

MARCH 2020 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

Date: MARCH 26, 2020 @ 3:00pm

Place: Moerlein Bandshell

Members present: Sue Byrom, Alan Bunker, Gary Bryson, Lisa Sprague, John Stringer

Note: the unorthodox location was to enable proper social distancing



Items for Discussion/Action

1. **Annual meeting/board elections:** Given the statewide stay-at-home order arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, all agreed that the scheduled April 14 annual meeting/ election was almost certain not to happen. There was consensus that all board members and officers should remain in place until a membership meeting can be scheduled. John Stringer made a motion to this effect, seconded by Sue Byrom, and it was passed unanimously.
2. **Wild Apricot conversion:** In order that the planned migration of the DRC web platform to Wild Apricot software might continue uninterrupted, John Stringer reported that he would mail the necessary payment.
3. **Facebook page:** Some Board members reported recently that they were unaware that a new DRC Facebook page had been created. August 19 Board meeting minutes state, "Victoria Pershick reported that she and Esther Wing had worked up a prototype Facebook page, which the two of them could manage, to replace the former page controlled by Conrad Thiede (which has been taken down)." No objection was voiced at that time. However, posting to the page without Board authorization could create problems of the kind experienced with the former page. The committee recommends that the new board make it an agenda item to establish policy in this regard.
4. **Motorcycles:** The noise, general nuisance, and unsafe behavior of groups of motorcycle riders is an escalating problem. Captain Weisman has told DRC members at more than one meeting that there is not much the police can do. Gary Bryson reported that this issue is of great concern to a number of community councils and that an ad hoc group has formed to consider what might be done, including citing riders who lack license plates, park on sidewalks, etc. Gary urged that one or more DRC Board members get involved following his own departure from the Board. Meanwhile, DRC member Carol Baden, Gary, and others have been in communication with City Council on the topic. Council member Greg Landsman has agreed to look into the problem, but DRC members need to keep the pressure on both Council and the City Manager.