

APRIL 2018 – MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

Date: APRIL 10, 2018 @ 6:00pm

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

Welcome

President Gary Bryson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone attending. He recognized those members leaving the Board and thanked them for their service. They included Brigid Almaguer, Melissa Ullman, Rose Emory and Brenda Shaw.



Gary also recognized the new DRC members: David Ostrander, Luann Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Dee Mason, Michael Schultz, Cinfed Credit Union, Red Bike, and Newberry Lofts on 6th.

Monthly Reports

Cincinnati Police Department

Captain Mike Neville reported that the Opening Day Parade and associated events occurred without significant incidents; reported crime in downtown is less than a year ago; and that downtown break-ins of cars occur at less than one per three months. A member expressed concern about recently encountering two bicycle police patrolmen riding on a downtown sidewalk. The Captain apologized for the incident. There were no updates on the recent activity from the Fire Department or the Downtown Ambassadors.

Speakers

- Archie Searp of Titan Real Estate Group and Sari Lehtinen of Glaserworks (an architectural firm) explained the proposed 31 Garfield place project and answered numerous questions from the membership. The mixed use. Besides the store, the building will propose including 20 condominiums, and street level office space and parking. They are open to names. If you have a suggested name for the project, please let them know.
- Randi Martinez of ArtsWave explained his organization's mission and the benefits that it provides in the multi-county area to artists, schools and art patrons. Donors to ArtsWave receive numerous discounts to area events.

Old Business

- A motion to approve the March 2018 Meeting minutes was made by Mary Bunker, seconded by Mike Glotfelter and unanimously passed by the members.

New Business

- A motion to allow DRC members not living within the geographical boundaries of the DRC was moved by Jay Joyce and seconded by Andrew Reiss. 43 members voted in favor; 7 were opposed; the motion passed.
- Sue Byrom thanked the Nominating Committee for their recent service. She announced that nominees for the three vacancies on the DRC Board are Lisa Sprague, Mary Heimert, and Christian Rahe. Tim Nolan, a current Board member, will be running for another term.
- President Bryson called for nominations from the floor. There being none, he asked that the nominations be closed. It was so moved by Jay Joyce and seconded by Rick Dieringer. Rick Dieringer then moved to accept the slate of candidates for voting by the members. The motion was seconded by Barb Smurda. The motion passed unanimously by a 63 to 0 count.

Reports

- **Events Committee** – Andrew and Gail Reiss reminded the members of the DRC's After Meeting Social at Aster's Social Slipper on Fourth Street. The next DRC Social will be Tuesday, April 24th at Morton's from 5:00 to 6:30.
- **Clean, Green and Safe Committee** – Alan Bunker announced that the DRC will be participating in the Greater Cincinnati Corporate Challenge on May 18, 2018. Six to eight volunteers from the DRC will help Cincinnati Parks and volunteers from local companies with a few hours of work to beautify the Path to the Taft and the Ohio entrance to the Purple People Bridge. Activities will include painting, weeding and mulching. All tools and materials will be provided. Those interested should contact Alan at abunker@woh.rr.com. (The rest of the Clean, Green and Safe Committee report is posted with the meeting minutes on the DRC website.)
- **Treasurer's Report** – John Stringer **Beginning Balance** as of 02/28/2018 – **\$11,809.17** and **Ending Balance** as of 03/31/2018 – **\$12, 845.88**, (Expenses: \$52.52/Income: \$1,089.23; detailed copy of treasury report available upon request).
- **President's Report** – Gary Bryson thanked the meeting's speakers and then called for announcements.

Announcements (All non-political items are welcome)

We Olive and Wine Bar is celebrating its two-year anniversary by providing one-half off coupons for wine.

Linda Philips announced that the Smale Advisory Committee needs volunteers to serve on their board. Candidates should have an interest in fund raising, social media skills, and promotion of fun activities.

Dee Mason described the upcoming Immigrant Experience as an evening of Lebanese culture, cuisine and conversation. Reservations for the April 26th event should be made by April 23rd.

Meeting Adjourned @ 6:52 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2018

CLEAN, GREEN AND SAFE COMMITTEE – Report for the DRC Board Meeting of April 11, 2018, by Alan Bunker, Chairperson.

March 16, 19, 2018 – Picked up numerous small bags of trash along the Path to the Taft, the Purple People Bridge (PPB) and Friendship Park.

March 22, 2018 – Began pruning and disposing of perennial growth in planting beds at Ohio entrance to Purple People Bridge (PPB) and picked up trash along Path. Attended Downtown Cincinnati, Inc. (DCI) All-Sector meeting at Hamilton County Regional Operations Center.

March 26, 2018 – Spent one hour raking and bagging leaves with Gary Bryson along the Path. Bags were picked up and disposed of by Ambassadors.

April 3, 2018 – Continued pruning and disposing of perennial growth in planting beds at Ohio entrance to Purple People Bridge (PPB) and picked up trash along Path.

April 5, 2018 – Completed pruning and disposing of perennial growth in planting beds at Ohio entrance to Purple People Bridge (PPB) and picked up trash along Path.

April 5, 2018 – Attended Safe/Clean/Beautiful meeting with Gary Bryson at DCI. Highlights of meeting include: (1) Report on Hamilton County Library system from David Siders and the library systems' significance to the county's residents, its high circulation rate, and future regarding the May levy; (2) Cincinnati police reported few disturbances or incidents downtown during Opening Day and the rest of the month experiencing normal activity; (3) Camping of homeless near Plum/Elm Streets and the I-75 ramp is still an issue for area apartment owners and residents; (4) Ambassadors are providing weed control to tree well grates and cobblestones; (5) Chico of the Outreach program is getting more requests from homeless to get off the street and into housing; (6) Blink Cincinnati will return in 2019.

April 9, 2018 – Received word from Cincinnati Parks that the Ohio entrance to the Purple People Bridge (PPB) and the Path to the Taft will be included in the Greater Cincinnati Corporate Challenge (GCCC) Day on May 18th. Materials will be provided by the GCCC and the DRC is requested to provide 6 to 8 volunteers.

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