

MARCH 2018: BOARD MEETING – **Minutes**

Downtown Residents Council

Date of Meeting: Monday, March 12, 2018 – 6:00 PM
(3rd Floor of Library)

Board Meeting called to order by: Gary Bryson

Attendees:

Brigid Almaguer, Alan Bunker, Gary Bryson, Sue Byrom, Caitlin Douglas, Tim Nolan,
Victoria Pershick, Andrew Reiss, and John Stringer

Not Attending:

Brenda Shawver, Mary Jacobs, Ginnie Schlosser and Dennis O'Conner informed the Board in advance of the meeting that they would not be able to attend.

Items for Discussion/Action:

1. FYI about Crosswalks – Gary reported that the city plans to enhance the signage/ safety of the downtown crosswalks on E. Fourth Street near Broadway and along E. Pete Rose Way near the entrance to the Purple People Bridge. The city hopes to get funding for two more crosswalks later this year.
2. Membership Renewals – Dennis O'Connor had recommended to the Board (thru Gary Bryson) that memberships be renewed on the anniversary date of the membership rather than on one date for all members. Dennis also provided the DRC Membership Total Report (attached).
3. Board Officers for 2018/19 – Gary recommended the nomination of Sue Byrom as President and Alan Bunker for VP. Nominees for three Board openings are Lisa Sprague, Mary Heimert, and Christian Rahe. Tim Nolan was nominated for another term. Mary Heimert will serve as DRC Events Chair beginning May 1, 2018. Gary Bryson mentioned the need for a Recording Secretary if Alan Bunker is voted in as Vice President. Gary volunteered to serve as Corresponding Secretary.
4. Board Term Limit Changes – Sue Byrom would like to discuss (after the April election) a change in the DRC constitution regarding Board member term lengths.
5. Nominating Committee – Discussed in item #3.
6. Recognition/Thank You Guidelines – The DRC has no guidelines for recognizing people for their good works or to express sympathy for their personal losses. Andy Reiss will work with John Stringer on a proposed set of guidelines. They will be presented at the May Board meeting. Gary asked that Board members pass their suggestions for a proposal to John and Andy.
7. Clean, Green and Safe Committee – Alan Bunker met with Gary to discuss a couple of new projects for the DRC's consideration. These include the skate park at 5th and Elm and the Ohio entrance to the Purple People Bridge (Committee Report is attached).
8. Moving of April Board Meeting Date – Gary recommended that the next Board meeting date be moved from before the Membership meeting to the day after. This would allow the new Board members (having been elected at the Membership meeting) to begin work immediately rather than waiting four weeks until the May meeting to begin.
9. Other Items – Caitlin Douglas has secured a speaker for the April meeting. – Andy Reiss asked what can safely be spent in the DRC account for projects and functions and still meet DRC obligations. Gary advised that we should not go below \$7,000. – Sue Byrom recommended that future Board candidates be provided descriptions of DRC committee opportunities. This information would help in their consideration for a position on the Board. Victoria Perschick attended the Neighborhood Summit at Xavier University and expressed praise for it.

Next Board meeting date (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE): Wednesday, April 11, 2018