

CTM Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2009
Clifton Recreation Center

Trustees in attendance: Linda Goldenhar, George Bishop, Mike Elovitz, Dick Druffel, Ron Becker, Brian Curwin, John Berten, Steve Slack, Mark Smith, Bill Fant, Gary Eby

The board approved the minutes for the April 2009 meeting unanimously.

Treasurer's report. Bill Fant summarized the Treasurer's report, which passed with 1 abstention.

Police Report: Det Paul Meyer summarized the monthly crime report. Theft from autos continue to be a significant problem. An arrest was made on Ludlow and Telford of a man with numerous warrants for theft from autos. Business break-in on Ludlow continue, the most recent being at the Thai Café. Sunday morning there was a home break in that matches a pattern of incidents elsewhere in the area. Because of the shortage of jail space, criminals of nonviolent crimes are often let loose back on the street. J. Brandt asked the board to take action to express the community's concern with this situation. A subsequent discussion of ideas and problems followed. S. Slack asked whether the police could post pictures of repeat criminals who are not kept in jail. Det. Meyer said that could be done. L. Goldenhar mentioned College Hill and Northside's court watch program. M. Smith echoed Brandt's suggestion and argue that it is CTM's duty to make the importance of this issue known to government officials, perhaps cooperating with other community councils. George Bishop made a motion to invite Joe Deters to attend a future CTM meeting. Motion passed 10 yes, 1 abstention. B. Fant recommended giving Deters specific names of repeated offenders to help him prepare a response to community concerns.

Clifton Recreation Center Report: Applications for next school year's pre- and post-school programming are being accepted. Some spaces remain for the 20098 Summer Camp. Reported on the success of arts programming over the past months.

Trailside Museum and Burnet Woods: Planted over 200 trees, mulched playgrounds and cleanup. Mentioned upcoming series of summer camps and other upcoming events that are listed on a handout available at the door.

City Transportation Representative: She is involved in a pilot program to test new pavement bike markings. She asked those in attendance to fill out a pre-study survey as part of the program. The pilot program markings will go in on Clifton Ave, Ludlow, and Jefferson.

Clifton Plaza Update: Ted Johansson. Drawings of the plaza should be done for the next meeting. At that time, there will also be a conversation for possible art in the plaza. The delay is partly because of very recent budget increases that will require some alterations to keep the plan within budget.

House Tour Update: M Smith updated the board on the state of the House Tour. Ticket sales seem low, though past history suggests that is normal. Ad revenue is still being collected. Volunteer reception is being organized. There will be 2 TV appearances this week. Cincinnati Children's has helped dramatically cut down on transportation costs. We will be conducting a survey to get information on visitors. There will be stepped up patrols for the parking lots and security for the ticket sales locations.

Phil Herrick: Streetscapes project. Trees went in today. Kiosks for poles on Telford will go up later this month. One community member asked about how many bike locks will be attached to posts. L Goldenhar asked about how the area around trees will be treated. Herrick said that traditional mulch will be used. L. Goldenhar suggested a grass/planting that would be nicer. The odor by Graeter's has returned and recommendation to call MSD to follow up on revisiting the issue. Herrick estimated that there will be about \$40,000 left over from contingency funds. Also, there may be another \$40,000 from traffic engineering. There

is some possibility that those funds could be transferred to the plaza budget. Herrick asked if the community would be interested in the issue, he would approach the city to ask for a left turn to be allowed at Middleton Ave. The issue will be placed on the next agenda to give trustees time to consider the issue. Ted Johansson recommended that steps be made to make sure the newly planted trees get watered.

There will be follow up work from committee chairs to document the best practices for the benefit of the next tour.

Memorial Day Parade: May 25. Plan: people gather at Middle and McAplin and parade begins at 11 am. Expenses are limited to the police and runs around \$500. He asked whether CTM would be interested in organizing the grill/soda sales that take place at the park as a fundraiser. D Druffel asked whether there was interest in creating a committee and commit volunteer time to set up and man the grills and soda sales. Linda Goldenhar, Gary Eby, and Brian Curwin agreed to help out.

CTM Beautification Awards: CTM has tried to create a clearer system and set of criteria for distributing annual beautification funds. The executive committee suggested asking community organization to submit an application detailing how they plan to use funds. Furthermore, we want to directly pay the vendor rather than reimburse the organizations. Issues to nail down: what organizations are eligible for funds? How do they have to be related to Clifton? What schools are or aren't eligible and what would the rationale be? The temporary solution was to work with those organizations CTM had worked with in the past for this year. More specifications will need to be made for next years funding cycle. One community member recommended exploring the idea of matching funds. J Berten asked about beautification funds for the business district. S. Slack asked whether beatification funds could go to CTM committees (specifically parks committee which would like to use funds for park clean up.) Brian Curwin asked how the competitive competition for beautification funds would run; how the decision about which organizations would be granted the funds. D Druffel stated that the board would vote on the applications.

City Ordinance –Neighborhood Support Program: Update on the proposed city ordinance that governs how community councils work and relate to the community and city government. Key to revision: what kinds of votes are open to representatives versus all present and who is entitled to vote (paid members or any community resident). The proposal is coming out of the Vibrant Neighborhoods Committee. The ordinance is continually being revised. Mike Elovitz stated that the city's process for dealing with this issue has been unclear.

Community Q and A:

CCAC will have harp music and water for those on the House Tour. Will also have student art work with a hour tour theme on display.

One audience member asked for clarification on the boundaries of Clifton and CUF. She was directed to the website where CTM's self-defined boundaries are laid out. D Druffel mentioned that there is some dispute between community councils.

Stephan Girard announced a mid-point rally for pro-life movement (40 Days for Life) in Burnet Woods at the Bandstand on May 12. Asked for a life peace zone liaison.

One audience member asked whether there was any interest/way in organizing the street musicians to improve their contribution to the neighborhood. Open mic in the plaza?

M Elovitz mentioned a comment he had received about the problem of a team of runners disrupting pedestrian flow on Ludlow. And reported a call received about the problem of bud bugs in the senior center.

CTM House Tour this Sunday; Memorial Day Parade May 25; next CTM meeting June 1.
Adjourned at 9:20 pm.