

Notes of the Cincinnatus Association Inclusion Panel meeting of Jan.4, 2021

Prepared by Co-Chair John Young

ATTENDING: Gallelli, Synan, Neikirk, Mangieri, M. Young, Maly, Schneider, Frank, J. Young, Allsop, Gideonse, Strauss, Beyer, Stoller, Williams, Christenson, Noonan, Roesch, Brewer.

TASK FORCE REPORTS.

Housing court. Strauss indicated that they met this month with Kevin Wright, the author of a study about housing courts, and Judge Beridon. They feel that prior attempts to establish a housing court met political barriers that are no longer in play. There is an opportunity to engage again on the subject due to changes in the perspective of newly elected judges.

Trust fund. The group is connecting with LISC to see where the efforts of the Panel can be most helpful with the trust fund issue. The group will consider the possibility of a housing trust fund establishment for Hamilton County might be established.

Community education. Working on ways to develop a message. Will connect with LISC to see what might already be in place. Pointed out that the Women's City Club and Cincinnatus are co-sponsoring a forum on the subject. Cincinnatus membership will be apprised of the particulars.

CHARTER AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH AN HOUSING TRUST FUND. Community advocates propose an amendment to the charter of the City that would establish a housing trust fund with the annual infusion of \$50 million to address the housing crisis. The Panel has reviewed in detail the proposal, developed questions for the advocates, met with the advocates and distributed their responses to the questions. The Inclusion Panel was asked to consider recommending endorsement of the charter amendment to the Executive Committee.

Frank moved that the Panel recommend to the Executive Committee that Cincinnatus not endorse the charter amendment. Roesch seconded. Motion carried.

POLICING. The City has agreed to a new contract with the FOP. Advocates were pleased with three elements: arbitrator anonymity, removal off peer review of disciplinary actions, and extending to seven years police discipline records retention. There are discussions at the state related to the subject of policing: improvements in the pre-service application process, establishment of a licensure board to hear certain cases of misconduct, portability of applicant records across jurisdictions, and establishing independent investigators and prosecutors for egregious misconduct cases. The Government Panel was asked to be alert to any proposals these discussions might produce.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

The Executive Committee has approved a new class of membership: Associate Members. The idea is to assure the voice of emerging leaders is part of the work of the Association. Must be between 20 and 30 years old. No more than 15 at any given time. Reduced membership fee structure.

Iris Roley has been invited to present the implications of institutional racism on the housing issue at our next meeting.

Sign up to attend the next general membership meeting of the Association. The Inclusion Panel will be leading a discussion of the American Dream and the barriers to achieving it. Guests will be emerging leaders in our community that have been working on police reforms. A panel discussion about the American Dream and the future of Cincinnati will be led by Brewer. Follow up small group discussions will occur among members.

NEXT MEETING OF THE INCLUSION PANEL WILL BE FROM 11:30 TO 1:00 VIA ZOOM ON FEBRUARY 1, 2021