

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,**  
**CLIFTON TOWN MEETING**  
**January 9, 2006**

Present: Michele Murphy, Mary Schubauer-Berigan, Malcolm Montgomery, Dick Druffel, Cheryl Jakubowski, David Kieft, Jim Segers, Cindy Herrick, Steve Slack, Dan Deering, Beth Withers, Robin Lee, Bill Gordon, Tom Osborn.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Cindy Herrick reported for the Nominating Committee and proposed a slate of officers for 2006 as follows:

Dick Druffel, President

David Kieft and Cindy Herrick, Vice Presidents

Cheryl Jakubowski, Treasurer

Michele Murphy, Secretary

A discussion ensued regarding the selection of the proposed slate. The slate was proposed at the December 2005 CTM Board Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to elect the proposed slate of officers. The motion carried with one abstention.

Malcolm Montgomery requested that all Board members present identify any potential conflicts of interest that could affect their service on the Board. No conflicts of interest were identified.

Cindy Herrick stated that the Bylaws Review Committee report would be posted on the website so the community could read the committee's actions and thoughts regarding the number of CTM trustees.

Det. Paul Meyer gave the police report. The crime statistics for December 2005 are attached to these Minutes. Det. Meyer reported that crime in Clifton was down 4% in 2005.

There was no fire department report. Capt. Johns of the Cincinnati Police Department addressed questions regarding the bombing at the mosque on Clifton Avenue. He reported that the fire department has the lead on the investigation because the bombing is being investigated as arson. Capt. Johns addressed questions regarding the response time by the police to a 911 call after the bombing. Det. Meyer will look into the 911 response time. Capt. Johns briefly addressed the shooting of a police officer on W. Clifton and the murder on Crooked Stone.

Dale Doerman of the Clifton Recreation Center reported that the Center received a Hooked on Fishing Grant as well as a two-year Safe Boating Grant. He also reported that new programs include a volleyball league, a mini camp on January 27, and a 12-and-under basketball league. He reported that long-time CRC employees Dan Gilday and Rosemary Minders had retired.

After one spelling correction and a clarification, a motion was made and seconded to accept the December 5, 2005 minutes as corrected. The motion carried with one abstention.

Mary Schubauer-Berigan read the following resolution into the minutes:

Resolution in support of the Islamic Association of Cincinnati Mosque in Clifton:

Whereas, the neighborhood of Clifton cherishes its long-held diversity of cultural and religious expression and the freedom of its citizens to live, visit and worship in our neighborhood without fear of physical harm or intimidation; and

Whereas, the Islamic Association of Cincinnati Mosque, a valued member of the Clifton community, has experienced a heinous and hateful criminal assault on its house of worship;

Hereby be it resolved that:

Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) expresses solidarity with the leaders and members of the Islamic Association of Cincinnati Mosque in Clifton and the entire Muslim community in the greater Cincinnati area. CTM condemns the cowardly criminal act intended to intimidate the entire community of Clifton, and pledges to work with the Cincinnati Police Department, Mosque leaders and others to bring the perpetrator(s) to justice. CTM continues its strong commitment of support for the diversity of cultural and religious expression within our neighborhood.

Passed unanimously by the Clifton Town Meeting Executive Committee, December 22, 2005 and presented to representatives of the Islamic Association of Cincinnati Mosque December 23, 2005.

Mary read a letter of appreciation received from the Mosque.

Cheryl Jakubowski presented the December Monthly Accounts Report and the proposed 2006 CTM budget. A three-year budget was not prepared. A motion to accept the proposed budget was made and withdrawn. A motion was made and seconded to table discussion of the budget until the February CTM Board meeting. The motion carried. Appreciation was expressed for the efforts of Ann Marchioni and Cheryl in creating the budget.

Mary Schubauer-Berigan reported that the House Tour will take place Sunday, May 14. Eight of ten homeowners have committed to the tour. Mary encouraged the Board members to volunteer and asked that Board members and others contact her, Cheryl, or Sharon Christopherson to volunteer. It was reported that April 22 has been designated a city-wide beautification/cleanup day. Because it is two weeks before the House Tour, the Board was encouraged to participate in this event to beautify Clifton.

George Bishop reported for the Safety Committee that video surveillance cameras in the business district will be in place in June. The locations of the cameras are confidential. It is possible that the City of Cincinnati will pay the monthly fees.

Guy Humphries reported for the Housing and Zoning Committee. He addressed the Committee's 2006 goals, including:

- 1) to establish a website link to the CTM website to disseminate information quickly;
- 2) to review the urban design guidelines; and
- 3) to meet with the staff and Director of Cincinnati's Zoning Department in order to learn more about the Department's procedures.

Guy reported that he can be reached at [guy45220@yahoo.com](mailto:guy45220@yahoo.com). The Board expressed its appreciation to Cindy Herrick for organizing the current Committee. Pending issues include Fairview School variances that should be

announced in January. A discussion ensued regarding the membership of the Committee, guidelines regarding potential conflicts of interest, and Committee reports as recommendations to the CTM Board and the City's Zoning Department. Cindy cited to renovation at CVS and lighting at the US Bank ATMs as examples of recent issues addressed by the Committee. Guy asked for volunteers to help create the Committee website.

Cindy Herrick discussed the Main Street Model developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and its application in Clifton. She also announced the Neighborhood Summit on Saturday, February 4 at the Cintas Center and encouraged Board members to attend.

David Kieft directed everyone present to the minutes of the Clifton Streetscape Committee on the CTM website.

Mary Schubauer-Berigan reported for the Membership Committee that in 2005, the Committee's goal was to increase membership by 100. Membership actually increased by over 120 to 611 members. This was attributed in part to a donation of tickets by the Cincinnati Zoo to distribute to new CTM members. Unused tickets were donated by the Committee to Clifton School. A motion was made and seconded to send a letter thanking the Zoo for its donation. The motion carried. Betsy Black, as Corresponding Secretary, will send the letter. Mary reported that the Committee has more ambitious goals for 2006.

Malcolm Montgomery requested that CTM purchase two wireless microphones to use at CTM Board meetings because they will be easier to use than corded microphones. Malcolm can purchase two microphones for approximately \$190. A discussion ensued over compatibility with the Rec Center's equipment currently being used, and responsibility for the wireless microphones. Malcolm volunteered to be responsible for the wireless microphones. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Malcolm for the purchase of two wireless microphones, not to exceed \$200. The motion carried with one abstention.

Steve Slack reported that the Uptown Consortium has posted four Requests for Proposal (RFPs) on their website that affect Burnet Woods. Steve is reviewing the RFPs and will keep the Board and the community informed. A discussion ensued regarding issues affecting Burnet Woods.

David Kieft provided an office space update. Because the building housed a dry cleaning business, the City is requiring inspections of the property. Asbestos has been found in the building. Any money needed to pay for the City's inspections will come out of the Ludlow Revitalization funds.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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