

SEPTEMBER 2019 - MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 9, 2019

Place: The Renaissance, 224 E. 8th Street, Community Room

Members absent: Jan Hirlinger, Victoria Pershick

Items for Discussion/Action:



1. New Board photo taken by Wanda Holcomb.
2. Andrew Naab of the Loring Group requested that DRC support that organization's application for a pilot program to remove the "No Parking 4 - 6 pm" signs between Plum and Central on 4th Street. This 6-month study beginning in early 2020 would gauge the effect of removing the signs on small business access and traffic congestion. The board agreed to communicate to Andrew that we have no objection to such a study.
3. John Stringer summarized the 2020 NSP (Neighborhood Support Program) budget, noting that it did not differ materially from that of the preceding year. The budget was approved unanimously.
4. Sue Byrom reported that the police department has asked that resident concerns about bars and other establishments selling liquor be directed to Sergeant Miller. Sue agreed to mention the issue at the members' meeting and to ask that any complaints be channeled through her.
5. Congressman Steve Chabot's Constituent Liaison has asked for an opportunity to speak at a members' meeting to discuss the services available through Rep. Chabot's office. After discussion of the longstanding but informal policy of avoiding political presentations, it was decided that Sue would ask the staffer to provide a written list of the services Chabot's office offers which would then be described to DRC members.
6. The corporate office of Bird Scooters has solicited DRC support of a downtown event to promote scooter safety and perhaps distribute helmets to riders. Discussion of problems with scooters in the city ensued, with respect to rider and pedestrian safety as well as the process by which abandoned scooters are collected. Sue agreed to convey our concerns in response to the request. In general, the board is not inclined to co-sponsor any Bird event but rather to invited Bird to speak at an upcoming meeting.
7. The Board discussed the ongoing violence (including a shooting), harassment, and overall sense of menace associated with Piatt Park. Cate Douglas reported that 3CDC has assigned two third-shift ambassadors to patrol the park during the night. Acknowledging that the police have to respond to city priorities, the

board resolved to send a letter to the city manager, with copies to Council and the mayor, requesting action. Sue and Jackie Bryson will compose a draft.

8. Gary Bryson told the group he had received an enthusiastic response to his overture about the possibility of holding a monthly meeting at the Mercantile Library and including a Library speaker on the program sometime in the New Year.

9. Sue drew the group's attention to the fact that the regularly-scheduled member meeting in October coincides with Yom Kippur. All agreed to move both the board and member meetings to the following week.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20. Next month's meeting will be October 14 at 6:00 at the library.