



NOVEMBER 2016 – MONTHLY MEMBER Minutes

Date: November 15, 2016 @ 6:00pm

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

Welcome: Sue Byrom

Introduction of New Members (Melissa Ullman)

Residential

Lisa Sprague

Kathy Higgins

Business

MD4ME Inc. (Patricia Back, MD)

Monthly Reports:

Cincinnati Police Department – Sal Tofano sal.tofano@cincinnati-oh.gov

No actual police report

Police on bikes very present this past week

No major issues reported during the trial/ peaceful protests

Questions: none

Comments: police presence was very visible, yet subdued

Cincinnati Fire Department – n/a

Ambassadors Report – Zach Finch

Issues: Graffiti is out of control on outer zones of downtown

Power wash is complete for the year (April – October)

Safety & assist in issues with panhandlers & homeless

Escort service to car; if out in the evening

Clean encampment areas

New project in process – controls for panhandles

Winter project – clean off handrails and If vacant building, will clean walk area

Hotline 513-623-3249 Available:

Social Service Outreach Coordinator – Chico Lockhart

clockhart@blockbyblock.com DCI

Panhandlers laws changed and more lenient

44 people in housing

Homeless count – 63 living in CBD

Dec. 1st – Temporary Homeless Shelter will open for winter

Eyes & Ears – for safety

513-266-7135

Questions: what can be done about homeless sleeping on private property (right of entry to arrest homeless)

Speakers:

Cate Douglas, DCI

2016 Downtown Cincinnati Perceptions Survey (Aug 1 – Sept 30)

Approximately 2500 participated in survey

www.downtowncincinnati.com Go to R Publications (for Survey details)

Overall Impressions: 78% Positive

Areas of interest: Safety/Cleanliness/Walkable/Affordable Parking/ Restaurants

Overwhelming positive response about restaurants

Millennials more engaged with the variety of activities downtown

Questions: Action plan?

Yes, Goals to meet with other groups (ie.: Strategies & Homelessness) to work on major issues downtown.

Kathleen Cail & Nestor Melnyk, Access Cincinnati

www.accesscincinnati.org

Both are parents of children with disabilities

Passionate about informing people what's available and places that accommodate

Desire city is more livable, welcoming & accommodating for people who lives here and visit

Received a grant from the city; focus on bars, restaurants & cafes

The Project

Survey – Areas of interest: Entry/Restrooms/Space

Need help: Kathleen will send out survey (12 questions – 5 mins.)
contact her for more info
Window cling will be on places of business (yellow dot – for cautions)
Hope it will serve as proto-type for bigger project that will be funded

Old Business

Approval of **October 2016** Minutes

1st Lee Jennings 2nd Tim Nolan

Piatt Park Holiday Decorating

If anyone is interested in helping please sign up – Sat. Nov.

11a-1pm

DRC Sponsorship of Families for the Holidays

3 families finalized – pending gift requests, Ginnie S. will send email blast with details/approximately \$25 per child plus a meal

DRC Holiday Party Encouraged to join DRC if not a member

2017 NSP Plan –Motion to Approve

1st Rick Dieringer 2nd John Stringer

Yes #_29 No #__0__

New Business

Paul's Brown's stadium – volunteer for Turkey Trot

Hopple & Co. (Stationary store on Ft. Square) holiday special 15% off one item

Khron's Conservatory (Cincy Parks) 2016 Annual Holiday Show, Nov. 12 – Jan. 8 Daily 10am–5pm/\$1.00 off coupon

Reports:

Events Committee – Brigid Almaguer (**Social:** The Rook in OTR, 1115 Vine St., 2nd floor, next to Ensemble Theater)

Clean, Green and Safe – n/a

Treasurer Report – John Stringer (Oct. Beg. Bal. \$14, 729.26 + \$95 (dues) Ending Bal. \$14,824.26)

President's report – Sue Byrom

Announcements (All non-political items are welcome)

Open House – Library Friends, Sunday, Nov. 20th – 5pm food & beverage 25% discount, feature more used books, etc. New Charly Harper mug (Polly Lacker: friendsofplchmarketing@fuse.net 513-369-6920)

Motion to adjourn: Andy Reiss /Mike Glotfelter

Next Meeting: NO MEMBER MEETING FOR DECEMBER (Only Social at Prime Cincinnati - Dec. 13, 6-8pm)