

## MARCH 2019 - MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** March 11, 2019

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

**Members absent:** Dennis O'Connor, Ginnie Schlosser



### Items for Discussion/Action:

**Board responsibilities and duties:** Sue Byrom reiterated a point she had made at the previous meeting, that each board member with defined responsibilities should have a designated back-up person. It was agreed to defer further discussion until the April Board meeting, when newly-elected Board members will be able to take part.

**Board nominees update:** Al Bunker reminded the group that there are six board nominees. With three current members retiring, Board strength for the new year will be 17 members, the first time there has been a full complement. Nominee bios are on the web site. Al will introduce them at the April membership meeting.

**Facebook page:** Sue reviewed the current situation, which is that the DRC Facebook page is not controlled by the DRC Board, which is not ideal. After some discussion, the Board decided to close down the current page. A survey (via Survey Monkey) will go out to DRC membership this week; it is designed to assess the degree to which members use the Facebook page to find information about the group. Results will be analyzed before a decision is made about next steps.

**DCI/3CDC merger:** Cate Douglas gave the group a preview of the presentation she planned to give at the next night's membership meeting. She said she would cover program priorities for the merged organization, focusing on the Safe, Clean & Green program, working with the police department on expanding and targeting Ambassador presence, and beautification efforts.

**Executive committee clarification:** An executive committee of board officers shall consist of a minimum of three members.

**Social media update:** Victoria Pershick reported that she has finalized the documentation of newsletter production responsibilities. She said that a new platform, Word Press, for administration of the website is being implemented. There was discussion about setting up a Board-only section of the website, to be accessed by password and used to store procedures and forms in a read-only format.

**Other business:** Christian Rahe reminded the Board of his earlier request to give attention to the issue of recycling, particularly in Downtown apartment buildings. It was agreed to consider this as the new Board establishes its agenda.

The next Board meeting date is **April 10**, a Wednesday, the day after the membership meeting at which new Board members are elected.

## **DRC CLEAN, GREEN AND SAFE COMMITTEE**

### **Report of March 11, 2019, by Alan Bunker, Chairperson**

From February 7, 2019 through March 9, 2019, little maintenance occurred along the Path because of the rainy and frigid weather. Minor pieces of litter were removed from there and the Ohio entrance to the Purple People Bridge (PPB).

Attended the Downtown Cincinnati Inc. /3CDC's Safe/Clean/Beautiful Committee meeting of March 7, 2019 at their offices on Walnut Street in OTR. Among the items presented were these:

- Police reported that crimes are still way down. Doug Wiseman has been appointed as Captain Neville's replacement. A noise complaint about a downtown establishment was made. A meeting between establishment's management and the police will occur. Homeless camps in the Central Business District (CBD) are gone. A couple of them exist on the edge of downtown. The campers were warned and the camps will be removed if the campers do not take action.
- Chico Lockhart reported success in moving a couple of clients off the street. Much of his time was spent working in the Garfield area. The Shelter House admitted a couple of families during recent bitterly cold weather.
- An assessment of the status of the Central Business District street lighting and a plan to improve it has been sent to the city. There is not enough money to replace/upgrade all of the lights at this time.
- Ambassadors are serving within their same borders of the CBD. A change in policy allows them to enter a business while in uniform (on duty) for a break. They are performing spring cleaning (including power washing sidewalks) and preparing for more people downtown for upcoming events such as the Heart Mini Marathon, Reds' Opening Day festivities and crowd-drawing performers at the Taft Theatre.
- Downtown Sectors were mostly quiet for the month although mentioned was an aggressive panhandler on Court Street and deteriorating sidewalk pavers near 4th and Elm Streets. The city's Department of Transportation and Engineering will be contacted.
- The library's Atrium is serving as a place for those needing information about various services. Each month this spring, a different service will be featured. March is Social Services month, April is Homework month and May will address

General Health. Tables with representatives from various organizations/ agencies will be manned to make new and renewed connections with clients.