



**WOMAN'S CITY CLUB  
CONTINUES TO EXPLORE  
THE CRISIS IN  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**PERSPECTIVES ON THE PROPOSED CHARTER  
AMENDMENT TO FUND THE HOUSING TRUST FUND**

**Thursday, February 18, 6:30 pm**

**Register to receive the zoom link [here](#)**

**PANELISTS**

**Kathy Schwab**, Past Executive Director of LISC in Cincinnati

**Dot Christenson**, Past Director of the Better Housing League

**Peg Fox**, Executive Director of Metropolitan Area Religious  
Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC)

**Matt Strauss**, Chair, Endorsement Committee, the Cincinnati  
Action for Housing Now Campaign

**What does the crisis in affordable housing mean in  
Cincinnati and Hamilton County?**

It means that more than 100,000 county households pay over 30% of their income for housing. This "cost burden" is most severe for 44,500 households with incomes of \$9,500 or less who may have to spend 50-75% of their income to keep a roof over their heads. These households remain mired in poverty and at-risk of eviction and homelessness.

To help address this inequity and at the urging of community advocates, Cincinnati City Council established an Affordable Housing Trust Fund in 2018. The City has yet to identify adequate funding streams to more than minimally meet the enormous need.

Community advocates have come forward and placed a Charter amendment on the May ballot requiring City Council to allocate \$50 million annually to the trust fund focusing on providing homes for households with incomes of less than \$28,980. While many people agree there is a crisis, community advocates and leaders disagree on this proposal as a viable approach to addressing it.

Join us to learn more about the affordable housing crisis, this proposed charter amendment, its rationale, and its pluses and minuses.

*Cosponsors for this forum: The League of Women Voters, Cincinnati Association, and Cincinnati Development Fund.*

*~ Sarah Gideonse*



Charter Amendment  
Campaign Logo

**OUR MISSION:** Woman's City Club is committed to building a strong Greater Cincinnati community through educating, empowering, and engaging all citizens to participate in promoting the common good.

**OUR VISION:** We envision a just and sustainable community where all citizens are engaged as informed stakeholders in the shaping of our shared future.

**OUR VALUES:** Collaboration — Citizen Empowerment — Lead Constructive Lives — A Thriving City of the Future.

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**Woman's City Club welcomes new members. Visit our website, [www.womanscityclub.org](http://www.womanscityclub.org), to learn more about us and how to join.**



## IT'S A NEW YEAR AND A NEW DAY

With the onset of a New Year, I am glad to put 2020 behind me, like most of us. Our community was severely tested last year by the pandemic, racial strife, job loss, and economic hardship. At worst, COVID-19 caused the loss of loved ones, and, at best, it required long months of quarantine that caused isolation and loneliness, especially for those who live alone.

But with Woman's City Club, we are not alone; we are part of a community of members who care about civic issues and about each other. Like so many nonprofits, WCC was challenged to keep functioning under difficult conditions. We could no longer meet in person and we had to postpone beloved events such as Feist Tea, the Seasongood Luncheon and our National Speaker Forum.

But during this challenging time, WCC has provided a community by meeting online, via Zoom. This included WCC's annual meeting and programs on the history of and need to refresh the Collaborative Agreement between the

Cincinnati Police Department and the community, the dangers created by chemical toxins in our drinking water, and even a holiday gathering. We are grateful to contributors to the Annual Fund who have helped us keep going.

Being forced to stay home has had a silver lining—it has given me the time to read more, along with fellow members of WCC's book club. Through the club, we have read books that not all of us may have read on our own, focusing on African American and other authors on the problem of systemic racism. Those who read the books and discussed them together had the opportunity to gain more understanding and empathy with the Black experience and new respect for their achievements in the face of relentless hostility and resistance.

The new year brings hope, and there are signs that 2021 will be better. The nation has a coronavirus vaccine and new leadership. With these two factors, we can hope to control the pandemic, relieve suffering, and address social



equity, housing, and environmental issues. For now, WCC will continue to offer programs online. I am especially looking forward to Feist Tea on February 28, when we will celebrate feisty WCC members who have demonstrated exemplary service to the club and to our larger community. And I look forward to someday soon when we can all gather in person again!

~ Beth Sullebarger

## 2020 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN NEARS ITS GOAL

As I was handwriting envelopes and notes on letters for Woman's City Club's Annual Fund mailing in December, one of our past presidents and staunchest supporters hand-delivered her donation, exclaiming, "Woman's City Club is my favorite charity." I think that is true for many of us who have enjoyed membership in this unique civic organization.

Perhaps that is why our Annual Fund was so successful this year, despite the pandemic. We raised \$6,550 (94%) of our \$7,000 budget goal, a very gratifying outcome. We are extremely grateful to the following, who gave generously and made this happen:

Vasso Apostolides	Carole Donnelly	Edna Keown	Susan B. Noonan	Marcia Togneri
Mary Asbury	Barbara Ellerman	Rachel Kinnison	Helen & Wendell O'Neal	Nina & Howard Tolley
Mike Brown	Anne Fierst	Linnea Lose	Francie Pepper	Donna Tukul
Janet Buening	Sarah Gideonse	Michael Maloney	Rina Saperstein	Mary Wells
Marge Davis	Jane Ruwet Hopson	Barbara Myers	Alice Schneider	Susan Reid Wilke
			Beth Sullebarger	J. M. Yacher

What would make this even better would be if we raised the remaining \$450 to reach 100% of our goal—or exceeded that goal. Membership dues are our largest source of income, but not enough to cover our administrative costs—salary, accounting, rent, insurance—so we must raise additional funds through our Annual Fund and special events such as Feist Tea, Seasongood Luncheon, and National Speaker Forum.

Will you help? If every member were to make a donation, even a small one, we will ensure that WCC can continue offering excellent programs and making important community connections, even if our fundraising events continue to be postponed and hampered by the pandemic. With your help, we can continue to strive for a just and sustainable community where all citizens are informed and engaged.

~ Beth Sullebarger, WCC President



# ELEVENTH ANNUAL FEIST TEA

**FEBRUARY 28, 2021**  
**1:30-3:00 PM**  
**PROGRAM AND AWARDS**

Feist Tea is Woman's City Club's annual event to honor feisty members in our midst and raise funds for the work of the club. This year's celebration will honor long-time members, new members, former WCC presidents, and especially this year's honorees, who have made significant contributions in a variety of arenas.

**Deborah Allsop · Carole Donnelly · Stephanie Stoller**

The Eleventh Annual Feist Tea is taking place in a different month and in a different format. Like everything in these difficult times, and in consideration for WCC members' health and safety, the Feist Tea will occur online. We expect it to be as festive as ever and invite members, honorees, families, and friends to join us and raise a cup of tea, glass of wine, or beverage of your choice as we gather to celebrate the honorees. (Of course, we will greatly miss the tea table with food from Venice on Vine.)

While there is no charge for this event, WCC would greatly appreciate your generous donation to honor our Feisty members and to support WCC's programs and events. Donors of \$50 or more will receive a gift of our official Feist (Chai) tea.



Deborah Allsop



Carole Donnelly



Stephanie Stoller



**2019 Honorees and Presenters**

Front Row, left to right: Helen O'Neal, Future Vincent-Hicks, Susan Noonan, Ethel Guttenberg  
Back Row, left to right: Arzell Nelson, Ruth Cronenberg

RSVP by 2/19/2021 at

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## EYE-OPENING PRESENTATIONS ON ADDRESSING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING GAP

**Over 80 community members tuned in on January 21, 2021, to hear local housing experts describe projects that addressed Cincinnati's affordable housing crisis at Woman's City Club's virtual public forum, "Filling the Gap: Successful Initiatives in Affordable Housing."**



Liz Blume, Executive Director of Xavier University's Community Building Institute, set the stage. First, she reviewed the history of affordable housing. From the development of public housing after the Great Depression, through white flight from cities in 1960s and '70s, to the recession of

2008-09, center-city housing markets have been devalued and housing stock has deteriorated. A 2014 study found a 40,000-unit gap between the need for affordable low-income housing in Hamilton County and available units, a gap that has only worsened.

No one should pay more than 30% of household income on housing, Blume said, but many low-income families must pay 60% or more to find habitable housing. The top five jobs in Cincinnati do not pay enough to afford basic housing. The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated foreclosures and driven up housing prices in formerly affordable neighborhoods.

Unfortunately, much of the response to urban decay has been about stabilizing housing markets and creating middle-class housing rather than creating affordable housing for low-income residents; both are important. The market is driven by inequity and racism and, left to itself, it is not going to provide enough affordable housing, Blume said. While housing historically has been considered a private market asset, housing advocates now realize the necessity for partnerships that bring together government agencies, different kinds of housing providers, and people active in the housing market.

The next speaker was Alisa Berry, Executive Director of Cornerstone Renter Equity, who described Cornerstone's program to help low-income families achieve financial stability and economic self-sufficiency. Founded in 2001, this program serves downtown and Over-the-Rhine.



Members earn renter equity credit monthly by working with coaches, attending community meetings, and participating in activities such as block cleanups. They can earn up to \$130 per month in equity, leading to \$4,800 in cash that they can access after three years.

Currently Cornerstone's Renter Equity Club has 78 members with an average of five years in the program, including 29 households with children and many with seniors.

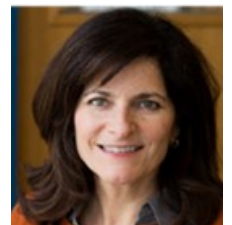
Presenting next was Mary Delaney, Executive Director of Community Matters, the sponsor of Lower Price Hill (LPH) Thrives, a partnership with Over-the-Rhine Community Housing. Lower Price Hill was an unstable environment with many people displaced from other neighborhoods, Delaney said. LPH Thrives attempts to keep neighbors in positive and high quality spaces and defend against future displacement. It buys buildings and partners with other organizations to renovate them.



The LPH Thrives plan will renovate ten vacant, blighted buildings and will build one new building compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This \$12.8M project will create 47 apartments that are affordable to families at 30-60% of the area median income (\$31,220—\$48,780/yr. for family of four).

Although the price tag seems high, Delaney says, renovating old buildings is expensive. Some of these buildings have been vacant for 15 years and have mitigation challenges including lead paint. Designed with help from the Neighborhood Action Team (NAT) and residents of LPH, the project should break ground in May, and it will reduce blight in this small neighborhood by 75%.

Wrapping up the forum was Mary Burke Rivers, Executive Director of Over-the-Rhine Community Housing (OTRCH), which provides property development, property management, maintenance, and social services. OTRCH has 102 buildings, 472 units, 941 residents, and 15 commercial spaces, with a 96% occupancy rate.



OTRCH residences include permanent supportive housing for those with mental illness or in recovery and people who have experienced homelessness. Many of their maintenance workers are former residents who view their job as giving back to the community, Burke Rivers said.

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## EYE OPENING PRESENTATIONS ON ADDRESSING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING GAP

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OTRCH currently is working to preserve a large affordable-housing development in the West End and it is trying to get a community-based development plan for a lot near the Peaslee Neighborhood Center.

Rivers detailed additional housing challenges including lack of legal representation for tenants in housing court and the delicate balance between holding property owners accountable and risking putting people on the street. Furthermore, she said, we need good code enforcement and property inspectors who can communicate across jurisdictions.

Discussion concluding the forum included observations about the misinformation surrounding affordable housing. Liz Blume emphasized that the solution does not lie simply with city government; the larger community needs the political will to act. The county and region also need to be involved because more poor people live in suburbs than in the city. Blume said we need to advocate for achieving \$50 million per year for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The steps she urges us all to take are in the next column.

### WHAT WE CAN ALL DO:

- Support Affordable Housing Projects in our communities
- Support living wage initiatives
- Lobby candidates, appointed and elected officials and business leaders to support and fund affordable housing initiatives
- Get Engaged with local, mission-driven CDC's and support their work

*The League of Women Voters, Cincinnati Association, and Cincinnati Development Fund co-sponsored this forum.*

*~ Patty Kelly, Communications Committee*





## COMMUNITIES UNITED FOR ACTION INVITE WCC MEMBERS TO JOIN STEERING COMMITTEE

### WOMAN'S CITY CLUB ENDORSED CUFA'S FAIR SEWER RATES COALITION IN NOVEMBER.

Organizer of CUFA, Alison Auciello, is asking for WCC's support to end inequitable sewer rates in Cincinnati. She has invited WCC to send a representative to join its steering committee so that we can help drive the actions they must take as a coalition to mount a public pressure campaign to win fair sewer rates. The steering committee will meet every fourth Tuesday from 4-5 pm each month (currently still virtual). Representatives can register to join here:

[https://www.cufacincy.org/rates\\_coalition\\_jan\\_26](https://www.cufacincy.org/rates_coalition_jan_26)



### CUFA IS CALLING UPON THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AS THE RATE-SETTING AUTHORITY FOR THE MSD, TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO OUR SEWER RATE STRUCTURE:

1. Reduce base rate charges immediately.
2. Eliminate the bulk rate discounts for large bulk users. This creates a disincentive to water conservation.
3. Fund Consent Decree with impervious surface charges and other stormwater-related fees.
4. Implement financial incentives for stormwater abatement for all property owners.
5. Work to expand Customer Assistance program for those in need.

~ Jeanne Nightingale, Chair, Environmental Action Group

### RECYCLING CHANGES IN 2021

As a recycling processor, Rumpke is constantly working with end-users to develop new solutions for expanding recycling opportunities. Recently innovations in plastic recycling have allowed Rumpke to collect and sort a wider range of plastics to be sent to companies that turn them into new products. Effective January 2021, Rumpke has now added #5 polypropylene plastic tubs as acceptable for recycling.

The city's recycling program currently includes glass bottles and jars, metal cans, cardboard, paper, plastic bottles and jugs. Now you can now recycle some #5 tubs, the kind that contains yogurt, sour cream, butter, cottage cheese, dips, and fruit cups. The recycled tubs and their lids will be reprocessed into new plastic containers. They must be clean and dry, of course, and placed loose in the recycling bins.



**New!** A recycling service has opened up at Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church: *Mount Auburn Recycles* is collecting difficult-to-recycle items such as compact fluorescent bulbs, electronic devices, dry cell batteries, eyeglasses, plastic caps, prescription drug bottles, Styrofoam egg cartons, Styrofoam packing materials (clean and dry). The collection containers are located in the Social Room.

**But is it time to rethink recycling?** As a conscious consumer, you assume that your choices are helping the local economy and protecting the global environment. But are they? The science of recycling is changing every year. New studies tell us that our current recycling practices may not provide the most sustainable solution in the long run. As we continue practicing the three "R's," we must remind ourselves that *Recycle* is not the *first* "R" on the list. The other "R's" may deserve more of your immediate attention: *Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Reclaim, Refurbish, Redesign, Refuse...and Rethink*





## REFUSE — REDUCE — REUSE/REPAIR — RECYCLE

The local League of Women Voters' Natural Resources Committee has created a new set of study pages that covers the topic of recycling in a fully comprehensive way, from the history of recycling in America to a reconsideration of the economic and environmental benefits of recycling, including a report on innovative products that are being designed for a more sustainable future. In the League's study pages you will find an essay on the circular economy which, in contrast to the unsustainable linear economy (take-make-waste), is a cyclical system that preserves and maintains resources by creating products that never wear out. Production-consumption-delivery systems function in the circular economy like the Earth's ecosystems!

Link to League's Study Pages: [https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/wysiwyg/%5Bcurrent-user%3Aog-user-node%3A1%3Atitle%5D/february\\_2021-rethink\\_recycling.pdf](https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/wysiwyg/%5Bcurrent-user%3Aog-user-node%3A1%3Atitle%5D/february_2021-rethink_recycling.pdf)

~ Jeanne Nightingale, Chair  
Environmental Action Group



### FIVE TIPS TO RECYCLE LESS

from David Suzuki

**Tip one: Shop smarter.** Beware of excess packaging from all consumer goods—food, personal care products, electronics, and even organic, local, nontoxic, and GMO-free stuff. **Substitute:** Make toothpaste with baking soda, coconut oil, and a few drops of peppermint essential oil or try brands packaged in glass (reusable) containers instead of a plastic tube in a paper box.

**Tip two: Never recycle another glass jar!** They're easy to wash (dishwasher-friendly), have an air-tight seal, freeze well and don't leach toxics like Bisphenol-A (BPA).

**Substitute:** Store leftovers and dry goods (instead of buying containers) or pack your lunch in glass jars.

*Note: Depending on the means of your work commute, you might choose stainless steel lunch containers because glass is heavy.*

**Tip three: Reduce is the first "R".** It's time for a plastic diet! Buy fewer prepared foods, buy in bulk, and pack waste-free lunches. **Substitute:** Eat a lot of yogurt from plastic tubs? Maybe it's time to invest in a yogurt maker!

**Tip four: Make your own cleaners.** Stop recycling plastic tubs, jugs, and spray bottles from household cleaners.

**Substitute:** To a seven-liter pail of hot water, add one cup of baking soda, 1/3-cup of salt, and one cup of liquid castile soap. Use 1/2-cup per load of laundry. Some soap products for personal hygiene or for washing dishes and clothes come in dissolving sheets. New shops that offer return schemes with reusable containers are now opening doors in many Ohio cities.

**Tip five: Fix it.** Thanks to planned obsolescence most consumer goods are designed to fail. And household items have become cheaper to replace than to repair. Although most states have recycling programs for large and small appliances, try fixing things first! **Substitute:** Some places have public workshops or host repair cafés. Check and see if there's one near you.



## JOIN THE CONVERSATION

*Reimagining Capitalism in a World on Fire*

by Rebecca Henderson

Saturday, February 20, 10 am

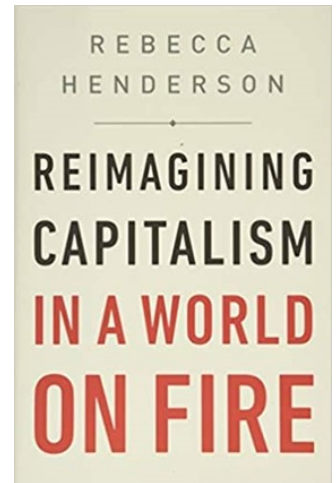
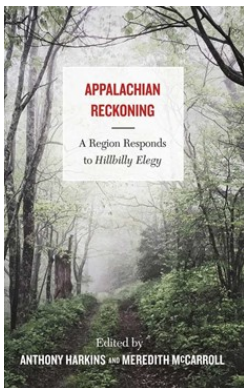
The book club, which now meets via Zoom, invites all members to the conversation.  
For more information and to RSVP to receive the Zoom link: [sarahgideonse@womanscityclub.org](mailto:sarahgideonse@womanscityclub.org)

Rebecca Henderson, a renowned Harvard historian, argues that free market capitalism is on the verge of destroying the planet and destabilizing society as wealth rushes to the top. The time for action is running short. We need to reimagine capitalism so that it is not only an engine of prosperity but also a system that is in harmony with environmental realities, the striving for social justice, and the demands of truly democratic institutions—a profitable, equitable, and sustainable capitalism.

With rigorous research in economics, psychology, and organizational behavior, as well as her many years of work with companies around the world, Henderson presents a path forward. She debunks the worldview that the only purpose of business is to make money and maximize shareholder value.

*Reimagining Capitalism* is available locally at Joseph-Beth Booksellers, with a special WCC book club discount. The Public Library has a limited number of hard copies in addition to e-book form and downloadable audio books. Copies can also be ordered from online booksellers.

~ Sarah Gideonse

*Appalachian Reckoning*a response to *Hillbilly Elegy*

In an October presentation of the American Book Awards in San Francisco, the book *Appalachian Reckoning: A Region Responds to Hillbilly Elegy* received recognition for its outstanding literary achievement within the entire spectrum of America's diverse literary community. The volume—an anthology of writings of some 40 scholars, activists, poets, and creative writers—is a frank critique of J. D. Vance's best-selling memoir, *Hillbilly Elegy*, as well as a

celebration of a place that "is at once culturally rich and economically distressed, unique and typically American," according to Western Kentucky University history professor Anthony Harkins, co-editor of the book.

WCC member and UC scholar Michael Maloney contributed an essay to the volume entitled "The Miracle and the Fall," which compares his family story with Vance's narrative and provides a history of the Appalachian migration to Cincinnati and the Miami Valley area. He, like the other authors in the collection, challenge Vance's portrayal of Appalachians as a broken people within a defective culture of poverty.

Michael grew up in the same Eastern Kentucky county where Vance's family originated (Breathitt), and some of his family live in Middletown, the setting of *Hillbilly Elegy*. "We are probably the largest ethnic group that settled the region," he says. "We helped shape the culture here and made contributions in most of the professions and areas of life and work. Appalachians are not all white and Scots Irish, not all poor and from dysfunctional families."

According to Shaunna Scott of the University of Kentucky, "This edited volume continues the rich Appalachian studies tradition of pushing back against one-sided caricatures of Appalachian people. The essays, poems, and photo-essays in this book demonstrate the diversity of Appalachian perspectives on the serious problems facing our nation as well as the role that myths about Appalachia continue to play in US policy debates. This is a must-read for everyone who read (or refused to read) J. D. Vance's deeply flawed, best-selling memoir, *Hillbilly Elegy*."

"The most sustained pushback to Vance's book thus far. It is a volley of intellectual buckshot from high up alongside the hollow." — *New York Times*

~ Jeanne Nightingale





## WCC WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

**Thanks to our Nominating Committee, so ably led by Alice Schneider, WCC is pleased to welcome two terrific new board members who will fill unexpired terms ending on May 31, 2022.**



### **CATHY BERNARDINO BAILEY**

Cathy Bailey has served as Director of the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) since 2015. After joining GCWW in 1992, she served in various capacities as a chemist, IT Service Desk Manager, Strategic Planning Manager and Performance Metric Champion. Cathy holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the University of Cincinnati and began her career at the US Environmental Protection Agency in the Water Research Division. Cathy strives to make work fun and creative. She is passionate about strategic planning, performance metrics and managing by data. She and her husband, Terry R. Bailey Sr., have two children. Cathy currently serves as president of the Clark Montessori School Foundation and enjoys volunteering at church and in the community.

### **JAN SEYMOUR**

Born in Ashland Kentucky, Jan holds a BA in sociology from Emory University and an MBA from the University of Cincinnati. She is retired from Gilman Partners, an executive search firm, and lives in Hyde Park. As an active member of the Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, she founded and leads the church's Justice Ministry and has joined WCC's Social Justice Action Group. She has previously served on the boards of The Hyde Park Center for Older Adults and Wesley Chapel Mission Center. She is a regular participant in WCC's book club and was active in Thriving Cincinnati.



## 2021 SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR BOARD AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**WCC's Board of Trustees has approved the following slate of candidates for transmittal to the membership by March 1 for election by mail:**

### **FIVE BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE FOR THREE YEARS**

1. Sherri Adams, 2021-2024, NEW
2. Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, 2021-2024
3. David Siders, 2021-2024
4. Aurelia Simmons, 2021-2024, NEW
5. Christa Zielke, 2021-2024, NEW

The mailing will include bios of the candidates.

### **THREE AT-LARGE MEMBERS FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.**

1. Tara French
2. Alice Schneider
3. Susan Noonan

\*The board elects two additional members from the board at its first meeting after June 1, 2021.



## PROGRESS IN FINALIZING THE MARIAN SPENCER STATUE



**The Marian A. Spencer statue is now completed.** The last step in the preparation and the construction of the statue was finalized the week of January 11, 2021. Patina, applied to the statue the week before, was the final step in the process. What is patina? According to the sculptor, Tom Tsuchiya, patina is a film produced on the surface of the bronze that both protects the metal and improves the statue's aesthetic appearance. This film is created by applying chemicals to the surface of the bronze. The chemical reaction produces various colors and tones on the bronze.

Marian's statue had a first application of liver of sulfur to create a charcoal color effect. This first patina application was burnished with Scotch-Brite to reveal the golden raw bronze. Next, ferric nitrate was applied to create a warm, brown hue. This also was burnished to reveal the raw golden bronze on certain parts of the

statue. Finally, wax was applied to seal the patinated bronze. The statue is now 100 percent complete and ready to install.

The installation, however, will not take place until March 2021 as the weather needs to be more temperate. The Marian A. Spencer Statue Committee will announce the date of the installation, and a dedication ceremony will be held later.



*~ Alice Schneider, Chair, Marian Spencer Statue Committee*

## WCC'S COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE INVITES MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE

**Help get the word out about our wonderful Woman's City Club and what we are doing! The Communications Committee works to engage our members and encourage others to become members as well.**

- Volunteer for our committee. Come to our meetings and share your communication ideas and skills. Our meetings are usually the last Tuesday of the month. We are responsible for putting out the Bulletin and Weekly Update, publicizing WCC and its activities/ events (press releases, flyers, articles), and maintaining the WCC website.
- Skills we can use: a passion for communicating about WCC, writing, editing, taking photos, social media, and graphic design skills. Occasional or longer-term contributions are welcome! For more information about the committee and joining, please contact the chair, Sarah Gideonse at [SarahGideonse@womanscityclub.org](mailto:SarahGideonse@womanscityclub.org).
- We suspect many of our members—active on social media or not—have great ideas for posting information and links about issues and events related to WCC's work that would engage the public and spark their interest in us. Let us know and help us achieve vibrant social media by forwarding Facebook items to Alice Schneider ([AliceSchneider@womanscityclub.org](mailto:AliceSchneider@womanscityclub.org)).
- Facebook users: kindly repost events and other items from the WCC Facebook page to your Facebook page and those of friends.
- Recommend friends and colleagues sign up to receive the monthly Bulletin at [womanscityclub.org/media/bulletin/](http://womanscityclub.org/media/bulletin/)

*~ Sarah Gideonse, Chair, Communications Committee*

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Beth Sullebarger, *President* (2020-2021)  
Helen O'Neal, *VP Administration* (2018-2023)  
David Siders, *VP Civic Engagement* (2019-2021)  
Cathy B. Bailey, *VP Membership* (2021—2022)  
Jeff Dey, *VP Programs* (2016-2022)  
Marcia Togneri, *Treasurer* (2020-2021)  
Anne Buening, *Secretary* (2017-2023)  
Janet Buening, *Past President* (2019-2022)

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Marge Davis (2019-2021)  
Michelle Dillingham (2020-2023)  
Amy Katzman (2016-2022)  
Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney (2019-2021)  
Sharon McCreary (2020-2023)  
Hera Reines (2018-2021)  
Jan Seymour (2020-2022)  
Beverly Thomas (2017-2023)

## Calendar of WCC Events

**Thursday, February 18, 6:30 pm**

Forum: Perspectives on the Charter Amendment to Fund the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

**Saturday, February 20, 10 am**

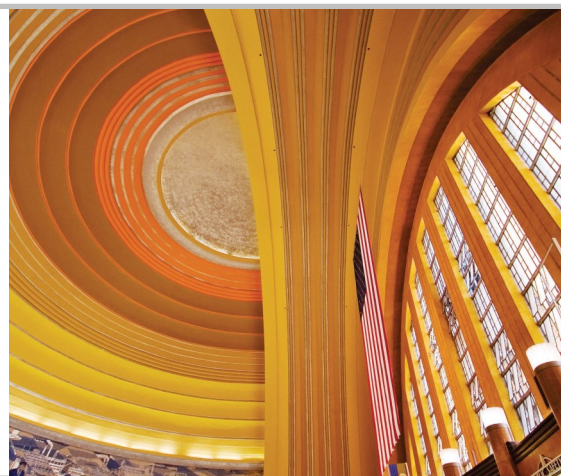
WCC Book Club: *Reimagining Capitalism in a World on Fire*

**Sunday, February 28, 1:30 pm**

Feist Tea honoring feisty WCC members.

**Tuesday, May 18, 7 pm**

National Speaker Forum with Denise Kiernan at Memorial Hall.



## WCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

For the latest schedule of WCC meetings, please check our calendar at [womanscityclub.org](http://womanscityclub.org)

Friday, February 5, 1:00 pm: **Seasongood Luncheon Committee Meeting**

Monday, February 8, 6:15 pm: **Program Committee Meeting**  
[Committee meets monthly on second Mondays.]

Monday, February 22, 6:30 pm: **WCC Executive Committee**  
[Committee meets every other month on fourth Mondays.]

Tuesday, February 23, 6:00 pm: **Communications Committee Meeting**  
[Committee meets most months on final Tuesdays.]

Monday, March 22, 7:00 pm: **WCC Board Meeting**  
[Board meets every other month on fourth Mondays.]

### CINCINNATI CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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The monthly *Bulletin* keeps us connected with our membership, our network, and our community. Our next issue will appear in early March. Deadline for submissions and committee reports is February 15. Please submit all material as they are ready to Sarah Gideonse at [sarahgideonse@womanscityclub.org](mailto:sarahgideonse@womanscityclub.org)



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