

October 2018 - MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

Date: October 8, 2018 @ 6:00pm

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



Items for Discussion/Action

- 1 -- Nominating Committee for 2019 Board of Trustees - Alan Bunker Chairman.
- 2 - Piatt Park decorating will take place November 17, 11am-1pm. Al Bunker will organize.
- 3 - Board vacancies. With several positions likely to become open in the next few months, the Board discussed how best to find replacement officers.
- 4 - NSP spending suggestions for 2019 centered around membership education, supplies, etc.
- 5 - IIN remaining funds for 2018 are to be spent on two Mutt Mitts boxes. It was decided to locate them on 2nd and 3rd streets where the mowing has Become difficult due to people not picking up their pet's waste.
- 6 - Update on Ambassadors' Appreciation Event. Mary Heimert announced that over \$1935 has been collected for the event. This will provide a \$50 gift card for each Ambassador, as well as gift bags, raffle prizes, and food for the event. Local businesses' generosity was noted. The event will take place at The Reserve, Tuesday, Oct. 16, from 6-9. Entrees of fried chicken and vegetable lasagna will be provided by Washington Platform. Silver Ladles is also providing food.
- 7 - Lisa Sprague volunteered to walk with any new members to the social at BruBurger after the meeting on Tuesday.
- 8 - Gary Bryson encourage members to join DCI as they partner with DRC on many issues.
- 9-The budget and other details for the Holiday Party were discussed. The decision was made that the event will for members only. The host business is Prime, and we will have the entire restaurant for the occasion. Mary Heimert is working with them on specifics. Because of the party, there will be no December Board or Member meeting.

OTHER REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report - John Stringer Balance 9/30/2018: \$16,367.23
- Clean Green and Safe Committee - Al Bunker; sent by email

CLEAN, GREEN AND SAFE COMMITTEE

Report to the DRC Board Meeting of October 8, 2018, by Alan Bunker, Chairperson.

September 10 through October 7, 2018 - Weeded along the Path and the entrance to the Purple People Bridge (PPB) several times. Small amounts of trash were also collected. The small park on Fifth Street just west of Elm Street and across from the convention center has been cleaned up (likely by city).

October 5, 2018 - Attended Safe/Clean Committee meeting at Downtown Cincinnati Inc. Highlights of the meeting included:

Paula Brehm-Heeger of the Hamilton County Library briefly described the needs of the library's facilities and her efforts to gather the public's opinion regarding them.

Police Captain Neville reported on the Active Shooter Training recently held at the Jack Casino. Follow-up sessions with other participating business will follow. Crime statistics for the downtown area continue to go down from year to year. 'Bird' and 'Lime' scooters' continue to draw the city's attention and citations are being issued for improper use such as riding them on the sidewalks. Minimum citation cost ticket cost is \$100. Compliance with the laws is growing. There is an estimated 400 scooters downtown.

Downtown neighborhood Sector leaders reported that things are somewhat quiet.

Chico Lockhart of the Outreach Program assisted in moving four homeless residents to permanent housing this past month; two requested and were provided assistance to move out of town. Although he is getting more requests for housing, some homeless are still hiding. Chico requested that he be notified of those individuals still camping in the city. The annual homeless count will occur October 9th.

Sarah Sundrup reported that the Ambassadors are power-washing the sidewalks and that leaf clean-up will start shortly. Please continue to let her know where power-washing is needed. No issues with Octoberfest were reported.

Alan and Gary Bryson represented the DRC and reported on the DRC's request to support the purchase and installation of two 'Mutt Mitt' dispensers.

A handout was distributed at the meeting reminding the attendees of the October 13th Downtown Living Tour.

The next meeting is November 1, 2018.

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