

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
CLIFTON TOWN MEETING
February 5, 2007

Present: John Berten, Dick Druffel , Dan Deering, Gary Eby, Mike Elovitz, Elizabeth Glazier, Linda Goldenhar, Bill Gordon, Cheryl Jakubowski, David Kieft, Robin Lee, Malcolm Montgomery, Mary Schubauer-Berigan, Jim Segers, Steve Slack, Brad Thomas

Meeting called to order - 7:05 pm

Review of Minutes of Last Meeting - Motion to approve with one amendment to clarify NIOSH proposal. (Cher moved, David seconded) vote was 13-0-3

Regular Reports

Fire Department Report - none

Police Report – Paul Meyer – Presented crime report for January. Arrest was made in incident on Shiloh. Arrest made in robbery reported this month behind Brueggers. The arrestees were from College Hill and Springdale. The clothing store robberies reported were done by girls from Anderson Township. Summary of 2006 results: Overall crime up by 10% from 2005, but December crime was down by 10%. All rapes in 2006 occurred at the motel, and most of the increase from 2005 to 2006 occurred at the motel.

Recreation Center Report – Reminder of Richard Louv lecture, co-sponsored by Leave No Child Inside, on February 6. Cincinnati Rec. Center memberships for 2007 are now available, at same rates as for 2006. New adult program, Art for Artists, offers morning workshops. A pottery exhibition/competition will be held at the end of February at Dunham Rec. Hockey and Basketball leagues for children 12 and under are starting. A new teen social program will start on Feb. 26, from 6 – 8 pm, at the UC recreation center.

Treasurer’s Report – NSP fund meeting postponed. We will get \$7,000 once the funding becomes available. New format for Treasurer’s Report. Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report (Bill moved, Malcolm seconded) vote was 15-0-1.

Fairview School Principal’s Report - none

Special Reports

“Cincinnati Strangler” – Betsy presented a letter to the state Parole Board requesting that Postea Laskey not be granted parole, and asked CTM to support the letter. Discussion postponed pending exact wording.

Annunciation School – Jim – The archdiocese has listed Annunciation School as a likely candidate for closing because of low enrollment and debt. Presentations by the principal, several parents, and some Board members about changes the school has made to increase enrollment and solve its financial problems. Needs to increase enrollment from about 160 to 200, and plans to raise tuition to \$3900 annually. Jim asked CTM to vote on resolution supporting continued operation of Annunciation School. Motion to approve (Jim moved, Malcolm seconded). Amendment to change “children” to “neighborhood” (Mary moved, Bill seconded). Vote on amendment 14-0-2. Vote on resolution 15-0-1. Resolution as passed attached. Dick will send to Father Grogan, Archdiocese, Cardinal, etc.

NIOSH Proposal – Bill presented brief review of proposal, map of site, and possible development options prepared by Goody-Clancy. Joe Shields, Uptown Consortium, explained that the Corryville and Avondale community councils had not yet voted on proposal. Public comment period was extended to March 1, but a vote by CTM should be held before that date for maximum impact. He discussed the “transparency” of the process,

and said it would be an open process with community input. Strong support from NIOSH employees living in Clifton. Questions about zoning restrictions – Federal government is exempt from local zoning. Jack and Steve Schreiber emphasized need for strong support from CTM because of complications regarding property acquisition for this site, and size/location of the site. This is the most difficult of the short-listed sites for those reasons. Other questions concerned traffic impact - minimal, because the number of NIOSH employees is very small relative to all Uptown employers, and because of use of staggered shifts at NIOSH. Malcolm presented a draft motion that represented overall support, but also expressed some conditional support with respect to GSA and NIOSH working with the community and residents to achieve a facility that respected the current attributes of the Clifton Community and surrounding residential neighborhood (Malcolm moved, Dan seconded). After discussion, the motion was amended to strengthen the support, and effectively eliminate the conditional clauses (Bill moved, Cher seconded). After further discussion, Malcolm requested permission to revise original resolution by removing the expression of conditional support. No one present seemed to express any strong feelings against the NIOSH proposal. Mike remarked that through his personal conversations with neighbors along Ruther and Bishop, he got the sense that there were indeed some strong negative reactions against the NIOSH proposal. The fact that none of these residents were present at the CTM meeting may be due to lack of awareness about the meeting's agenda. Moreover, this issue represents an example of how CTM and the Clifton Community will need to balance the concerns of a few with the those of the general community, whether it be the NIOSH proposal, a Merchant Lot proposal, of other types of development/expansion in Clifton. Need to be conscious of the "I don't care, it's not in my backyard" vote. Revised resolution (Malcolm moved, Cher seconded) vote was 12-2-2. Text of resolution attached. John asked that resolution be sent to GSA, City Council, Congressmen, etc. Dick agreed to do so.

Membership Report – Mary – Summary of membership for past few years presented.

Membership has been growing at rate of about 100 new members per year.

Ludlow Revitalization / Main Street / NBD Funds – David

Ludlow revitalization. Currently working to get final design in place by end of March, for August construction start.

Main Street. Funds in hand. Hired Jon Cramer as Project Manager; he started today, attending workshop in Columbus. He is a Cincinnati native, well-connected into the city, and is working on a Master's in Community Planning / Economic Development at DAAP. Main Street has an address: CliftonMainStreet@yahoo.com.

NBD Funds. We requested \$15,000 from CBPA to support the Main Street program and have received nothing. In lieu of that contribution, we propose that CTM request NBD funds to support the Main Street program. Proposed budget was prepared, for \$9,032. Discussion Cher suggested that the proposed budget contained too much detail, and that the full \$10,000 available should be requested. Motion to approve CTM request for \$10,000 in NBD funds to support Clifton Main Street (Mary moved, Cher seconded). Vote of all attending: 43-0-1.

CTM Bylaw discussion – Discussion of this sentence from Article V.2 of the CTM Constitution, in reference to the election of John Berten to the CTM Board:

No person shall be elected as Trustee by the general membership for more than two full consecutive terms or six years plus any part of an unexpired term served as a result of appointment by the Board of Trustees

John had previously served 2 full terms on the CTM Board, but had been off the board for several years. Discussion was with respect to the wording of the constitution, not the selection of John to serve on the Board. Board agreed to accept current status of John as duly elected Board member, and to rewrite this section of the Constitution to clarify an understanding that a person can return to the Board after a period of absence.

Cincinnati Strangler, revisited. Betsy presented resolution asking Parole Board to deny parole to Postel Laskey, because of his history and possible involvement in the murder of a Clifton woman. (Jim moved, Cher seconded) After discussion, amended (Gary moved, Dan seconded) to simplify resolution. Vote on amended resolution 14-0-2.

Announcements

CTM Offsite – Board retreat will be held on Feb 25 at the Clifton Rec. Center.

Next meeting will be March 5, at 7:00 pm,. At the Clifton Rec. Center.

Meeting adjourned – 9:22 pm (Jim moved, Cher seconded)

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Gordon, Secretary, gordonwj@zoomtown.com

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Resolution in support of Annunciation School

Be It Resolved:

That Clifton Town Meeting supports the efforts of the Clifton community to keep Annunciation School as an operating entity and as an education asset for our neighborhood; and further,

That the Archdiocese of Cincinnati be made aware of the desire of the Clifton community to preserve its institutions, including Annunciation School, for the betterment of our city; and further,

The Clifton Town Meeting requests the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to delay its decision to close Annunciation School until all feasible alternatives to preserve the school are addressed by a member of our community and presented to the Archdiocese for its reasoned consideration.

Approved: February 5, 2007

Resolution in support of NIOSH Proposal

The Clifton Town Meeting supports the proposed NIOSH facility on the Jefferson Triangle site in the Uptown area of Cincinnati. The site is adjacent to the Clifton community.

We believe having NIOSH located in the Jefferson Triangle in Uptown could be a big positive for the community. It would be synergistic with the research and development work already done at the University of Cincinnati, the EPA, and Children's and University Hospitals. Further, it would provide employment opportunities and local business support for the community.

Resolution against parole for the "Cincinnati Strangler"

The Clifton Town Meeting urges the Ohio Board of Parole to deny parole to Postel Laskey, sometimes referred to as the Cincinnati Strangler.