

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CLIFTON TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 1, 2007**

In attendance: John Berten, George Bishop, Jack Bourgoin, Dick Druffel, Mike Elovitz, Linda Goldenhar, Bill Gordon, Forrest Griffin (joined meeting in progress), David Kieft, Malcolm Montgomery, Mary Schubauer-Berigan, Steve Slack, Brad Thomas

Motion to approve minutes of September 10, 2007 meeting passes with 9 approving, 2 abstentions.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Bill Gordon reports CTM's actual revenue in September was \$2400, actual expenses of \$12,261. This is the \$12,000 budget allocation from Main Street that was approved in the 2007 budget. Bill noted that Streetscapes received \$9300 in contributions to date. Bill notes that CTM has budgeted \$10,000 in fundraising this year, which has not taken place. Interest grant allows us to receive money from city. At the moment, information from 2006 expenses were accidentally archived at the University, so Bill is seeking the return of this information to our active records. A question from the audience on the total balance on hand in CTM accounts is \$72,000. Of this, \$15,000 has been received from Uptown Consortium to fund specific activities, as noted in earlier meetings. Without this, CTM has about \$55,000, which needs to sustain CTM until next major fundraising activity, which would be 2009 House Tour. Question about whether we have NSP funds yet. Bill thinks not. David Kieft moved to approve Treasurer's report, John Berten seconded. Motion passes, 10-0-2.

**RECREATION REPORT:**

Dale Doerman reports the Clifton Recreation Center was involved with Streetscapes at the children's area. About 437 blocks filled with colored chalk by children. Dale estimates that 6000 people visited over two days. On Oct 13, a teen program will take place (12-17 years old). The Rec Center is using grant money to take kids on 4-5 mile raft trip & picnic on the Little Miami River.

**POLICE:**

Detective Paul Meyer reports that there is no written report because person writing report was on leave. Cpt Bailey and Liaison Officers Pesci and Wharton are also here. Det. Meyer noted there was an attempted burglary at 670 Berkshire. Suspect is a person who's been arrested many times and was caught in the Dunore area. A drug-related robbery occurred near CVS. Det. Meyer thanked Dave Taylor from Gaslight Properties who helped apprehend the suspect. Det. Meyer noted there have been problems at 3420 Middleton; the police responded to several calls there. Made some arrests of CUF & Clifton Hts area robberies by people living in Clifton. This morning, on Ruther they recovered a stolen car, as well as stolen property from Wood, Whitfield & Evanswood. Broke into & stole cars at 3415 Telford. Lives on Tower Ave in Avondale. Got calls from citizen at 3 am that led to his arrest. A number of street robberies

have occurred on Jefferson, Telford, Middleton, Ludlow. These appear to be different people.

At 267 Ludlow near Burnet Woods, had a robbery at gunpoint at 9:15 pm; made arrest of 4 teenagers, 13-15 years old from Mount Airy and Avondale. Also made arrest at Digby and Probasco, suspects from Pleasant Ridge and Avondale who were looking for "easy targets". Be aware, especially after 9 pm. Questions about activities in CUF neighborhood. Also question about Wood Avenue car break-ins on Saturday night. Recovered golf clubs from Wood Avenue. Dog walking doesn't seem to provide deterrence.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Safety committee meeting is Thurs @ 4:30 at Brueggers. First Citizens on Patrol efforts will take place this week. There are 4-6 people, including Robin Lee who will be walking in the east Clifton area. Need more people. More training sessions coming up 10/18 (must apply by 10/17). Launching a major effort to Light Up Clifton, designed to occur on Sat Nov 3. Working with District 5 to carry it out. Do need volunteers. Linda Goldenhar brought sign-up sheet for people. The group is working with Sgt. Volkerding to identify areas with highest amount of crime events. Will also target apartment buildings. Money from Uptown Consortium used to buy fluorescent light bulbs with directions to put them on porches and keep them lit at night. Will also put out safety tips. Volunteers will go around and distribute these in their areas. Can also use assistance on dates before or after Nov 3. Steve Slack recommends University as source of volunteers, which George Bishop is working on. Also asking Duke Energy to help. Right now trying to get best prices on the bulbs. Census data suggests there are 1500 single-family houses.

No other committee reports.

### **NSP PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:**

Each community council may apply for \$7000; in January, CTM requested \$4000 for Chronicle and \$3000 for insurance. Bill actually found insurance for \$1800. Requesting amendment to NSP budget to ask for \$1800 for insurance, and \$1200 for membership development. Bill Gordon moved that we amend this funding request, David Kieft seconded. Entire room voted: 23 voted yes, 0 voted no, 0 abstaining.

### **STREETSCAPES:**

Streetscapes was very successful--\$5000 brought in, and 6000 attendees. Also mentioned that a Tinks' fund raiser for the Clifton Community.

### **MAIN STREET:**

MuralWorks is dedicated, and a new ATM for PNC bank is going in. Keller's will be replacing can lights along Ludlow, and Main Street is purchasing attractive lights to spotlight the new mural. Jon Cramer unveiled new logo for Ludlow Business district, which will be used in lots of different contexts (bumper stickers, t-shirts, etc). Wanted to have a strong image, that relates to core qualities of district: diverse, international, vibrant. The intent was for it to be

forward-looking, referential but not literal, based on a stylized lotus flower from the Clifton Fountain hand. Also has a flame that ties back to gaslight. David Kieft acknowledged support of Laga Design, Inc to develop logo. Also, new patron survey will come out in the December issue of the Chronicle and will be administered via the web and intercept surveys of shoppers.

### **LUDLOW REVITALIZATION:**

Worked with the city to ensure that Dry Cleaners' building would not be taken down during Streetscapes. Now estimating in 10-14 days, the building will be taken down for the plaza to go in. The remainder will take place the first week of March I. Question about traffic impact: Perhaps sidewalk, but not street. There will be a graveled surface on top while testing for contamination takes place that will determine. A comment about the appearance and suggestions for screening while this occurs.

### **TRUSTEE ELECTIONS:**

Nominating committee met and developed trustee slate for the ten open slots for 2008. It was e-mailed to the Listserve. Election will take place on December 3. Candidates:

Ron Becker  
George Bishop  
Jack Bourgoin  
Mike Elovitz  
Bill Fant  
Stephen Keller  
David Kieft  
Al McLaughlin  
Steve Slack  
Jan Toraason

Oct 20 is deadline for others to submit petitions to be placed on the ballot. Send them to Gary Eby, at [eby.matz@fuse.net](mailto:eby.matz@fuse.net). The nominating committee will work on the election. Several candidates introduced themselves.

Trustee retreat in December: 8-9. Purpose will be to introduce new members and to develop a calendar for 18 months.

Community Q & A: Reminder that candidates night will take place Mon Oct 22, beginning at 6:45 pm (meet & greet), 7:30 will be more formal presentations.

Next meeting Nov 5 at 7 pm at Annunciation, due to election preparation.

Kieft moved and Thomas seconded. Meeting adjourns at 8:30 pm

Submitted by Mary Schubauer-Berigan