



**CTM Board Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2019
Clifton Recreation Center**

Present: Peter Block, Joe Brunner, Brian Duffy, Stephanie Gilbreath, Buddy Goose, Brad Hawse, Rama Kasturi, Seth Maney, Kevin Marsh, Vince Metzger, Malcolm Montgomery, Joyce Rich, Peggy Spohr

Absent: Pat Borders

A quorum is present. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by President Hawse.

I. VegFest 2019 Report

Anna Ferguson reported on VegFest 2019, which was held at Burnet Woods on May 18th. The event was a success, and over 2,000 people attended over the course of the day. Ms. Ferguson thanked CTM for sponsoring the event, and noted that they plan to try to grow attendance next year.

II. Neighborhood Reports

A. Police Report

Officer Nick Hageman reported on recent crime statistics and news from District 5. Robberies, theft from autos, and burglaries are all down. Most crime in the neighborhood is driven by the intersections at Woolper and Vine and Mitchell and Vine. Officer Hageman noted the recent shooting in Virginia Beach and reminded everyone to stay vigilant. Finally, Officer Hageman noted that the Memorial Day Parade was a great event and encouraged everyone to keep CPD involved in neighborhood activities.

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

Captain Wilson noted that outdoor grilling continues to pose safety and fire risks. He urged everyone to inspect and clean their grills before use, especially when using it for the first time following winter. Don't grill inside or on balconies, and keep children, pets, and flammable items three feet away from the grill.

Company 34 had 179 total runs in May, of which 122 were medical. Not all runs were in Clifton, as the Company also serves surrounding neighborhoods. 16 runs were fire responses, of which 4 were working fires, none of which were in Clifton.

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

Clifton Branch Manager Lisa Hamrick reported on recent and upcoming events and news at the Library. The Library's Summer Adventure program started on Friday, and everyone is encouraged to attend. The Friend Sale also started on Saturday at the Hartwell location, which is a great opportunity to get a lot of good books cheaply.

Ms. Hamrick also announced that there will be a Next Gen Library engagement session on July 22nd from 6-7 at the Clifton Branch. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Library's Next Gen Library campaign, ask questions, and express your opinions. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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. Summer camp has begun, and over 130 kids are attending. Please be careful when driving around the Rec Center. The Rec Center has applied to be part of the Blink Festival parade in October. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Rec Center. The Reds Rookie Success Program, a two week program of free baseball and softball, will start soon. Finally Mr. Reese noted that swim lessons, for children and adults, are available at all CRC pools. He encouraged anyone interested to attend.

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

E. CBPA

There was no report from the CBPA.

F. CCAC

Executive Director Leslie Mooney reported on recent and upcoming events at the CCAC. The first Wednesdays in the Woods concert was held May 29th and was a success. The CCAC's annual community art show, Uptown and Around, will be at the CCAC's Short Vine location from June 21st to July 12th. Everyone, of any talent level, is welcome to pick a piece of their own artwork to display. CCAC is also sponsoring a lunchtime piano concert series, Live at Lunch, Fridays from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Short Vine Square beginning June 7th and lasting until August 9th. Finally, CCAC is sponsoring live music on the Clifton Plaza on Saturday nights, from 7-10, starting in July

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

G. Clifton Market

Trustee Kasturi reported on the recent shareholder vote approving the sale of the Market to Mr. Singh. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor, and the sale process is on track.

H. Preserve Burnet Woods

There was no report from PBW.

III. Clifton Chronicle Update

Trustee Metzger, on behalf of the Chronicle Committee, gave an update on recent efforts to address the Clifton Chronicle's budget deficit. A copy of the presentation is attached. The Chronicle currently runs a deficit of approximately \$500/issue. Ad rates and its style have not changed in seven years. Trustee Metzger outlined two ways to approach the deficit: increase revenues by either selling more ads or increasing ad rates, and/or decrease costs by changing the format and switching printers. Trustees Metzger and Gilbreath have identified an alternate printer in Chicago that specializes in short run printings, particularly for community newsletters. Trustee Metzger outlined three choices for the Board: 1) stay with the same format and accept the deficit as a community benefit while considering increasing the ad rates; 2) change the format and printer to a black and white edition with reduced printing costs and more space to sell ads (as well as more space for articles); or 3) change the format and printer to a color edition which would be cost neutral for printing costs but would increase the space to sell ads, with color ads potentially commanding higher ad rates. If a change is to be made, Trustee Metzger recommends that it be made with the Spring 2020 edition.

Discussion ensued among the Trustees and community members in attendance. Some Trustees expressed concerns about a delay in printing and shipping if the Board

elects to use a Chicago printer, however the printer has assured us they will be timely. Moreover this Chicago printer is the only one the committee could locate that does this kind of work. Further discussion ensued regarding the readability and quality of the proposed format change, balanced against the potential for reducing the \$500/issue deficit. The Trustees also thanked Trustees Metzger and Gilbreath and Chronicle Editor Vicki Black for their hard work on this issue. After discussion, the Trustees agreed to continue the conversation regarding the format change after soliciting more community feedback and further investigation into the proposed Chicago printer.

Regarding the ad rates, Trustee Metzger moved to increase the Chronicle's ad rates to \$11/sq. in. Trustee Maney seconded the motion. Discussion ensued among the Trustees regarding the duration of the rate increase, and it was clarified that the rate increase would only apply to the remaining two issues for 2019. Following discussion, a vote was held. The motion passed with 12 in favor and 1 opposed.

IV. Clifton Plaza Engagement Session Report

Trustee Block reported on the recent engagement session soliciting community feedback on potential improvements to the Plaza. Approximately 20 people attended, and a synopsis of the discussion is being prepared that will be sent to the Board.

V. Engage Cincinnati Survey Announcement

Treasurer Goose announced that Engage Cincinnati's online survey requesting community input on topics for inclusion in the explanatory brochures is now active. He encouraged everyone to fill out the survey to the City and the Engage Cincinnati team can see what issues the community thinks deserve attention.

VI. Memorial Day Parade Report

Treasurer Goose reported on the 2019 Memorial Day Parade. The event was a big success with between 200 and 250 people in attendance at the parade and picnic. Treasurer Goose and the entire Board expressed their thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the event a success. The Masonic Lodge sponsored and participated in the parade and picnic, and the Board greatly appreciates their involvement and support. T-Mobile also participated in the parade.

The Memorial Day Parade is a big, longstanding event for Clifton, and Treasurer Goose urged everyone—Trustees and the community at large—to continue to support and be involved in it to keep it going. Ideas for next year include a bike decorating contest for kids.

VII. CTM Board Vacancy

President Hawse noted the trustee vacancy created by Christine Celsor's resignation, and proposed that it be filled by Robert Hamberg. Mr. Hamberg received the

second most votes during the special election held following former Trustee Gina Marsh's resignation. President Hawse moved that Mr. Hamberg fill the vacancy. Treasurer Goose seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hamberg's term will run until the end of the year.

VIII. IIN Letter

Trustee Marsh noted that on May 7th IIN wrote letter to City Council discussing the results of an April 30th IIN quarterly meeting, at which CTM was not represented. A copy of the letter is attached. Trustee Marsh moved that CTM send a letter to City Counsel supporting IIN's May 7th letter. Vice President Rich seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

IX. Ludlow Avenue Benches Update

President Hawse reported that he has talked to both Metro and the City, and CTM has approval to manage and replace bus benches along Ludlow Avenue. There will be an approval process required for work on individual benches. In lieu of replacing a bench, Metro has indicated that CTM can elect a Metro bench and buy the advertising rights for a one-time payment of \$1,500. This cost is comparable to the cost of replacing a bench ourselves.

President Hawse noted that he has asked Trustee Gilbreath to take over this project, which she accepted. Discussion ensued regarding the benches in front of Pangea, the interaction of the benches and façade improvements that merchants may want to make, and priority benches such as the one on the northeast corner of the Ludlow/Middleton intersection. The Board will look for further updates from Trustee Gilbreath.

X. Ludlow Avenue Traffic Calming Proposal

Trustee Montgomery introduced the topic of exploring ways to slow down traffic on Ludlow Avenue and make the business district more pedestrian friendly. There are two components to the proposal: 1) removing the rush hour parking restrictions on Ludlow Avenue so the street is one lane in each direction instead of two, in order to slow down traffic for pedestrian safety and potentially induce some people traveling through the business district to stop and shop; and 2) installing temporary "bump-outs" of the curb at various points along Ludlow Avenue to improve walkability, appearance, and safety by creating space for benches and plantings and by shortening the distance for pedestrians to cross the street. Trustee Montgomery indicated that he has had conversations with the City and the Clifton business community, and that interest in the idea is high.

Discussion ensued among the Trustees and community members in attendance regarding the details of the proposals, the experience of other neighborhoods (particularly Northside) with similar proposals, how best to accomplish the general objectives, and whether to split the parking and bump-out proposals into two separate issues. A straw poll

of the Trustees indicated general support for the parking proposal, and qualified support for the bump-out concept.

Trustee Marsh introduced an alternate proposal adding more detail regarding the proposals, the timeframe, and the process for completing the project. Discussion ensued among the Trustees and community members regarding the pros and cons of adding detail versus over-managing, and whether specific committees should lead the effort as opposed to a “point person” or CTM as a whole.

Following the discussion, Trustee Block moved that CTM proceed with the first proposal, i.e. eliminating the rush hour parking restrictions on Ludlow, for a trial period of 3-6 months to be managed by the Transportation Committee. Trustee Metzger seconded the motion. Trustee Marsh moved to amend Trustee Block’s motion by adopting Trustee Marsh’s alternate proposal but striking references to the bump-outs. Trustee Goose seconded the motion to amend. A vote was then taken on the motion to amend. The motion to amend passed with 10 in favor and 3 abstentions. A vote was then held on the motion as amended, which passed unanimously. A copy of the motion as passed is attached.

Trustee Montgomery then moved that the Business Committee explore the feasibility of the bump-outs proposal with the City DOTE and the Clifton business community. Trustee Marsh seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

XI. CPS Liaison Position

Trustee Montgomery introduced a motion inviting Cincinnati Public Schools to collaborate with CTM to engage the community in planning for CANS’ opening. Discussion ensued among the Trustees and community members in attendance regarding CPS’s prior efforts to collaborate and conduct community outreach, the interaction of CPS, CANS PTO, and CTM, and the differences in “inside the school” issues versus “outside the school” issues, and whether they require different approaches.

Following the discussion, Trustee Montgomery moved for adoption of the motion to collaborate. Trustee Duffy seconded the motion. Trustee Metzger moved to amend the motion to indicate that CTM is inviting CPS to continue to collaborate. Secretary Brunner seconded the motion. A vote was taken on the motion to amend, which passed unanimously. A vote was then held on the motion as amended, which passed unanimously. A copy of the motion as passed is attached.

President Hawse then introduced the concept of creating a liaison position for CPS. Discussion ensued among the Trustees regarding the need for such a position, whether it will impede communication and/or the work of existing committees, and the liaison’s role internally and externally. It was clarified that the liaison’s role will be to assist CPS in communicating, coordinating, and working with CTM, not to stop individual Trustees from communicating directly with CPS. Following the discussion, President Hawse moved to create the CPS liaison position. Treasurer Goose seconded the motion. A vote was taken.

The motion passed with 9 in favor and 4 opposed. President Hawse nominated Trustee Maney to be the liaison, which he accepted.

XII. Officer and Committee Reports

A. Treasurer

Treasurer Goose indicated he will send the monthly balance and activity statements to the Board via email.

B. Business

Vice President Rich presented on the façade improvement plan. The Business Committee is trying to get more businesses to join the effort, and needs a letter authorized by CTM requesting that the plan be extended. Vice President Rich moved to authorize the Business Committee to draft the letter. Trustee Duffy seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Rich also gave an update on the Ormond post office. The building owner, Dave Taylor, has offered to lease the space to CTM and CBPA jointly for \$450/mo. Discussion ensued among the Trustees regarding the benefits of having a physical space versus the cost. The Business Committee will explore the issue more and resubmit it to the Board at a later date.

C. Housing and Zoning

Trustee Montgomery reported that the Housing and Zoning Committee recently learned of a permit application filed for 578 McAlpin. It apparently relates to a proposed retaining wall that may raise drainage issues. The Committee is investigating and will report to the Board when it has more information.

Trustee Montgomery also reported that he received a notice that there will be a hearing on June 7th regarding CPS's conditional use application for the CANS playscape space. He noted that the revised application includes the pictures and drawings presented to CTM during the May 2019 meeting, and indicated he viewed their inclusion as a positive step.

D. Arts and Culture

Chairperson Sean Mullaney reported that the Arts and Culture Committee is narrowing down the search for muralists for the mural project at the Ludlow Garage. He said they have gotten some fantastic proposals, and will narrow the field down from the current 8 to the final 5 soon.

The Ormond pop-up gallery will open on June 14 with a group show of Clifton artists. The Arts and Culture Committee will continue to have access to the space until it is

leased to another entity. Later in the summer there is a planned exhibition featuring work from the 5 muralists selected for the Ludlow Garage project.

XIII. April and May Meeting Minutes

Secretary Brunner moved to adopt the minutes of the April 1, 2019 and May 6, 2019 Board Meetings. Trustee Montgomery seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13 in favor and 2 abstentions.

XIV. Trustee Announcements

Trustee Block noted that having the gallery on Ormond available to the Arts and Culture Committee is no cost to CTM. In his opinion the gallery is the only reason to pay rent on that space. He also opined that CTM should not pay the lease alone.

Trustee Marsh encouraged everyone to sign up for GoVibrant step challenge, as Clifton is currently in fourth place. He also noted the emails recently received regarding the planned July 3rd fireworks show following the Wednesdays in the Woods concern, and asked the Board to consider the issue. While CTM had no role in the planned 2019 fireworks, it appears that in 2014 the then-Executive Committee did spend \$500 to promote a fireworks show. The consensus from the Trustees was that if anyone in the community has concerns with the planned fireworks they should raise their issues directly with the Park Board.

Trustee Montgomery noted that he recently received a proposal from a community member to put international flags along Ludlow Avenue. He will explore the issue and report back.

XV. Community Announcements

Ohio State Representative Brigid Kelly noted that the state legislature is working on the budget. If you ever have constituent issues her office is always open and listening.

Leslie Mooney, speaking for CCAC stated that CCAC is aware of the concerns raised with the fireworks and is working with the Parks Department. The show, which was initiated by the Parks Department, was planned to be pretty modest, especially in comparison to the Ault Park show.

A community member in attendance noted that the Clifton Memorial Day Parade was formerly led by the Boy Scouts, and that when the parade reached Mt. Storm the Scouts raised the flag and played taps to remember the real reason for Memorial Day. He asked the Board to please consider doing something like that again.

XV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

With no further business, President Hawse moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Duffy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m. The next scheduled CTM meeting is at 7 p.m., Monday July 1, 2019 at the Clifton Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Brunner, CTM Secretary.

Clifton Chronicle Update

June 3 2019

Why do we need an update?

- The Chronicle runs a deficit and at the 2019 on boarding, we were asked to examine and address the issue
- It was time, nothing has really changed in 7 years
 - Ad rates
 - Production costs
 - Style



The Chronicle of today

- 5000 issues being printed
- Costs
 - \$1318 printing
 - \$841 postage
 - \$330 mailing
 - \$1200 production
 - \$3689 Total Cost
- Revenue
 - \$3200 per issue
- Deficit of approximately \$500/issue

The Chronicle of Today

- What do we get for that \$500/issue?
 - Presence in the community for our neighborhood activities
 - A way to tell our neighbors what CTM does
 - Membership mailer – done twice a year and would cost around \$1000 to produce and mail to every resident
 - It currently runs twice a year

CTM Membership

Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) is your local community council which advocates on behalf of the Clifton community. CTM also sponsors many activities and festivals throughout the year for our community. To support this important community work, we need your generous support. Membership dues are tax deductible and are the second largest source of income for CTM. If you paid membership dues sometime in 2018, thank you for your support. Memberships are based on the calendar year, and we need your support again in 2019.

Starting or renewing your membership will help us keep Clifton a vibrant, desirable, and fun place to live, work, and play. CTM also accepts donations, and you can do that at the same time you renew at <http://www.cliftoncommunity.org/membership/> or clip the form below and send a check or money order payable to Clifton Town Meeting, P.O. Box 20042, Cincinnati, OH 45220.

Membership Categories	
Single (1 vote).....	\$14
Household (2 votes).....	\$20
Full-time college student (1 vote).....	\$10
Business (1 vote).....	\$40
Senior citizen, 65+ (1 vote).....	\$30
Senior household, 65+ (2 votes).....	\$14
Life membership (2 votes).....	\$180
Donation of \$.....	

Name(s): _____

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CTM and Go Vibrant Launch Walking Routes

CTM and Go Vibrant are launching four visible, marked neighborhood walking routes that range from 1 to 4 miles in length. The routes will all have a starting point at Clifton Plaza. Signs along the routes will guide you along. Maps of the routes will be available online at <http://govibrant.org/active/clifton-walking-routes> and in printed format at various businesses in Clifton as well as the Recreation Center on McAlpin Avenue. In addition to the Clifton walking routes, you can explore other neighborhoods' walking routes. Find them at <http://govibrant.org>.

Go Vibrant's Million Step Challenge is a competition among neighborhoods in Cincinnati. Can Clifton log the most steps during in 2019? Who will take the top prize (a donation for an interactive, engaging playset in their neighborhood's park)? The challenge runs from May 24, 2019-October 12, 2019. Cliftonites can take their first steps together in the Memorial Day Parade this year! Register now at <http://www.govibrant.org/stepup/>.

1960's Clifton Reunion

On September 15 from 12-4 p.m., a reunion for ANYONE who resided in Clifton in the 1960s will take place at Mount Storm Park at the end of Lafayette. It coincides with the date of the Walnut Hills High School's reunion. Please spread the word about the reunion.

For more information, contact Cathy Capelle, now 65, at cathe118@juno.com. Provide your email address for upcoming news before 9/15 and photos of the event afterwards.

Please go to the Facebook page for "60's Clifton Reunion" and post memories and appropriate photos of Clifton in the 1960's.

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But there's still a deficit?

- 2 ways to approach this
 - Increase revenues
 - Decrease costs

But there's still a deficit

- Increase revenues
 - Sell more ads – there really isn't room
 - Increase ad rates
 - Current ad rates vary \$8.70 - \$9.50/square inch
 - Increasing the rate to \$11/square inch has been proposed/partially implemented
 - It has only affected new ads. The ads sold prior to the increase are still being run
 - We can and maybe should walk back this increase

Fairview-Clifton Welcomes New Principal

Fairview-Clifton German Language School is proud to announce the hiring of our new principal, Stephen A. Sippel, who will begin at Fairview-Clifton in fall 2019. Mr. Sippel is a product of Cincinnati Public Schools, having been a student in the CPS Foreign Language Alternative Program and Withrow High School. Prior to working in public education, he served as Director of

Community Ministry at a church in Over-the-Rhine, helping families with food, rent and utility assistance. He began his teaching career at Withrow High School then became Assistant Principal at CPS's Academy of Multilingual Immersion Studies. For the past 10 years, he has been Principal of Dater High School. Mr. Sippel understands and has a deep passion for the value

of language study, as well as the importance of being a good global citizen. The Fairview-Clifton community looks forward to Mr. Sippel continuing the legacy of great leaders at our school. —*Ledie Money, Member, Fairview-Clifton LSDMC*


Irish Band Dark Moll Joins Corryville Suzuki Project's Young Musicians for Clifton Plaza Concert June 14

Young musicians from Corryville Suzuki Project (CSP) will perform a Camp Celebration Concert on Friday, June 14, 7 p.m., at Clifton Plaza, for the 2019 Plaza Summer Music Series. The performance will feature classical and Irish music with the Cincinnati-area Irish band Dark Moll.

The performance will cap off a fun-filled week of the 18th Annual CSP Summer Camp, June 10-14, at St. Monica-St. George Parish Center in Clifton Heights. During the camp, students will play classical music and learn Irish tunes from fiddle performer and teacher Kate Riker. Teenagers also participate in chamber music ensembles. Space is still open for string players.

The Corryville Suzuki Project, directed by Dr. Vincent Phelan and Mrs. Elizabeth Council-Phelan, is an accelerated String Music Program specializing in the Suzuki Talent Education method of teaching music to ages 4-18.

For more camp information or to schedule a free observation of classes, please contact info@suzukiproject.org or call 513-231-3523. www.suzukiproject.org



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But there's still a deficit?

- 2 ways to approach this
 - Decrease costs
 - New format has been researched
 - Would result in a significant increase in space (60-70% more)
 - Would cost less
 - \$924 printing in color \$658 in black and white
 - \$148 delivery from printer in Arizona
 - \$865 postage
 - \$317 mailing
 - \$1400 production- this is a \$200/issue increase and is necessary because of the increase in the amount of space and it a lot of work and Vicki overdue for a raise

But there's still a deficit?

- \$3654 Total cost per color issue
- \$3388 total cost per black and white issue
- \$3689 Now
- These are conservative numbers and could be more savings with switching

We have 3 choices

- Stay with the same format
 - Accept the deficit as community benefit and cost savings for not having to do a membership mailer
 - Increase ad rates to \$11/square inch to try and offset the deficit

We have 3 choices

- Change format to black and white
 - Cost savings the goes toward the deficit
 - Have increases space to run more articles and longer articles
 - Have increased space to sell more ads
 - Could still consider increasing the ad rates

We have 3 choices

- Change to a color format
 - Cost neutral
 - Increased space for more ads and more articles
 - Color ads = higher ad rates
 - Could increase ad rates across the board
 - It would be color and would get people's attention

Discussion



May 7, 2019

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Dear City Council:

At the Invest in Neighborhoods quarterly meeting of April 30, 2019, the membership reviewed City Council Motion 201900498 "B Version – Budget Policy Direction to City Administration for Recommended 202 General Operating Fund Budget" and introduced a motion in summary of their response.

Issues raised by the members included the unheralded return in matching funds and volunteer hour contributions that the City receives from Community Councils relative to its investment of NSP dollars; the unrecognized local stewarding of neighborhood assets by Community Councils that helps to maintain quality of life; and contradictory nature of increased demands on Community Councils coupled with cuts to direct funding. Most noted was that while commonly critiqued for inadequate representation of their neighborhoods, Community Councils are routinely deprived of the funding that allows for a widening of their communication networks and an increase to their social capital.

In response to the Budget Policy Direction contained therein, the following motion was made by the membership:

WHEREAS, the Membership of Invest in Neighborhoods <being made up of the City's Community Councils> rejects "support for neighborhood groups" being City Council's lowest listed priority for funding in the 2020 General Fund Operation Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Membership believes its modest budget requests are more than supported by the continuous return on investment realized by the City of Cincinnati; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Community Councils request that Invest in Neighborhoods send a letter to the City indicating that the #1 priority of the City budget should be neighborhood involvement.

The motion was passed unanimously by the 22 Councils represented.

Any further questions regarding the issue can be addressed to Invest in Neighborhoods at invest@investinneighborhoods.com

Sincerely,

Invest in Neighborhoods, Board of Trustees

By: _____

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April 30, 2019 Quarterly Meeting:

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Elizabeth Bartley

1. Avondale Community Council
2. College Hill Forum
3. East End Area Council
4. East Price Hill Improvement Assoc.
5. East Walnut Hills Assembly
6. East Westwood Improvement Assoc.
7. Hartwell Improvement Assoc.
8. Hyde Park Neighborhood Council
9. Kennedy Heights Community Council
10. Lower Price Hill Community Council
11. Mt. Auburn Community Council
12. Mt. Washington Community Council
13. Over-the-Rhine Community Council
14. Paddock Hills Assembly
15. Pendleton Neighborhood Council
16. Pleasant Ridge Community Council
17. Riverside Civic & Welfare Club
18. Sedamsville Civic Association
19. South Cumminsville Community Council
20. Spring Grove Village Community Council
21. Walnut Hills Area Council
22. West End Community Council

Motion for Rush Hour Parking

Clifton Town Meeting respectfully requests that the City plan and implement a trial for a period lasting not less than 3 months, but not greater than 6 months, with the exact dates to be determined in coordination with the City Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) with the following parameters:

- 1. Remove all (AM & PM) rush-hour parking restrictions on Ludlow Av between Cornell Pl and Brookline Av**
- 2. Prior to implementation of the trial, CTM requests DOTE either confirm the existence of or DOTE gather the appropriate data to ensure a "before change" data set exists.**
- 3. DOTE assist in evaluating the impact of the trial on safety, traffic, and business; and in determining the advisability of making permanent changes and/or conducting further trials.**
- 4. The CTM Transportation & Public Safety Committee will be the lead group of CTM on this effort and will make monthly progress reports to the CTM Board along with updates as needed between monthly reports. The Committee will advise the Board of all meetings in advance in case other Trustees want to attend to learn more details of what is happening.**
- 5. The noted CTM Committee will hold public engagement sessions in a variety of methods before, during, and after the trial. Methods shall include but are not limited to, single topic public in-person meetings & online surveys. The Committee will work closely with DOTE on these engagement methods to ensure appropriate information/data is gathered. The Committee will work with a professional to ensure any survey is unbiased and fit for purpose. Engagement will not delay the implementation of the trial.**
- 6. No monies will be spent by CTM on this matter without a future vote of the Board of Trustees.**
- 7. A letter summarizing the trial request will be sent to DOTE on or before June 15 by the CTM President or his designee.**

Motion: Invitation to Collaborate

Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) invites Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) to join in a collaborative effort to ^{continue to} engage the community in planning for the new Clifton Area Neighborhood School.

CTM will help the District meet its obligation to engage the community and understand its concerns, and to communicate the CPS perspective to the community.

CTM asks, in turn, that CPS begin immediately to include it in all aspects of planning that are likely to affect the quality of life in Clifton, for example: parking, traffic flow, bus and auto dropoff and pick-up, impact on Clifton Recreation Center, and the use and development of school-controlled land.

CTM believes that a mutual commitment by the two entities to collaboration, transparency, and good faith are essential to finding the best path forward for all concerned.