



**CTM Board Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2019
Clifton Recreation Center**

Present: Peter Block, Pat Borders, Joe Brunner, Brian Duffy, Robert Hamburg, Brad Hawse, Rama Kasturi, Kevin Marsh, Vince Metzger, Malcolm Montgomery, Joyce Rich

Absent: Stephanie Gilbreath, Buddy Goose, Seth Maney

A quorum is present. Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by President Hawse.

I. Neighborhood Reports

A. Police Report

Officer Todd Ploehs reported on recent crime statistics and news from District 5 (Officer Hageman is on vacation). The overall numbers are good with the exception of thefts, which is up from 5 in June to 12 in July. Compared to last year, theft from autos is up 54%. Officer Ploehs explained that these are both easy crimes of opportunity, and reminded everyone not to leave anything of value in your car.

A community member in attendance asked if there had been any issues with crimes against immigrants, and Officer Ploehs responded that the Department is not aware of any. Officer Ploehs, in response to another question, also said that heroin/narcotics response calls were not out of the ordinary for the past month.
513 569-8506, Officer Ploehs direct line.

Link to STARS report - <https://cpdmobile.cincinnati-oh.gov/Neighborhoods/Reports/D5/Clifton.pdf>

There is also now a new online crime stats report for Clifton (and other neighborhoods). Link to the Clifton report showing data as of end of August - https://public.tableau.com/shared/QPFHCRSCY?:display_count=yes

Community Liaison Police Officer Hageman can be reached at 513.569.8527; email is nicholas.hageman@cincinnati-oh.gov. See the Clifton Community website for other police contact info on the Public Safety page.

B. Fire Report

There was no fire report this month.

Captain Ron Wilson is the leader of Engine Co. 34. He can be reached at (513) 352-2334; or visit the fire station on Ludlow Avenue.

C. Library Report

There was no library report this month.

Information about the Clifton Branch, including links to various events & classes can be found online at <http://www.cincinnati.library.org/branches/clifton.html>

D. Recreation Center

Center Coordinator Tom Reese reported on recent and upcoming events at the Rec Center. This is the last week of Summer Camp, and Mr. Reese thanked everyone for driving carefully around the CRC. He also thanked the volunteers who participated in the recent CANS grounds work, who also helped with the CRC grounds. The CRC's Fall programming starts in September. Finally, the CRC is trying to expand their before and after school care programs, as both lists are getting full.

The online Rec Center Calendar is at <http://cincyrec.org/search/basicprogram.aspx?k=Clifton%2BRecreation%2BCenter#results>

E. CBPA

Vice President Borders noted that the Saturday evening music on the Plaza is still going strong and encouraged everyone to attend.

F. CCAC

Executive Director Leslie Mooney reported on recent and upcoming events at the CCAC. The last Wednesdays in the Woods concert is August 7th, and Ms. Mooney thanked everyone for the great attendance numbers at this year's concert series. Fall classes are now listed online. The CCAC's Golden Ticket exhibition is coming up, and anyone located within 25 miles of CCAC's Short Vine location is eligible to submit an original work of art. There is no announcement regarding the CCAC's permanent home, but CCAC is still working very hard and is optimistic.

The online CCAC Events Calendar is at <https://www.cliftonculturalarts.org/events/event-calendar/>

G. Clifton Market

There was no update from the Market.

H. Preserve Burnet Woods

Cynthia Duval reported on recent and upcoming events at Burnet Woods. Trailside Nature Center is still open Fridays and Saturdays through the end of August, and volunteers are still needed. The last weekend in September will have boating on the lake, and there will be a Halloween party at the end of October with live music and pedestrian-friendly trick or treating. There will also be programming in the planetarium over the winter. Planning for 2020 events starts in September, and all suggestions are welcome.

II. Discussion with CPS Board President

President Hawse introduced Carolyn Jones, President of the CPS Board of Education.

Ms. Jones then gave a report on CPS's current initiatives and priorities. The Board is attempting to improve its community engagement, and different Board members are visiting community councils and neighborhoods. CPS will soon unveil its three year strategic plan aimed at expanding opportunities and options for students, growing the district, and engaging in long range financial planning. The district has grown rapidly and is performing well, so the Board is trying to meet demand and ensure the district is on stable footing and well-positioned for continued expansion at the same performance level.

CPS's priorities are 1) emphasizing student-centric decision making; 2) students' health and safety; 3) increasing community engagement; 4) creating efficient and effective operational systems; and 5) managing and encouraging the district's growth. Challenges facing the district include the upcoming tax levy renewal, renegotiating the tax abatement agreement with the City, and state-level school funding issues.

Following the presentation, discussion ensued among the Trustees regarding CPS's community outreach efforts and whether the district would ever consider year round schooling. Ms. Jones agreed that CPS wants to be a good partner to all constituencies in the area and reiterated the Board's commitment to community engagement. She indicated that the Board had discussed year-round schools previously but is not currently considering that model.

III. Presentation Regarding Burnet Woods and Mount Storm

Trustee Kasturi introduced Jennifer Speiser, Executive Director of the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, and Jim Goetz, Vice President of the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz began by stating that Burnet Woods is a priority for the Park Board. In addition to the current efforts to improve/restore the trails and combat invasive species, the Park Board is exploring opportunities for developing and improving the plaza area around Trailside Nature Center. The intent is to remove a lot of the concrete and make it a more natural area. The Park Board has earmarked \$250,000 to Burnet Woods for

improvements. The Park Board is also working with CEF on its plans for Trailside. Mr. Goetz expects a report on the full business plan (including architectural renderings) by mid to late September. The Park Board is also keeping in mind the fact that, at some point in the future, there will be a significant MSD project in Burnet Woods that current plans must account for.

Ms. Speiser then gave a general overview of the Parks Foundation's recent work around the city. As it enters the second phase of its three year strategic plan, both Burnet Woods and Mt. Storm are priorities. The Foundation is partnering with PBW and CCAC for event planning, and is also distributing grant money (such as \$60,000 total for invasive species removal in Burnet Woods) and is trying to secure more. There is also an ongoing project to restore the original landscape architecture in Mt. Storm and reforest the area.

Following the presentations, discussion ensued among the Trustees. Mr. Goetz and Ms. Speiser clarified that decisions regarding "improvements" to Burnet Woods will be made by the Park Board, and that the Park Board is working with the community to develop ideas and projects that have community support. The Park Board is also working with DAAP on an overall vision for Burnet Woods. Regarding the MSD project, the Park Board is communicating with MSD but the project is only in the planning stages. It will involve sewer repairs and improvements running from UC through the wetlands and lake area, continuing on behind Trailside towards Ludlow, and then turning west and running along the valley and Ludlow Avenue over to Clifton Avenue. Mr. Goetz and Ms. Speiser also clarified that invasive species removal efforts are also going on at Mt. Storm, not just Burnet Woods.

IV. Update on Ludlow Avenue Parklets

Vice President Rich gave an update on the Ludlow Avenue Parklets project.

The Business Committee has been working with the City to identify potential locations, and after walking Ludlow has identified two parking spaces in front of Ludlow Wines and Marrakesh as the best location for the parklet trial. CTM will now begin work on safety issues and a design for the parklet in conjunction with Professor Mehta. The goal, as previously stated, is to try and slow down traffic on Ludlow and possibly divert some of it to MLK, as well as to create more space for community interaction along Ludlow. The parklet should be installed by CliftonFest and must be removed by the first snow flurry.

The City is requiring a revocable street project permit that costs \$500. The CBPA has agreed to cover the cost; however, as this is a CTM project, Vice President Rich noted that CTM should be the primary applicant. Vice President Borders emphasized that the CBPA supports this project, as it will slow traffic down and, in conjunction with removing the rush hour parking restrictions, will make more parking spaces available which benefits Ludlow's merchants. He also noted that Ludlow Avenue has narrow sidewalks and the parklet will create more space to meet and talk with people on the street.

Following the update report discussion ensued among the Trustees. It was clarified that the rush hour parking restriction change will occur at the same time as the parklet trial. The City will not pay to install any of the concrete barriers that must be installed around the parklet. Because the design is still in progress, there is not yet a total cost for the concrete barriers and other costs associated with the project. The Business Committee is trying to raise funds and/or secure commitments for volunteer hours and in-kind donations.

Following discussion, Vice President Rich moved to approve identifying CTM as the primary applicant on the permit application. Trustee Montgomery seconded the motion. Following further discussion regarding the timeframe for the project, a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Discussion Regarding Off Ludlow Gallery Funds

Vice President Rich gave an update on the Off Ludlow Gallery. The Gallery's operations are generating money, through a portion of the artwork sold and through donations. Because the money is being generated by the Arts and Culture Committee, the Committee wants to keep the money in the Committee's budget to continue sponsoring art in the community. The money would still go through the Treasurer, it would just go into the Committee's budget. Vice President Rich thus made a motion that all funds generated by the Off Ludlow Gallery be allocated to the Arts and Culture Committee's budget. Trustee Montgomery seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued among the Trustees. Several Trustees raised concerns regarding CTM's ability to raise money without impacting our nonprofit status. While the Board was generally supportive of promoting the arts and of the gallery concept, some Trustees also raised concerns regarding what they see as an "act first, ask permission later" process. The impression is that revenues are coming in and costs are being incurred without explicit prior Board approval. In response, it was noted that the Gallery was not started with the intention to make money, but that it developed more quickly than anticipated. Because of its potential benefit to the community, the Committee wanted to keep it moving forward. Concerns were also raised regarding the process for handling the funds generated and what expenses had been incurred and will be paid with the funds.

Following discussion, a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven in favor and three opposed. Following the vote, all Trustees agreed that the Board should continue discussions regarding the Gallery.

Trustee Marsh noted that during the discussion there was mention of conversations with legal counsel. He made a motion to have any legal opinion given put in writing. Trustee Montgomery seconded the motion. Following discussion, a vote was taken. The motion passed with six in favor and five opposed.

VI. Vision Zero Presentation

Trustee Marsh introduced Derek Bauman on behalf of the Vision Zero project.

Mr. Bauman is a former police officer and OTR resident who has been working to reduce traffic fatalities and increase pedestrian safety on Cincinnati's streets. Vision Zero is an approach to traffic safety emphasizing a systems approach to design better infrastructure and human behavior to reduce traffic accidents and fatalities. With the support of Councilman Landsman and the DOTE the City of Cincinnati has recently adopted the Vision Zero approach. A copy of the handout Mr. Bauman circulated is attached.

Although the City has officially adopted Vision Zero, Mr. Bauman emphasized that accountability and actual implementation are critical. He encouraged everyone in attendance to educate themselves about the Vision Zero approach and to demand that the City follow through and implement the changes. This is a multifaceted problem that will only be solved if everyone gets involved.

VII. Officer and Committee Reports

A. *Treasurer*

There was no Treasurer's report this month.

B. *Arts and Culture*

Vice President Rich gave an update on the mural project. The murals will be printed on an aluminum board, approximately 10 feet tall and 5 feet wide. The Committee Chair, Sean Mullaney, filled out an application for the murals but the City rejected it on the ground that because the images are on a board they constitute signs, not murals. Two variances are required, one for the size of the sign and one for placing it on the side of the building. Mr. Mullaney expects the variances to be granted, but there needs to be a formal application. Trustee Montgomery then noted that the Housing and Zoning Committee had considered the zoning issues and has no objection to the variance requests. A copy of the Housing and Zoning Committee's report is attached.

Trustee Montgomery moved that the Board send a letter noting no objection to the variance requests. Trustee Duffy seconded the motion. Further discussion ensued clarifying that the variances have already been requested, and that the Board would be expressing its support. Following discussion, a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Rich then noted that the Arts and Culture Committee had, last month, requested \$500 for the Off Ludlow Gallery operational expenses and \$1,000 for the mural project. She requested a vote on the two requests.

Discussion ensued among the Trustees. Regarding the Gallery request, the Board again generally expressed its support for the Off Ludlow Gallery but several Trustees raised concerns regarding previous requests for additional details on the expenses incurred, as well as the implications of selling artwork and the structure of those transactions.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to table the request for funds for the Off Ludlow Gallery to allow more time for discussion.

Trustee Montgomery then moved to provide \$1,000 for the mural project. Vice President Rich seconded the motion. Following discussion, a vote was taken. The motion passed with six in favor and four abstentions.

C. Clifton Chronicle

Trustee Metzger gave an update on the Chronicle Committee's work investigating potential format and printing changes for the Chronicle. The Committee recommends changing the formatting and switching printers as discussed during the June meeting. Trustee Metzger moved to authorize the Chronicle Committee to implement these changes. Trustee Duffy seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the motion as passed is attached.

D. Nominating Committee

Trustee Marsh noted that, per the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee was supposed to give report by August. This needs to be done before the month is out. President Hawse stated that he will send out an email looking for dates for additional August meeting for this (and potentially other) items.

IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. The next scheduled CTM meeting is at 7 p.m., Monday September 9, 2019 at the Clifton Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Brunner, CTM Secretary.

A PRIMER ON VISION ZERO

Advancing Safe Mobility for All

What is Vision Zero?

Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries among all road users, and to ensure safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. First implemented in Sweden in the 1990s, where traffic deaths have been cut in half even while the number of trips increased, Vision Zero is gaining momentum across the globe, including in many U.S. communities.



Each year in the U.S., more than 40,000 people — an average of 100 people per day — are needlessly killed, and millions more are injured, in traffic crashes. While often referred to as “accidents,” the reality is that we can prevent these tragedies by taking a proactive, preventative approach that prioritizes traffic safety as a public health issue.

TRADITIONAL APPROACH

Traffic deaths are **INEVITABLE**
PERFECT human behavior
 Prevent **COLLISIONS**
INDIVIDUAL responsibility
 Saving lives is **EXPENSIVE**

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VISION ZERO

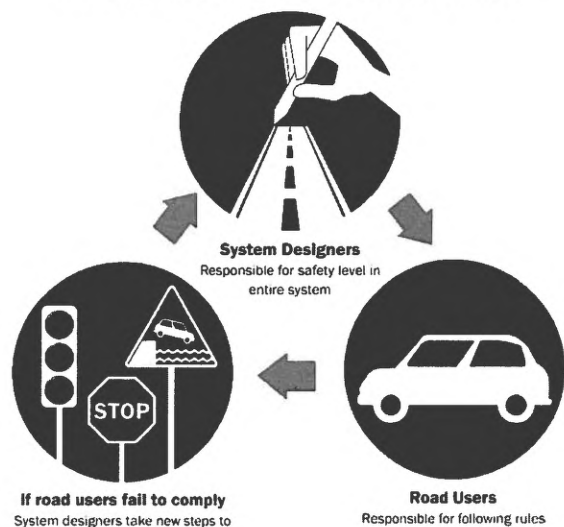
Traffic deaths are **PREVENTABLE**
 Integrate **HUMAN FAILING** in approach
 Prevent **FATAL AND SEVERE CRASHES**
SYSTEMS approach
 Saving lives is **NOT EXPENSIVE**

Changing the Status Quo - A New Vision for Safety

Vision Zero starts with the ethical belief that everyone has the right to move safely in their communities, and that system designers and policy makers share the responsibility to ensure safe systems for travel.

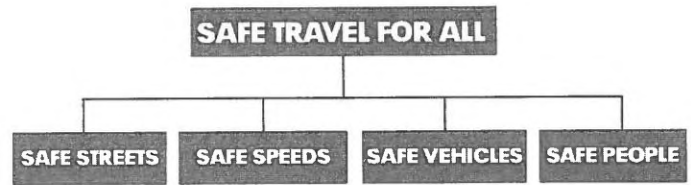
The Vision Zero approach recognizes that people will sometimes make mistakes, so the road system and related policies should be designed to ensure those inevitable mistakes do not result in severe injuries or fatalities. This means that system designers and policymakers are expected to improve the roadway environment, policies (such as speed management), and other related systems to lessen the severity of crashes.

Vision Zero Ethical Platform



What a Commitment to Vision Zero Means

Vision Zero is not a slogan, not a tagline, not even just a program. It is a fundamentally different way to approach traffic safety. Communities that want to succeed at Vision Zero need to acknowledge that business as usual is not enough and that systemic changes are needed to make meaningful progress. Effective communities will recognize and commit to core Vision Zero principles and strategies.



Committing to Vision Zero will take the following strategies:

- » Building and sustaining leadership, collaboration, and accountability – especially among a diverse group of stakeholders to include transportation professionals, policymakers, public health officials, police, and community members;
- » Collecting, analyzing, and using data to understand trends and potential disproportionate impacts of traffic deaths on certain populations;
- » Prioritizing equity and community engagement;
- » Managing speed to safe levels; and
- » Setting a timeline to achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injuries, which brings urgency and accountability, and ensuring transparency on progress and challenges.

Key among Vision Zero priorities are managing speed, centering equity, and engaging the community.



Managing Speed

Speeding kills more than 10,000 people each year in the U.S. – on par with drunk driving – yet, the act of speeding does not carry the same social consequences as drunk driving. Vision Zero calls on communities to prioritize safe speeds through safe street design, automated speed enforcement (or safety cameras), and setting safe speed limits.



Centering Equity

Safe mobility is a basic right, and Vision Zero is based on the premise that *all* people have the right to move about safely. Vision Zero communities should invest in proven safety strategies with a focus on ensuring equity. This includes identifying communities or populations that are disproportionately impacted by traffic deaths and serious injuries, and prioritizing roadway safety investments in these areas. It also means that *if* police are involved in Vision Zero, the community should make a public commitment to fair and equitable enforcement and ensure transparency and accountability on this commitment.



Engaging Communities

When it comes to experience and knowledge of how a neighborhood works, no one knows better than the people who live there. Assessing which needs are greatest requires complementing a data-driven approach with robust community engagement. The Vision Zero Network recommends working with and supporting community based organizations who have established trust and relationships with residents.

Find out more about Vision Zero and the nonprofit advocacy work of the Vision Zero Network at www.visionzeronetwork.org.



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CTM-Board: Draft Agenda for August Meeting

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Sun, Aug 4, 2019 at 8:45 PM

Reply-To: ctm-trustees@googlegroups.com

To: ctm-trustees@googlegroups.com

The chronicle committee will make the following motion. "CTM has decided to change formats for the Clifton Chronicle as described in June. The change will take place for the first issue of 2020, the Spring issue. We will change to the color format and budget \$1400/issue for production costs." Vince

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To view this discussion on the web visit https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/ctm-trustees/CACZ2eyaixLQq-_3vUshWM_Wum5SZFmQXqG0wh%3D0zpMueVjDwwA%40mail.gmail.com.