

Date: February 9, 2021 @ 6:00pm

Place: Virtual via Zoom by Esther Wing, Interim Vice President and Corresponding Secretary



President Alan Bunker welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 6:07.

Monthly reports:

Captain Doug Wiesman of the Cincinnati Police Department said that the city remains quiet. Consternation caused by the report of an active shooter at the City Club Apartments was fortunately quelled quickly when the incident was found to be a domestic disturbance. One shot was fired, no one was hit, and the shooter surrendered willingly when police arrived. CPD met recently with the Parks Department and 3CDC to discuss monitoring of Smale and Piatt Parks as the weather improves. In the latter, the Parks Department is repainting arches and installing new LED lighting. **Officer Tim Eppstein** reported that clean-up of a homeless camp at 3rd and Monastery is underway.

Cate Douglas of 3CDC reported that Ambassadors were fully engaged in snow removal following the February 8 storm. Otherwise, they continue with regular cleaning activities and check-ins with businesses in their assigned zones. 3CDC met with ODOT and Public Services to discuss improving the appearance of highway approaches to the city. **Nicole Smith** reported 306 encounters with 178 individuals over the last month. Many of these were referred for mental health, substance abuse, and/or primary care services, and 16 were connected with supportive housing.

DRC Report

Treasurer Tricia Lynn reported an opening balance of \$13,109.13 and a closing balance of \$13,779.84 for the month of January.

Old Business

Approval of previous meeting's minutes – Jackie Bryson’s motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Tricia Lynn and approved unanimously.

New Business

Jackie Bryson described an invitation from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, which would like community volunteers to help in the spring with painting a mural planned for the block of 3rd Street between Main and Sycamore. Those interested were asked to drop Jackie an email.

Speaker

Mike Brown of Rebel Mettle introduced DRC members to his new brewery on Central Avenue. He invited all to come by for trivia and karaoke nights, live music, games, and of course beer (as well as wine and house-made hard seltzer).

Announcements

Ed Ratterman made a pitch for Bockfest the first weekend in March. He explained that it would necessarily be different in pandemic mode. Rather than large street crowds, local venues will be asked to host safe gatherings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m., (Location TBA)