

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,**  
**CLIFTON TOWN MEETING**  
**March 5, 2007**

Present: John Berten, George Bishop, Carol Brammer (late), Dick Druffel , 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 - 7:06 pm

Review of Minutes of Last Meeting Mike requested additional detail related to the discussion of the NIOSH proposal, and presented suggested wording. Motion to amend the minutes as suggested by Mike. (Mike moved, Malcolm seconded) vote was 12-0-3

Treasurer's Report – Cher. Motion to approve as submitted (Linda moved, Mary seconded) vote was 14-0-1.

Regular Reports

Fire Department Report – Kevin Campbell – 176 responses this month (97 EMS, 64 non-fire, and 15 fire). There were no structure fires in Clifton. Clifton station responded to 1 structure fire in Northside and 1 in Camp Washington.

Recreation Center Report – Joe – Summer Day Camp priority registration is going on. Open registration starts on March 19. Teen Camp will run from June 18 – August 10. Arts For Artists, intended for adults, meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, and has more than 20 participants. The Summer Enrichment Fair, at the Main Library on March 31, will let parents know about summer workshops, health, and art programs available for their children

Fairview School Principal's Report - none

Police Report – Paul Meyer – Crime Report for last month was very good. An arrest was made in Burnet Woods in a theft from auto; there are numerous incidents of theft from autos in the area near Jefferson, Ruther, and Glendora. In December an arrest was made in a case of aggravated burglary on Bishop; the trial starts this week. Clifton residents were asked to sign the “Trespass Letter” allowing police to follow a suspect onto your property. A discussion of what the letter means follows; stickers may be distributed to houses that have signed the letter.

Safety Committee Report – George – A written report was distributed. The Safety committee asked the Uptown Consortium for a hot-spot/time of day analysis of incidents and crimes. The Light-Up Clifton proposal and CPOP training were mentioned as ways the community can proactively fight crime. The Uptown Consortium has some money for off-duty police details; the committee will find out what Clifton needs to do to get some of this money. The crime reports need refinement, to address issues of boundaries and population (last measured in 2000).

Special Reports

Hamilton County Parks – Julie Stubbbs, naturalist – Overview: The county park system includes 21 parks, totaling 15, 600 acres. 80% is in natural state, 20% is developed. Many parks facilities are available for programming, especially oriented towards inner-city youth and seniors. The Parks Department sees encouraging children to interact with nature as a major goal. Adventure Output is an overnight program aimed at teens, coordinated with the Cincinnati Rec. Dept.

Main Street – David – Funds from Uptown Consortium and Good Samaritan Hospital have been received. The CNBDU funding meeting is Friday, March 9, and CTM will submit a proposal

(voted on at February CTM meeting) for \$10,000 to support the Main Street program. David introduced Jon Cramer, the new Main Street Program Manager. Jon talked briefly about his background and his interest in the Main Street program. He mentioned that the Main Street program has an office at 325-1/2 Ludlow and a web site [CliftonMainStreet@yahoo.com](mailto:CliftonMainStreet@yahoo.com). The Kick-Off meeting, including a review of the results of the DART workshop last fall, will be held on April 11, from 7:00 – 9:00, at the E.T.Carson Lodge on Ludlow.

Ludlow Revitalization – David – Nothing new to report. The project is fully funded, and construction is expected to start in late summer.

CTM Offsite Report – David – The 2<sup>nd</sup> CTM Trustees’ Retreat was held on Sunday, February 25. Major suggestions included:

- Strengthening the Committee system, and add some new committees to cover the areas of Recreation, Planning & Development, Communications & Marketing, and Special Events & Outreach.
- Making CTM proactive and more visible in the community
- Changing the agenda and room layout for CTM meetings to make the meetings more effective and more useful to the community

I-75/I-74 Reconfiguration – Dick – Report on the Feb. 26 meeting in St. Bernard. Major local concerns are the impact on Mt. Storm park and the impact of closing of local exits to Northside. Construction will start in 2010 at Matchell Ave, 2011 for the Colerain/Beekman interchange to I-74, 2012 from Winton Hills to Mitchell, and 2013 from Mitchell to the Lateral. The local entrance ramp from Central Parkway at Ludlow to I75 and exits from I-74 into the Northside business district will be replaced by a new connector road running from Central Parkway near the entrance to Cincinnati State over I-75 to an enhanced Beekman / Colerain / I-74 interchange. In Mt. Storm park will be less than 2 acres, and is mostly regrading of parkland rather than use for pavement. The Parks Department is working with ODOT to save important plants and habitat, and to reduce the impact of non-native invasive plants. A public meeting will be held on March 29, at St. Bernard City Hall, from 4:00 – 8:00. Contact David Shipps (614-336-8480, [dfshipps@transystems.com](mailto:dfshipps@transystems.com)) with comments.

New Business – The Uptown Consortium posted an RFP for a “Neighborhood Services Community Capability Building” initiative. Money is available for proposals targeting (1) safety, (2) community council projects, or (3) employment/training/youth services Grant requests must be submitted by March 9. CTM will submit 3 proposals: Light Up Clifton (George, for the Safety Committee), AV Equipment for CTM (Malcolm), and Improvement to the CTM Web Site (Dick). The Consortium wants to partner with community organizations. Motions to provide matching funds for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> proposals. Funds already appropriated for the Safety Committee provide matching fund for the 1<sup>st</sup> proposal. After discussion, it was decided to split the matching fund appropriations into 2 motions. (Dick moved, Malcolm seconded):

CTM will provide \$500 for Web Site Improvements if matched by \$6000 from the Uptown Consortium. CTM will provide \$400 for AV equipment if matched by \$3600 from the Uptown Consortium The votes on the motions were 15-0-2 on the Web Site mtching funds, and 10-3-2 on the AV equipment.

#### Announcements –

The Library will be open Sundays from 1:00 – 5:00 starting April 1. This is a locally funded initiative, funded for the next 3 years.

The next CTM meeting will be held on Monday, April 2, at 7:00 at the Clifton Recreation Center.

Cheryl will be moving to Nebraska in the late spring or early summer.

Annunciation School will remain open next year, and fund raising will continue to ensure its operation after next year.

There will be a Public Meeting on March 21, from 6:30 – 8:30, to discuss the new Master Plan for the Cincinnati Parks.

Piketown, about 80 miles east of Cincinnati, has been selected as a possible site for a “temporary” nuclear waste depot for the entire US. Leakage at this site would affect Ohio River water, which is a major water source for Cincinnati. A meeting on this proposal will occur on Thursday, March 8, at 6:30 pm, at a site near route 32 in Piketown. Contact [ntjohan@fuse.net](mailto:ntjohan@fuse.net) for more information or to arrange to carpool to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned – 9:08 pm, on motion by Billk, seconded by Brad.

Respectfully submitted,

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