

## APRIL 2019 - MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 10, 2019

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

**Members absent:** Cate Douglas, Christian Rahe

### Items for Discussion/Action:



Sue Byrom welcomed the new Board members, all of whom were present. She gave everyone a list of Board duties/responsibilities and those currently fulfilling them, then opened the meeting to discussion of those duties and who might be willing to serve as backups to the incumbents.

Many activities required explanation, including:

- Cincinnati sector meetings - Informational sessions for businesses in the Central Business District's two (formerly four) geographic sectors, at which reports are made by police, fire departments and Ambassadors and businesses and residents may voice any concerns;
- DRC's Safe, Green & Clean Committee - an informal group headed by Alan Bunker, which takes on projects such as keeping the Path to the Taft (between Pete Rose Way and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street) litter- and weed-free and decorating Piatt Park for Christmas. All are welcome to participate.
- Social media - A new platform was recently adopted for website management. The previous Facebook page has been taken down, and a membership survey conducted by Christian Rahe has shown that its existence was not particularly important to DRC members.
- Invest in Neighborhoods (IIN) and the Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) - City of Cincinnati programs through which DRC receives annual funding. Responsibilities for these programs include preparing an annual budget submission, attending meetings, submitting expenditures for reimbursement, and (on a periodic basis) serving on a review committee.

Newcomers were told that written documentation is available for certain Board responsibilities, such as social media administration, membership, and financial management. Responsibilities connected with other Board positions -- for example, Recording Secretary -- are fairly self-evident. Still others, such as Outreach, are evolving.

Sue is sending out a list of current board members and their responsibilities with the names of the backups.

In follow-up to the annual meeting of members (April 9), John Stringer suggested that the agenda be revised so that DRC business items precede outside speakers, so that needed votes could occur early in the meeting. Other Board members were amenable to the change.

Finally, Gary Bryson proposed, seconded by Mary Jacobs, that the slate of officers be approved, in accordance with their current positions. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13 at 6:00 p.m.