

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 2019

Downtown Residents Council, Inc.

Date: OCTOBER 14TH 2019 @ 6:00pm

Place: 3B Meeting Room, Main Library



Board members unable to attend: Al Bunker, Cate Douglas, Tim Nolan, David Ostrander, Barb Smurda

Items for Discussion/Action

1. **Christian Rahe** updated the group on the plan to make Wild Apricot the new platform for the DRC web site, membership management, and event response. A drop-box feature for storing limited-access information also is available. Sue Byrom, Mary Heimert, Jan Hirlinger, and John Stringer met with Christian before the board meeting and are enthusiastic about proceeding. The cost for Wild Apricot will be \$90 per month. Christian will head a transition team, aiming for a Wild Apricot trial in December or January, with full migration occurring in the following month.
2. **Sue Byrom** noted that one of the scheduled speakers for the membership meeting, Michael Hurst of 21c, was ill and probably wouldn't make it. Marissa Pherson of the Census Bureau will substitute.
3. Sue then reported on the Clean, Green & Safe meeting, which she attended in **Al Bunker's** absence. The Piatt Park/Library area was the main topic, as there are increasing complaints about loitering and badly-behaved attendees. 3CDC has assigned Ambassadors to the area, but their ability to disperse groups is limited.
4. **Mary Jacobs** summarized a Census Bureau meeting she had attended, at which she learned that only approximately 70% of city and 77% of county residents had responded to the last (2010) census. Improving the rate is key to securing additional funds related to population. The Census Bureau will be hiring part-time census takers to encourage residents to report and to reassure them that doing so will not (for example) lead to legal trouble when a householder is not the legal guardian of children residing there (as when living with a grandparent).
5. Sue said that the annual decorating of Piatt Park will take place November 16; **Al Bunker** will speak about this at the membership meeting.
6. **Mary Jacobs** talked about the holiday giving appeal to DRC members. She would like to ask for individual donations to Activities Beyond the Classroom, to which DRC as an organization has already made a contribution. This led to a discussion of what has become of the remaining heater meals purchased with holiday donations last year. With the transition from DCI to 3CDC, the location and distribution process for these meals is unclear. Christian volunteered to seek answers from 3CDC via Cate Douglas.
7. **Mary Heimert** announced socials at Backstage the following evening after the meeting followed on October 22 at the View at Shires' Garden (to include a City Club apartment tour). The holiday party at Prime is scheduled for December 9.

Next meeting: Monday, November 11, at the Library