

CTM Meeting Minutes  
7:00 PM  
May 2, 2011  
Clifton Recreation Center

Called to order at 7:05 by K. Imbus

Members in attendance – Christian Huelsman, Bob Blum, Ben Pantoja, Dick Druffel, Mary Jo Vesper, Pete Schneider, Jim Segers, Bill Fant, Eric Clark, Michael Willing, Malcolm Montgomery, and Brian Curwin.

Jim LaBarbara – Communications director for Leslie Ghiz spoke on the yard waste issue that was discussed at the 5/2/11 council budget meeting. Date TBD. Yard waste situation will be re-visited at a later date.

Minutes from previous meeting called to vote by K. Imbus.

2 Abstentions M. Montgomery, B. Blum – motion passed.

B. Fant – treasurer’s report.

Reviewed income/expense statement. Loss of 988.47 YTD.

B. Fant moved to accept, seconded by M. Montgomery.

1 abstention (B. Fant) from vote, remainder approved.

**Regular Reports:**

**Fire report** – Kevin Campbell – 100 EMS runs, 24 ALS runs, and 1 extra alarm to assist in Northside.

**Police** – No report.

**Clifton Rec Center** – Tom Reese.

CRC Director retired previous week, search for replacement underway. Mike Thomas interim director. Introduced new instructors and programs, Partnering with Character council to promote positive behavior. Napoleon Ridge Farms, cooperative farm program; shares can be purchased from the farm’s website; flyers on the program are available from Tom and the center. Summer camp has 8 spaces remaining. ~125 people onsite last Saturday for the fencing tournament.

**CCAC** – No Report

**Trailside Museum** – No Report

**Scarlet Oaks** – Rob Smith spoke on behalf of Scarlet Oaks, presented information on a fundraising event on 5/12 from 4-7 at the Scarlet Oaks mansion in Clifton. Flyers and info available at the Rec center.

**Citizens for Civic Renewal** - Jeff Stec will be holding public discussions ( 5/5/11 @ 6 PM – Coryville Rec Center, 5/7/11 College Hill Rec Center), requesting citizens to participate in a discussion with the city officials on what public safety services that the community desires, what other public services the city desires.

**Groesbeck Fund** – Kip Egan - Thanks to CTM for the letter written to Gerald Checco, ultimately the proposal to put music in Burnet Woods was accepted. Draft budget was reviewed and revised, park board has requested that Kip act as the project manager for the program to a limit of \$5000.00 due to limitations.

Recommending that CTM act as a passthru for \$1900.00 from the Groesbeck fund for concerts to be staged during Streetscapes, and Holidays on Ludlow. CTM would request a grant from the city to be funded by the Groesbeck fund. There would be zero impact to the CTM budget.

Motion (attached) submitted by K. Imbus, seconded by B. Blum.

Discussion – M. Vesper – Total funds taken from the Fund will be \$6900. B. Pantoja, where is the balance, given that the Fund is 10K. Egan - \$2000 will be held back to cover Park Board programming and maintenance costs. \$1100 will be used for the instruments in the park, or will be rolled over to the next year's draw. B. Fant – Whose policy would attach the insurance rider? K. Egan – Park Board requests that either CTM or K. Egan provide the rider. B. Fant – CTM would not be able to do that, the costs for a rider would not be covered, and CTM would have to cover the costs of all the expenses as opposed to it coming from the draw from the Groesbeck fund.

Discussion on where the funding for the insurance would come from. K. Egan to follow up with park board for further clarification.

Vote – 1 opposed – M. Willing; 1 abstention – M. Montgomery; balance approved.

Insurance question to be clarified, motion is strictly to act as a financial passthru for the funds to be drawn from the Groesbeck fund.

**Keller's Update** – P. Schneider – No more information available than what has been provided to the media, hopes by the next meeting that there will have been a formal transfer of the business with more detail on the future of the store.

**Yard Waste update** – K. Imbus – Presented the press release from the City, discussed group letter to be written to the city from the 5 neighborhoods in Uptown expressing the import of yard waste pickup to the citizens. Open for discussion.

B. Blum – Motion to authorize K. Imbus to sign the letter sponsored by Uptown. K. Imbus will circulate the letter for feedback to the board.

Opposed – E. Clark, Balance approved. No abstentions.

**Great American Cleanup** – C. Huelsman – 23 adults, 19 children, broken into teams, created routes and groups for all participants. Many thanks from all sponsors and excellent results from all the volunteers who participated in the event despite the poor weather.

**Announcement** – K. Imbus – Melink Solar Canopy dedication ceremony on 5/9/11 9:30 AM at the Zoo's parking lot. Rob Portman will be present, all are welcome to attend.

**Memorial Day Parade** – B. Pantoja – Upon investigation of the requirements for holding a permitted fund raising/cooking event at the park, the amount of permits and requirements are prohibitive. As an alternate, a food truck Café de Wheels and an ice cream truck (TBD) has been engaged to provide an alternative.

Jack Brand noted that the band, fire, and police have been provided free food and refreshments as part of their participation, Jack noted that they will be expecting similar this year, however that cost will need to be addressed ahead of time. Ben will explore the options to feed these volunteers, including providing them the coupons to be redeemed for a meal. Jack provided a review of the tactical steps associated with the parade. Parade will go off, rain or shine.

**Good Sam Hospital Grant** – M. Vesper – Good Sam has offered 5K for various activities, 1K committed to CCAC to support the Wednesday concerts. Other events supported from this grant will be Movie Night and Streetscapes.

**Plaza LLC** – D. Druffel – Hamilton County has re-evaluated the plaza property, the valuation of the property has been decreased resulting in a \$2900 decrease in the property tax valuation. It was decided not to further contest the valuation.

**Beautification Cmte** – M. Vesper – Planters along Ludlow Ave have been replanted with pansies, plans to change them out for the summer planting mid-May weekend. Announcement to be sent out via list-serve. K Imbus - CBPA mulched the tree beds. CTM also received a \$200 grant from Clifton Fund. Announced a contest in development for landscaping balconies, flower boxes, etc.; prizes will be awarded – TBD. Further details to be announced via list-serve. B. Fant – announced Jane Allen has been awarded \$500 from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful to the City Barn.

**Clifton Chronicle** – Tom Lohre – Looking for articles, please send any and all to Tom Lohre at the Chronicle.

**Parking Committee** – Don Miller – Jon Childress delivered petitions, those have been completed by Don and the other residents in the affected area and since returned to Jon Childress. Jon has indicated that the signs and program should be in place by September.

Nan Cahall from Cincinnati State – Introduced herself and stated that there was a concern on the school's behalf that it had not been engaged in the discussions around the resident parking program or the parking situation in the vicinity. Further, that the school could not support a program of this nature as it was not in the best interests of the students. There was considerable discussion from the audience and CTM board establishing the facts/history on the program, prior meetings and engagement discussions that have occurred with the school representatives. It was

requested that a meeting of the committee, Nan Cahall, Mike Wylie and interested residents be scheduled outside of the current monthly meeting to further discuss the topic with Ms. Cahall.

**Jonathan Sears/Chris Hoeting – Par Project.** – program has been accepted into the Pepsi Refresh project, can be granted 50K that would build phase 1 of the arts center. Encouraging everyone to vote for their project. Vote via Pepsi Refresh page; vote via text message; vote via Facebook.

### **Community Q/A**

Ophelia Peck – Hosea Avenue. Has made a memorial planting in the cul-de-sac at the end of Hosea, asking if CTM can assist with getting the city owned water service turned back on to care for the plants in the city owned cul-de-sac. C. Huelsman will attempt to assist with the maintenance; B. Blum will contact the city to see what can be worked out.

Daniel Dudley – Reminded the audience and board that CTM is 50 years old this year, recommended that a celebration would be in order. Tom Lohre is working on articles and a story.

Mark Nudow – 515 Lafayette Avenue – Variance request will be made to the city for the lot next to his property on Lafayette Ave. Request will allow for a new house to be built with a 31 foot setback, the current ruling is a 90 foot setback. Malcolm Montgomery advised that a variance notification needs to be sent, and has asked the housing and zoning committee to look into the zoning code. General stance of CTM is that the current zoning codes will be supported.

C. Huelsman – A number of properties along Jefferson Avenue will be razed and student housing will be built. Believes that this is a boundaries issue that CTM should be advised on these issues. D. Druffel has attended Coryville sessions specifically on this topic, Clifton was aware of this; Coryville has been supportive of this project.

Announcements: Next Meeting June 6, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Clifton Recreation Center.

Meeting adjourned – 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Pete Schneider, CTM Vice President