

CTM Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2009  
Clifton Recreation Center

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

The board approved the minutes the June (8 yes, 3 abstentions) and August 2009 meetings (9 yes, 2 abstentions).

Bill Fant reviewed the Treasurer's Report for June and July. Approved (10 yes, 1 abstention) And for August. Approved (11 yes, 1 abstention).

Police report: Det. Paul Meyer (District 5) and Off. Lisa Johnson. Discussed incident at Ambar restaurant the previous night. After closing, the owner was shot multiple times when getting into his vehicle. Det. Meyer stressed that this was a very unusual incident. The perpetrator did not take anything or demand anything from the victim nor did he take the vehicle. There is, at this time, no obvious motive. A local news report erroneously reported that the incident involved a robbery and that an arrest had been made. Kip Eggan who was near the scene at the time commended the police's response.

Library Update: Library is seeking a 1 mil. levy in fall election (issue no. 7). If it doesn't pass up to 50% of the county's libraries will be closed permanently. She identified a website where you could get signed up to volunteer for canvassing and put up a yard sign. Yard signs will be distributed at Ace Hardware on Ludlow. The levy is required because of loss of state funding.

Fire Report (Capt. Johnson). 153 responses. 5 fires, 2 extra alarm fires, 126 emt responses. Quiet summer compared to average. Questions followed about possible impact of possible budget cuts on the Clifton firehouse. George Bishop followed up on finding out whom to contact in city operations to get them to attend an upcoming CTM meeting regarding the issue.

Clifton Rec Report: Tom Reese. Won approval for 2-week artist residence free 2-hour workshops on sculpture for the public (children, adults, and seniors). Registration will be on website. Artist's specialty is found art, which will be part of workshops. CCAC will help host reception. Gave an update on beautification efforts in the front lawn. Introduced the center director Mary Cameron. Pointed out with that with budget cuts the CRC's hours have been reduced. Programs that have been cut include after school arts and sports activities. To support the funding of CRC, comment cards are available in the office.

Trailside Nature Center: Great Outdoor Weekend: Sept. 26-27 (canoes on the lake). Listed various events at the center in month of October.

Clifton Plaza Update: Jan and Ted. The committee has accepted the bid by the lowest bidder on their proposal list and hope to sign the contract this week and dedicate hardscape of plaza by the holidays. In recent weeks, the project has had to request variances for certain items, which were approved. There was a problem with planned signage because of city regulations. New plans for signage that will be on the plaza itself (as opposed to an adjacent building) will be proposed. The original green screen planned to stand along the plaza's western edge proved to be too costly. The plan has been amended to include a bamboo hedge instead. The extra money has been eaten up by final activities in sidewalk renovations. As a result, the plaza budget is \$30,000 under and needs CTM's help in figuring out how to raise needed money to complete the design in the spring. The committee will provide a list of the items needed and the cost breakdowns. The plaza committee will be meeting with CBPA to go over the construction plan and the handover for operation of the plaza. Delay in project was driven by the time required to get building permits and by budget problems. There are a number of possible funding sources that may come on line (e.g., the contingency funds, possible streetscapes surplus). M

Smith recommended that whoever will have responsibility for the plaza after its done sign off on the plans and contracts. Dick explained the role of representatives of CTM and CBPA in the signing of the contracts.

Streetscapes Festival: Kip Eggan. Presented Streetscapes poster and t-shirts. Rain location will be CCAC where art will be done on paper and then sold as a fundraiser for CTM and CCAC. The artist workshop was held successfully. At least 10 teams have been fielded. There will be fewer paintings than in past but they will be larger with more dramatic scale. The merchants on Ludlow have generously sponsored the event as well. CTM will send a promo email to listserv. Because the new sidewalk bump-outs took away some street space, they will also paint 4 donated cars. The event organizers need volunteers to sell t-shirts and circulated a sign up sheet. Uptown partnership has helped with promotional efforts tremendously. Library has helped with advanced education efforts about featured artists. Dick stressed the importance of t-shirt sales to help make the event a fundraiser opportunity for CTM and stressed the importance of CTM board members to volunteer to help sell the t-shirts by signing up for a 2-hour shift. Recommendations: price t-shirts adults \$15 and kids \$12.

The event will coincide with the Out of the Attic arts sale at CCAC and the festival at Annunciation. Clifton Community Fund is also hosting a fundraiser dinner at Tink's. There will be a shuttle from CCAC, Annunciation, parking in Burnet Woods, and to Ludlow.

Clifton Community Fund sponsored renovation of plaques in CCAC and recommended people appreciate improvement.

Comprehensive Plan (Mike Elovitz): Informed CTM about upcoming meetings being held to inform the public about the city's development of a comprehensive plan. He also mentioned the city's more specific development of a comprehensive land use plan for the I-75 renovations. A representative from the city will likely speak at an upcoming meeting. J. Berten expressed his opposition to the city spending funds on a new plan amid a budget crisis. S. Slack recommended exploring annexing the Vine Street cemetery. D. Druffel echoed the need to explore discussing boundaries (and dealing with areas that no community claims) and said he would approach neighboring councils.

Clifton video (Brian Curwin): Following up on Mayor's initiative to get each of Cincinnati's neighborhoods to produce a short (60-second) video designed to encourage young professionals to live in Cincinnati. Asked for ideas from people for images/locations that should be included in the video (asked people to email him any suggestions). Also asked for a Clifton resident who would be interviewed for the video (who was available this Saturday or Monday). Various recommendations of things to feature in the video included: footage from Streetscapes, Burnet Woods event, Mt. Storm Park.

Movie Night: L Goldenhar updated plans for movie night. Oct 25 (Sunday before Halloween). Will have a 7 p.m. screening of The Witches at the Esquire. May also include a short film from Scotland. May have the new Clifton Performance Theater perform a short play version of Alice in Wonderland in the theater. Will charge \$10/adults; \$5/kids. Still debating 2 options for a pre-event: 1. Reception at Olive's. 2. Have coupons for Esquire concessions. Will have prizes for costumes. The ticket will also be good for discounts at Clifton restaurants the week after. Some merchants have also given gift certificates, which will be prizes for adults. We are also designing posters and postcards that will be sent to CTM members. Goal: 220 people.

CTM Elections (Mike Elovitz): Nov. 2 meeting, which will be held at CCAC. Election will be open from 6:30 to 7:10. All CTM members are eligible to vote. There are seven candidates vying for nine open seats. Of the 21 trustee positions, seven seats are vacant as part of the standard 3-year terms. In addition, there are two seats, corresponding to a 1-year and 2-year term each, currently vacant due in part to resignations.

CTM logo: 2 version of a CTM logo (with accompanying letterhead variations) were presented to the board. It was decided that board members would consider which image was preferable. It was also recommended that the board ask for input on the issue from the wider CTM membership.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be held at CCAC because of elections.

#### Community Q and A

Tom gave an updated about the Chronicle's expanded distribution list. May also target wealthy households outside on Clifton. May consider putting a coupon page in Chronicle to drive business to the Ludlow business district.

Jim Segers asked for advice for how to get a sign put up on Bryant to inform drivers that there are blind people who live in the area. And to see how to get stripes painted at intersection of Bryant and Telford.

Next CTM meeting is scheduled for October at CRC.

Adjourned at 9:10 pm.