

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
CLIFTON TOWN MEETING
December 4, 2006

Present: George Bishop, Betsy Black, Dick Druffel, 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 - 7:07

Review of Minutes of Last Meeting - Motion to approve minutes as submitted (Cher moved, Steve seconded) vote was 9-1-4

Regular Reports

Fire Department Report - none

Police Report – Officer Keuper – Distributed November crimes report. Reported several arrests in November, related to robberies near Thrall and the 09/09 robbery at the Hansa Guild store. After these arrests, the robberies in the Thrall area stopped. Very few auto thefts this month, probably a result of an arrest in October. Lots of vice activity was reported; most of this is shown as near 500 Ludlow, and is related to traffic stops that lead to vice arrests. Question: Any information on the aggravated burglary on Bishop on 11/16? Yes. That was a copper theft, and DNA was used later to match burglar with blood left at the scene.

Recreation Center Report – Dale Doerman – Upcoming events include a Senior holiday luncheon in mid-December, and After-School DayCamp ornament-making party on 12/15, and a CRC art show and sale on Sunday, 12/10 in Memorial Hall, from 12:00 – 4:00 pm, featuring work by Arlene Dow and others. Coed Basketball team tryouts are Thursday and Friday, 12/7 and 8, from 4:00 – 5:30.

Treasurer – Chery – Questions: Why has only 60% of budget been spent so far? Street Scapes accounting is not yet complete, so bills are not yet paid. Also, we have not yet been billed for insurance for the House Tour and StreetScapes. Motion to approve Treasurer's report as submitted (Bill moved, George seconded) vote was 13-0-1.

Special Reports

Lead Poisoning – Presentation by Charlotte Kleinhaus and Cynthia McCarthy – Charlotte does Lead Education in 27 counties in S and SW Ohio, Cynthia is a Lead Risk Assessor. Hamilton County is #2 in Ohio in number of lead-poisoned children. Ohio is 3rd in the country in same. They presented a slide show about environmental issues, lead risks, and safe lead abatement procedures, and provided a phone number for the Lead HotLine – 357-7420.

Budget – Cher – Thanks to Annie Marchioni, Pat Rupert, and Beth Withers for their assistance. Discussion on a projected deficit for next year, which is related to the current fund-raising cycle centered on the House Tour every three years. Malcolm asked for discussion of his request, not included in the recommended budget, for \$5000 for AV equipment to improve CTM communication with the public. Motion amended to add \$2500 for AV equipment (Malcolm moved, Mike seconded). Discussion centered on CTM priorities, and the sense that this request was not made to address complaints from the community. Amendment withdrawn. Decided to explore alternative ways to improve communications with the community attending CTM meetings. Vote on motion was 13-0-1.

Ludlow Revitalization – City budget is due on 12/20. Will have until then before starting any more design work.

Main Street – David – Application was submitted on 10/08, and Clifton was accepted into the program. Announcement ceremony will be at State House in Columbus on 12/14. Next Steps: Form 501(c)3 corporation to administer program; pay \$3000 annual fee by 12/08. Funding: Main Street has received \$15,000 from Good Sam. The Main Street committee has requested similar amounts from Uptown Consortium and CBPA. CTM will contribute \$15,000 this year, less in upcoming years. Waiting to hear about city financial contribution. CTM Budget for next year includes \$3000 to pay annual fee; we request this be pre-paid this year to cover the annual due on 12/08. Motion to advance the money to pay 12/08 bill (David moved, Malcolm seconded). Discussion of Main Street financing model for next several years, and mention of need to suspend rule requiring prior approval of expenditures. Motion to suspend rules requiring 30-day notice for expenditures over \$500. (Cindy moved, Jim seconded). Approved on vote of 14-0-0. Motion to advance \$3000 to pay 12/08 bill was approved on vote of 14-0-0.

Uptown Crossing – Discussion of plans for property between Jefferson, Ruther, and Vine including new Zoo parking lot. The Uptown Consortium has floated a proposal to use this property as a site for a new NIOSH facility employing about 1,100 people. The original plan for the site was a 2.5 acre mixed-use development. The Uptown Crossings CURC will meet tomorrow morning to discuss the NIOSH proposal. Mike is the CTM representative, and needs instruction on how to proceed. Discussion covered CTM's role now as member of the UCCURC, and in the future if the property is sold to Uptown Consortium for development. Other topics included short notice of new plans, lack of community input into this and other Uptown Consortium projects, and possible interference with Uptown Consortium's funding of the Main Street program. Motion to ask Mike to abstain on vote, and explain CTM's concerns with lack of community involvement in discussion (Bill moved, Cher seconded). Vote was 12-0-0.

StreetScapes – Kip Egan – Final report, and slide show of event. Request to CTM Board to officially split auction proceeds (\$3200) evenly between artists and Clifton Cultural Arts Center. Motion to this effect (Jim moved, Mary seconded) Vote was 13-0-1.

Announcements

- * Zoo passes available for renewing CTM members.
- * CTM is sponsoring free Carriage Rides along Ludlow on 12/09 from 6:00 – 9:00.\
- * There will be a special CTM meeting on Safety / Crime Prevention / Security next Monday, 12/11, from 7:00 – 9:00 at the Clifton Rec Center.
- * The Burnet Woods master plan has been revised to not take houses on Bishop Street for a new environmental center.
- * Thanks for service to retiring Trustees Betsy Black, Cindy Herrick, Tom Osborn, and Kip Egan.

Meeting adjourned – 9:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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