

MAY 19, 2020 – DRC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

Date: May 19, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

Place: Zoom virtual meeting

Members absent: Jan Hirlinger, Mary Jacobs, Christian Rahe, Esther Wing

Items for Discussion/Action



Sue Byrom called the meeting to order at 5:04.

1. **Approval of May 7 board meeting minutes** – Gary Bryson proposed and Jackie Bryson seconded a motion to approve the minutes, which passed unanimously.
2. **New members** – Sue welcomed Teri Boland and Hank Davis, new Board members elected via membership vote by email, as approved at the May 7 Board meeting.
3. **New officers and committees** – Alan Bunker, incoming Board President, offered the following slate of officers for 2020-2021:

President – Alan Bunker

Vice President – John Stringer

Treasurer – Tricia Lynn

Recording Secretary – Lisa Sprague

Corresponding Secretary – Esther Wing

Mary Heimert made a motion to approve the slate, David Ostrander seconded, and all approved.

Al thanked Sue and Gary for their long service; both are stepping down from the Board in accordance with term limits, and both are past Presidents. As Al noted, they steered DRC through some challenging times, brought the organization to new levels of membership and meeting attendance, and improved the Cincinnati experience for members, residents, and visitors.

Al proposed the formation of several committees to assist the Board chair and other appointees in carrying out their duties and as a means of training board members to assume these duties in the future. Committees and those who have agreed to chair them are as follows:

Finance – Tricia Lynn

Membership – Jan Hirlinger

Social – Mary Heimert

Information and Technology – Victoria Pershick

John suggested that a committee focused on the Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) would also be a good idea. Al asked that the four specified committees be approved now, with the creation of potential other committees deferred for future Board consideration. Al moved approval of the four, Lisa Sprague seconded, and all approved. John agreed to collect and make available information with regard to NSP. Al voiced his hope that someone would agree to take over the Clean, Green, and Safe committee, which has been his responsibility for several years.

Al further noted that Cate Douglas had agreed to continue as the speaker coordinator, Mary Jacobs as outreach coordinator, and Jackie Bryson as newsletter author/administrator. Back-ups for these and other assigned duties will be considered at a future meeting.

Al plans to devote time at upcoming meetings to an orientation for new Board members (and a refresher for others). Members are asked to share their topic suggestions with him.

4. Other business –

Jackie alerted the group to the need for volunteers for some outreach activities, such as the periodic delivery of treats to the police department as overseen this year by Barbara Smurda.

Jackie also asked for consideration of ideas to encourage support of DRC business members. She suggested that individual/family members could send her their receipts from purchases at business members' establishments in order to be entered in a prize drawing. John outlined an idea he had discussed with the executive committee for purchasing 3CDC gift cards. Al requested that both Jackie and John (and anyone else with ideas) bring specific proposals to the next Board meeting.

Mary sadly announced (to no one's surprise) that there would be no DRC socials scheduled in the foreseeable future.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35. The next will be held, according to the regular Board schedule, on Monday, June 8, at 6:00 pm, communication mode to be determined.