

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,**  
**CLIFTON TOWN MEETING**  
**January 8, 2007**

Present: John Berten, George Bishop, Carol Brammer, Dick Druffel Gary Eby, Mike Elovitz, Elizabeth Glazier, Linda Goldenhar, Bill Gordon, Forrest Griffin, Cheryl Jakubowski, David Kieft, Robin Lee, Malcolm Montgomery, Mary Schubauer-Berigan, Jim Segers, Steve Slack

Meeting called to order - 7:03 pm

Election of Officers – Cher. The Nominating Committee recommends Dick as President, David and Jim as Vice-Presidents, Bill as Secretary, and Cher as interim Treasurer. Motion to approve this slate of officers. (Cher moved, Mary seconded) Vote was 9-0-5.

Review of Minutes of Last Meeting - Motion to approve as submitted (Cher moved, Steve seconded) Vote was 12-0-2.

Review of Minutes of Special Meeting on Safety, 12/11/2006 – George presented minutes to Board. Motion to approve as submitted (George moved, Linda seconded) Vote was 9-0-5.

Regular Reports

Fire Department – Kevin Campbell – Last month there were 143 runs (93 medical, 33 non-fire, and 17 structure fires); 5 were extra-alarm incidents. Total for year 2006 was about 1753 total runs, 147 structure fires. To aid the Fire Department, please check that your house address is clearly visible from the street, to make it easier for people reporting a fire to specify its location. Currently, many fires are called in without a specific street number, and this causes delays in response.

Police Report – The Walgreen’s on Reading Road at Forest has closed; This may cause increased traffic in our area. Watch for vacant houses, and especially for copper thefts. One suspect has been identified in the recent rapes in the area.

Recreation Center Report – Dale Doerman – The Director of the Cincinnati Rec. Commission is resigning effective Jan 26; Mike Thomas, currently Supervisor of the Eastern District, will serve as acting director. No big changes expected. On February 6 Richard Louv , who identified the “Nature Deficit Disorder” experience by children who spend most of their time inside, will give a talk, sponsored by the CRC and the new organization Leave No Child Inside, at Crossroads Church. It should be a good talk.

Treasurer’s Report – Cher – Motion to approve monthly report as submitted. (Bill moved, Linda seconded) Vote was 11-0-3. The annual Invest In Neighborhoods meeting has been rescheduled for a later date; we will request \$1000 additional funding for beautification and flowers on Ludlow.

Fairview School Principal’s Report – Karen Mulligan – Open Enrollment began last week; by 11:00 am the Kindergarten class of 90 was full and there were waiting lists for both Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Math/Science Night will be held on Feb. 15. The Fairview Runs program, preparing kids and parents to run in the Flying Pig 5K race in May, begins on February 9.

Naming the new school - Fairview is moving to Clifton, and both the school and the neighborhood want to make this work. Fairview is the best elementary school in the city, and is nationally and internationally known for its German program. Recruitment is critical to the continued success of the school, which is a city-wide magnet school. The school’s LSDMC will make the decision as to the name of the new school, based on community input (from both the Clifton and school communities). The LSDMC asked for a study of the cost of changing the school’s name; that study is being done by the school’s marketing consultants,

and results are expected by spring. Responding to questions about the process of community input and the timetable, Karen responded that the names submitted last year have been retained, and that she will ask for additional names from the Clifton community early in the naming process. She expects the process of selecting a name will not be a short discussion.

### Special Reports

Good Samaritan Hospital – Steve Schwalbe. There has been a series of meetings between Good Sam and CTM on issues of mutual concern, including the Main Street program, issues related to hospital construction, and a possible green-space conservancy protecting the ravine north exposed of Dixmyth. We plan to continue these meeting on a periodic basis, as a way of helping make Good Sam a better neighbor. In response to neighborhood concerns, the garbage in the ravine has been cleared up; the hospital will see to keeping the ravine clean and the grass mowed. Light shields have been installed in the garage. (In response to questions, we will see if additional shields are needed.) Construction is largely finished, except for façade improvements along Clifton. Mike Ramundo pressed Steve Schwalbe on the question of a green-space conservancy. Steve answered that the property was owned by the church, not the hospital, and that the hospital felt a conservancy could be a hindrance to the neighborhood in the future. Steve was asked about the hospital's position on proposed changes to Burnet Woods, and responded that better access to, and greater use of, the park would benefit the community, and that the hospital is involved in the planning process.

NIOSH Proposal – Tony Brown, for the Uptown Consortium. NIOSH plans to consolidate its Pleasant Ridge and Linwood facilities at a new facility in the greater Cincinnati area (Hamilton or Clermont counties). The Uptown Consortium proposed the Jefferson Triangle site, which was chosen as one of 7 finalist sites. This site makes sense because of the extensive interactions between NIOSH and UC and other uptown institutions. The planning firm Goody & Clancy suggested this site as meeting the NIOSH requirements; the community was not consulted in advance due to the very short time frame. Locating NIOSH here could be a catalyst for redevelopment of the uptown business districts. There will be a meeting on January 10 at Vernon Manor Hotel to discuss the 7 finalist sites. Tony asked for an endorsement of this proposal by CTM; he said that his position is that the new site (1) ideally should be in Uptown, but (2) if that were not possible it should certainly be located inside the city of Cincinnati. Mike responded that we do not know enough to make such an endorsement at this time. Issue will be discussed at February meeting.

Clifton Cultural Arts Center – Mark McKillip. The CCAC has raised more than \$130,000 in contributions, has set up a web site, and has just completed interviews with programming groups. Currently working on details of a capital campaign for design of the Carriage House., and seeking \$50,000 in unallocated arts funding from the city's 2006 budget, and a like amount from the 2007 budget. Hope to start Carriage House renovation this summer, for completion by the opening of the new school. A Zoning change will be needed for the Carriage House, from SF20 to SF6. Question: total estimated costs? Answer: \$750,000 for the Carriage House; several million for the old school, including \$1.5 – \$2 million for sprinklers, an elevator, and restoration of the 3<sup>rd</sup>-floor gymnasium. The CCAC will seek funding from the city, state, and federal government. The CCAC requested a motion from CTM to support its request for arts funding from the city. Motion made. (Bill moved, Malcolm seconded) Vote was 14-0-0.

Ludlow Revitalization – David – Finally, the project is fully funded - \$1.7 million. Weekly or bi-weekly meetings during the final design process, aiming for August 1 start of construction. Plan to tear down Bender Optical building first, and use it as a staging area for construction. (Plans may be delayed due to continued construction on Martin Luther King Dr.) Overhead wiring will be partly bundled, but will not be removed. Question about the Bender property – will testing be required for demolition work? No.

Main Street Program – David. Clifton’s application was approved, at a ceremony on 12/14 in Columbus. We start interviewing Program Managers on Friday. Current funding commitments include \$15,000/year for 4 years from Good Sam, \$30,000 for 1 year from the Uptown Consortium, \$15,000 for 1 year from CTM. Talking with CBPA tomorrow regarding their verbal commitment for \$15,000 for this year.

Other Business

Question& Answer session – Ted Johnson. Any updates on the Merchant Lot proposal? None so far.

Carriage Rides – Jenny Berten. Great turnout.

Announcements

Steve - The Great American Cleanup will be April 28. A Coordinating meeting will be held at Xavier on Feb. 10

Carol – People have been soliciting signatures requesting a skate park in Burnet Woods.

Currently more than 200 tenns and business people have signed.

Dick – Next meeting will be held on February 5, from 7:00 – 9:00, at the Clifton Rec Center

Meeting adjourned – 9:17 (Cher moved, David seconded).

Respectfully submitted,

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