

CTM Meeting Minutes
August, 2009
Clifton Recreation Center

Trustees in attendance: Linda Goldenhar, Brian Curwin, John Berten, Michael Willing, George Bishop, Ron Becker, Bill Fant, Karen Imbus, Malcolm Montgomery, Jim Segers

The board approved the minutes could not be approved for the June 2009 meeting because there was no quorum.

Jim Segers highlighted recent positive coverage of Cincinnati and Clifton in *Outside* magazine and the *New York Times*. Bill Fant will look into adding a link to the coverage on the website.

Fire Captain's report: 370 responses in June and July. (160 of them were EMS-related.) Explained Cincinnati's use of fire trucks to maximize speed of response to emergency calls. 3 extra-alarm fires in past 2 months. Warned that proposed budget cuts would affect speed of response and encouraged those in attendance to call city to give input. Encouraged residents to make sure their house address is visible from the street to speed response.

Police report: Det. Paul Meyer (District 5) and Cpt. Bailey. Reported that there was an attack on Ludlow Ave on Saturday around 3:45 in Mustard Seed store. She was sexually assaulted by a man. Police came, tased the man. He was charged with attempted rape. The man was new to the Cincinnati area and recently released from Good Sam psychiatric unit. On Friday, the police met with the safety committee and reviewed Clifton-related concerns (i.e., complaints about drug and alcohol use at fountain area and various calls for issues at apartments on McAlpin. Park police are also aware of the situation. There is evidence on homeless teens and young adults living in the Burnet Woods. Camps are dismantled and police are open to suggestions for dealing with homeless problem. Since the park is closed after 10, residents who see people in the park they can call the police phone line. Concerns were raised about illegal parking in bus zones on Ludlow and Det. Meyer said they would watch for that problem. Cpt. Bailey reported that the money for extra patrols has been cut but he is trying to get officers out of car and walking on Ludlow as much as possible. Linda Goldenhaar suggested we focus energy on recruiting for the citizens on patrol.

Clifton Rec Report: Tom Reese. Although budget cuts loom, they are planning to hold the regular programming for the rest of the year and are working on developing ways to deal with possible cuts. Changes will be posted on the bulletin boards. Thanked the citizens on patrol for their efforts.

CCAC: Ruth Dickey. Updated on the success of Wednesdays on the Green (1795 people attended series). Upcoming programs: free monthly poetry readings featuring 2 national and 1 local poet. Bring silent movies on lawn August 22. New classes will begin on Sept 14. Out of the Attic art sale Sept 26-27: taking donations of art to be sold to benefit CCAC and Clifton Fund. Are partnering with library to host the book sale.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Fant summarized the Treasurer's report for June and July. Will ask for approval at the next meeting when we have a quorum. Presented NSP proposal to the NSP board and CTM was funded fully. Discussed the applications for beautification funding. The executive committee recommended for approval of all proposals (excluding the plaza application on which the board would wait for more information).

Prospective candidates for November election in attendance introduced themselves.

Recovery Health Access Center report: Adam Webb—clinical triage manager for the center. The Center is based in Corryville (on 2828 Vernon Place) and is the first access point for people trying to get into drug and alcohol treatment, focusing on assessing and referring people with limited income. Serves adults, teens, and families and, unlike some drug abuse programs, do not turn away homeless people. Receive around 11,000

calls annually on a 24-hour access line. Funded by United Way and block grants. In the last quarter, the center has seen a significant increase in clients, likely due to the stress of the economy. Reported an upcoming rally on Sept 12 to promote awareness of drug and alcohol recovery at the Purple People bridge (1-4 pm walk across the bridge from Newport to Cinci) as part of national awareness month. Goal: remove stigma attached to drug and alcohol abuse.

Clifton Plaza Update: Ted Johansson. Received five bids last week at a level that suggests some features will have to be cut in this phase. One of the bidding contractors said construction will take 75 days from signed contract. Hopefully variances will get approval in next few weeks and construction will begin by September.

Streetscapes Festival: Kip Eggan. 3 pm Friday Sept 25 street prep starts. Event is open to the public beginning at 10 am 26th and ending on the 27th. Have new partners including: Uptown Consortium with promotion, marketing, and security; CBPA with a well organized promotion and efforts to create a street fair feeling. Will expand the festival by going further down Telford where they will paint cars. They are working with ArtWorks to get their mural teams to do the art to ensure high quality on the cars. Hoping to have fundraising event options. Alternative rain location will be held at CCAC. Uptown will provide shuttles from overflow parking in Burnet Woods to facilitate the hoped for increase in traffic likely created by new marketing efforts. Will also focus on promoting t-shirt sales with higher quality shirts to promote higher sales. Also asked for volunteers to work the booth in 2-hour shifts. We will send it out on the listserv.

Movie Night: Updated plans for movie night. Oct 25 (Sunday before Halloween). Esquire seems amenable to an early evening showing around 6:30 perhaps so kids might be able to attend. The planning is at early stage and we would love to have volunteers to participate. Some thoughts were to have Halloween and costume event. We expect the ticket price will be lower and the event may be as much as a community event rather than primarily a fundraiser.

CTM Elections. Trying to fill 7 seats. We have 5 committed candidates and 2 possible. Elections take place in November for CTM members.

A representative from mayor Mallory's young professional kitchen cabinet introduced a program in which the city is inviting Cincinnati's 52 neighborhoods to participate in a video promoting its neighborhood that will be part of a competition, shown on the Jumbo-torn on Fountain square, and can be used by the community afterwards. Media Bridges is a partner that provides training and equipment to the representatives from each neighborhood. Hope to finish the competition by November election.

Community Q & A:

Lay Brother Stephan Gerrard announced the 40 Days for Life events and raised the idea of a LifePeace Zone and asked if anyone who is interested in being the Life Zone representative in Clifton to see him.

Skyline Restaurant is restoring old signage and neon clock on their building.

Clifton revitalization: Finishing of painting poles, planting of tree, and public bulletin boards are planned on being done. Reports of an erroneous signage will be followed up.

Malcolm Montgomery summarized the presentation related to form-based codes that took place in Clifton on the previous Saturday. The presentation was a general discussion about the nature of successful urban planning. The meeting was part of a self-education series of community citizens interested in exploring form based codes.

November 2nd meeting will be held at CCAC because of elections.

Next CTM meeting is scheduled for September 14 at CRC.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm.