

## CTM Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2010  
Clifton Cultural Arts Center

Trustees in attendance: Ron Becker, Dick Druffel, Mike Elovitz, Bill Fant, Malcolm Montgomery, Mary Jo Vesper, Jeff Rose, Karen Imbus, Jim Segars, , Jeff Rose, Brian Curwin, Steve Slack, Pete Schneider, Eric Clark

Secretary's report: minutes from September meeting approved with 3 abstentions.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Fant reviewed the income and expenses for the last month. Moved with one abstention.

Mark Smith recommended that a close analysis of underperformance related to the budget for year to date be made to see what changes could be made before the end of the year. Bill Fant would look into it.

### **Regular Reports:**

Police: 2 recent robberies—one on MLK, one of Cincinnati State on Lafayette. Nothing unusual, though a rise in copper theft is being seen. Thefts from autos are down and crime is down 18% year to year.

M Montgomery makes a motion for CTM to express its heartfelt appreciation for Det Paul Meyer's contribution to serving the Clifton community. The resolution passed unanimously and Det. Meyer was warmly applauded.

Clifton Town Meeting wishes to express its heartfelt appreciation to Det. Paul Meyer for his outstanding service to the Clifton community and for having consistently performed his duties not only with superior professionalism, but also with warmth and sincere interest in the people of the community.

Cincinnati Recreation Center Report: Tom reported on success of a CRC pottery class participant in a city pottery competition. Clifton's My Neighborhood Garden will have to be closed and the organizers are asking for volunteers to help move the plantings to the CRC.

CCAC: Announced celebration for completion of phase 1 of renovations; Tues, 10/26, 4-6 pm. Mallory, Qualls, CCAC Board will be in attendance for a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception. Other great upcoming events were promoted, including a Friends of the Library book sale in mid-October. Volunteers requested and encouraged to stop in at the library.

### **Special CTM Reports**

Consumer Issues/Scams – Terry Tranter, Ohio Attorney General's Office – Informed the community about the AG's offices in Cincinnati, especially its "Save Our Homes" campaign

aimed at helping people who face the threat of losing their homes. Also presented the Kids Safety Passport program; the Concealed Carry Law, and Resources for Military Veterans, Consumer Protection and Anti-Scam Programs.

Cincinnati State Parking – Josephine Kosmalski/Don Miller

Don Miller: Complained about the dramatic increase of CS-related parking and traffic problems that have intensified over the past 3 years. Reported that there are 2,384 parking spaces on Clifton campus. 5400 day/3400 evening students attend the Clifton campus. Parking spots are sold 4 times over. District 5 has been receiving numerous complaints about parking daily. Officials from CS stated that they can not be responsible for off campus parking problems and that they have a history of working with neighboring community councils, including CTM. Mr. Miller warned that the current parking situation is dangerous. Proposed: 1. CTM pass a resolution recognizing the parking and traffic problems in recent years. 2. Pass a motion to encourage CS expand parking to reflect increased enrollment or reduce enrollments.

Mike Wiley (513-569-558) from Cin. State responded by detailing some of its efforts (i.e. renting spots in nearby lots). CS gives free parking and free shuttles to those lots. CS has hired an officer on Hamilton lots to ensure safety. Admits that there is a parking problem but they are trying to solve it. Part of the challenge is the construction project that is taking up parking spaces, which is a state project that CS doesn't have control over. The school is considering looking for land to build a new garage to anticipate future growth, but that will take time.

A community member raised concerns about the uncontrolled growth of the university that is adversely affecting residential neighborhoods. And encouraged CTM to approach the city to address the issue. M Montgomery encouraged the school to consider offering free parking to help the community. Bob Blum asked about what the school has been doing to incentivize use of public transit. According to the CS representative, they have been working with Metro to explore options.

D. Druffel asked for CTM Board response to D. Miller's recommendation to pass a resolution and write a letter. S. Slack said CTM should support CS to help find a creative solution. Mike Elovitz asked how the I-75 realignment would make it worse and only intensify the need for action.

The police representative reported that the police had issued over 100 tickets to CS students. They are also working with traffic signage to clarify no-parking signage on Clifton Hills. Working with Cincinnati State to get a letter sent out to students to clarify key parking laws. Made clear that police will have strong enforcement response with ticketing and towing.

D. Druffel asked if there was a Trustee who would volunteer to work with CS on issue. Pete Schneider and Mary Jo Vesper volunteered. Don Miller volunteered to be the community liaison for the efforts.

D. Druffel motioned that the board empower to write a letter to CS encouraging them to work on a solution. Passed with 1 abstention.

George Roden: Raised concerns about similar heavy traffic issues with the mosque on Clifton Ave. (Heavy traffic, illegal parking, etc) Key time problems: Fridays. George asked that a letter similar to the one being sent to CS be sent to the mosque. Mary Jo raised concern about writing a letter because it isn't an every day occurrence and other religious institutions in Clifton face similar issues. The topic was tabled until next meeting and a representative from the mosque would be asked to attend.

Art Carpets Update: Phil Herrick. Summarized the history of the sidewalk renovations and where the last stage—the development of the art carpets/plaques. Michael Stout from ArtWorks present drafts of the 6 plaques to be located at: Esquire, Graeter's, Keller's, Ludlow Garage, Plaza (bonus plaque), library. Hope to have them installed by end of Oct or early November. Installation will take roughly 1 day. Maintenance on the plaques is very low. Ownership of the plaques is being worked out but will likely follow the policies of other streetscapes aspects.

Streetscape Festival Recap – Kip – Gave update on the Streetscape Street painting festival. Police estimated about 4500 people came through the event. Almost all business reported stellar business. Can see pictures [cincystreetscapes at flicker.com](http://cincystreetscapes.flicker.com).

CTM Communication Committee Report –Bob Gave summary of the committee's presentation. Various suggestions were made. The committee would meet with The Chronicle leadership to make final recommendations.

CTM Movie Committee – Linda-and-Gene: Reported on details on movie night: Sing-a-long *Wizard of Oz* at Esquire. Goodie bags for kids, raffle prizes for adults local merchants, tickets good for discounts at area restaurants. Sunday, 10/24. Movie at 7 sharp. Kids and adults should come in costume.

CTM Elections – Mike: Elections prior to next CTM meeting (6:30-7:10). Need to elect 3 new trustees. Have 3 nominees (Bill Fant, Eric Clark, and Ben Pantoja.) R Becker reminded the board that it had discussed changing the governance document to open up voting rights to all residents of 45220 zip code.

S. Slack asked for \$345 for beautification to help keep down invasive species on Jefferson Hillside. Karen Imbus stated that the beautification committee was in full approval. Park board is in support of the effort. Approval was given.

Announcements: Next Meeting November 1, 2010 at the Clifton Cultural Arts Center (CCAC).  
Adjourned: 9:15