

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,**  
**CLIFTON TOWN MEETING**  
**September 11, 2006**

Present: George Bishop, Betsy Black, Carol Brammer, Dick Druffel , Dan Deering, Mike Elovitz, Bill Gordon, Forrest Griffin, Cindy Herrick, Cheryl Jakubowski, David Kieft, Robin Lee, Malcolm Montgomery, Mary Schubauer-Berigan, Jim Segers, Steve Slack

Meeting called to order - 7:06 pm

Review of Minutes of Last Meeting Motion to accept minutes as presented (Cindy moved, Cher seconded) Vote was 12-0-2

Regular Reports

Police Report – Officer Thomas presenting – Several arrests reported during August, in cases of felonious assault, auto theft, and in-store robbery. Question about investigation of homicide on Lowell – The homicide squad is making progress and have suspects in mind. Question about police actions regarding the “hot spot” motel on Central Parkway. Answer: The police cannot do any more at this time; they are waiting for other city departments to take action, a process that has been successful at other “hot spot” locations. Question regarding rapes listed on Police Report. Both were between acquaintances. Warning: UC opens next week.

Fire Department Report - none

Recreation Center Report – Arnell Dow presenting – Upcoming events include the Senior Hall of Fame on Sept 14, the Clifton Street Painting festival (5<sup>th</sup> year!) on the weekend of Sept 23, and a rafting excursion for teens on the Little Miami River, on Sept 30 sponsored by Hooked on Fishing not on Drugs. The Community Quilt will be displayed at the Convention Center from October to December. Recent past events include the Passport to Fishing program, 50 youths and teens from all over the city learning to fish in groups of 8. Upcoming classes include art classes for home-schooled children, Mondays 9:30 – 11:00 am, and Adult pottery classes for adults on Tuesday mornings starting in January. The After-School Day Camp has about 55 kids attending daily, with about 20 drop-ins.

Treasurer’s Report – Cheryl – Current report presented. Question about what Special events covers. Answer: House Tour bus receipts, a couple of StreetScapes receipts. Motion to accept treasurer’s report as submitted (Bill moved, Robin seconded) Vote was 13-0-1

Special Reports

Clifton Chronicle Interns – EP Harris – The Chronicle has been published for 6 years. This year an internship program with UC’s journalism program has been set up, and 2 students have been working on the Chronicle as interns. Harris is working to set up a similar program with Cincinnati State. He would like to have 2 interns working on each issue. He asks that CTM provide a \$100 stipend per intern per quarter, starting with the fall, 2006 quarter. Some questions about how the Chronicle is supported. Cher replied that the NSP funds contribute \$4,000 per year for a newsletter, and this is used as seed money. The Chronicle sells ads, and mostly breaks even or makes a small amount of money. Discussions about how to handle the request. Motion to approve \$100 stipends /quarter for 2 interns for final quarter of 2006, and to have Cher add stipends for Chronicle interns as a budget item for next year. (Cindy moved, Cher seconded) Vote was 14-0-0.

NSP Budget – Cher – Last month Cher made a proposal to use \$4,000 of the NSP money for the Chronicle and \$3,000 for insurance premiums. We need a community vote to accept this allocation. (EP Harris moved, Malcolm seconded) Vote of entire attendance was 39-1-0.

Nominating Committee. – Cher – The Nominating Committee has come up with a slate of 8 people to fill upcoming vacancies on the Board of Trustees. The slate includes current members up for re-election Cher, Jerry, Forrest, and Gary Eby, Elizabeth Glazier, Linda Goldenhar, John Berten, and Brad Thomas as people new to the Board. The vacancies include 7 3-year terms and one 2-year term.

StreetScapes – Cher – Fund-raising is going well. Let Kip or Cher know of any potential donors. The workshop for artists went well. There will be the normal number of pictures, but they will be larger than last year. StreetScapes will offer face painting for attending children.

Ludlow Revitalization – Phil Herrick – Activities in the past 2 months include reviewing design options for the new sidewalks and working with property owners on ways to reduce overhead wiring. Currently main option is to braid the wires on the south side of Ludlow, and try to put wires on the north side underground. Cost estimates are not complete; the committee hopes to present estimates at the October meeting. Questions about when construction will start on Morrison – after the work on Brookline is completed; work is being done by city crews on a time-available basis to save money – and plans to plant invasive Norway Maples on Ludlow near Brookline – plantings not yet selected.

Downtown Assessment Resource Team (DART) Workshop – Cindy et al. – The DART Workshop is a prerequisite for application to Ohio’s Main Street Program. The workshop is scheduled for Sept 22 at the Masonic Lodge near the Subway, and is preceded by a walking tour of Clifton, followed by dinner, for the workshop leaders. All CTM Board members and members of the Main Street Committee are invited to join. Jim distributed a resolution endorsing the concept of a Clifton Main Street project and asked Board members to review the resolution. This resolution must be voted on and approved at the October meeting if Clifton is to submit an application this year to join the Ohio Main Street program. Motion to accept resolution (George moved, Bill seconded). Motion to table until next meeting (George moved, Bill seconded) Vote was 14-0-0. Discussion prior to motion to table included these questions. What does the application commits us to? Nothing. Can we see the application before it is submitted? Will probably not be complete by October meeting, but the parts that are complete will be made available. How will this be paid for? We will need help from other groups including the city, the Uptown Consortium, and CBPA. Will CBPA need to pass a resolution like this one and provide money? It would be helpful. Why should we do a Main Street program? Mary reviewed the Return on Investment that other Main Street communities have found – more than \$27.00 for each dollar spent by the programs.

Housing and Zoning – Malcolm – Review of fencing at the Mosque. The Zoning examiner approved the fencing plan as submitted in the permit request, rather than accepting the recommendations of H&Z; the fence is now up along the front of the property except for the planned gate, but has not been extended any significant distance along the property side lines.

Committee Guidelines discussion – Dick – Discussion will be postponed. The issue will be handled by email and conversations.

## Announcements

- 1 LilyPad – Cindy – WiFi on Ludlow will go live over Sept 23 weekend, from the fountain to Ormond.
- 2 Spring Grove Cemetery Illuminaria – Betsy – The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Illuminari at Spring Grove cemetery will be held on Sept 23 starting at 4:00 pm. Includes picnics, various types of music, and an opportunity to write messages to someone in the afterlife and put the messages in a boat with candle on the lake.

- 3 Clifton Worship Tour – Betsy – Sept 24 the churches along Clifton Ave (Calvary, the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists, the Mosque, St. John’s, Annunciation, and Clifton United Methodist) will hold open house from 3:00 – 6:00.
- 4 Corryville Rec Center will hold an open house on Sept 23, with some 30 booths and lots of events for kids
- 5 The Clifton Heights Sampler will be hold on Sept 23 from 4:00 – 11:00 in the parking lot next to Lenhardt’s restaurant.
- 6 The October meeting will be held on Oct 2, starting at 7:00 pm, at the Clifton Rec Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 (Cher moved, Dan seconded)

Respectfully submitted,

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