee** – Brigid Almaguer (Corkopolis 640 Main Street)

Next DRC Social Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> to Findlay Market – Eli BBQ/Wine Garden

**Clean, Green and Safe** – Craig Hudson

**Treasurer Report** – John Stringer receipts: \$4,851.80; expenses - 436.09; balance \$15,73.54

**President's report** – Gary Bryon

### **October Speakers: (Rick Dieringer)**

Carol Baden – Ohio Attorney General office

### **Announcements** (All non-political items are welcome)

Streetcar Tours partnering with local restaurants [www.cincinnatifoodtours.com](http://www.cincinnatifoodtours.com) or 513-602-5602

Sebastian Rey, CEO Inner Peace Holistic Center [www.rey@sebastianrey.com](http://www.rey@sebastianrey.com) or

[www.innerpeacecenter.net](http://www.innerpeacecenter.net)

Patricia Back, M.D. Email: [drpb@md4meclinic.com](mailto:drpb@md4meclinic.com) 513-766-9014 <http://>

[md4meclinic.com](http://md4meclinic.com)

Chris reference librarian – genealogy (see flyer) Sat. noon-2pm, 22 organizations offer free advice

Jerry (Mgr. Macy's) – VIP sale Wednesday 25% off – coupons

OTR Medium – on board volunteer kick-off event (see brochure)

Cincy Rotary Club – Peace in our City

James Matthews – 5 Appeal 7<sup>th</sup> Street/Eggleston

Julie Carpenter – <http://www.otrmuseum.org/>

Mercantile Library programs <http://new.mercantilelibrary.com/events-calendar/2016-09-22>

Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati kickoff [www.ensemblecincinnati.org](http://www.ensemblecincinnati.org)

Ambassadors will be on duty for Octoberfest

Power-wash 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

Will continue to cover remainder of downtown during the fest

Will use special machine to remove leaves

We need to improve our visibility for DRC  
Identify business downtown and whether they offer discounts, etc.  
If you experience Website errors with [www.livedowntown.com](http://www.livedowntown.com) - refresh page

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 11, 2016

#### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO DRC CONSTITUTION

Change to provide for Monthly Member meetings.  
Currently they are bi-monthly or quarterly.

Change the Annual Meeting from January to April.

Change to allow voting for Trustees by a showing of hands, if the number of candidates nominated are the same or fewer than the number of positions open.

Other technical changes to implement these changes.

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#### Community Budget Requests

Lighting and signage improvements to the path to the Taft Theater.

Electrical rewiring and refurbishing of Piatt Park, to repair inoperable delivery of electricity.

Additional trash cans along the south side of Pete Rose Way; between Eggleston and Adams Crossing.