



CTM Meeting Agenda  
March 12, 2012, 7:00 p.m.  
Clifton Recreation Center

In attendance: Mike Moran, Ron Becker, Pete Schneider, Ben Pantoja, Tom Dwyer, Buddy Goose, Linda Ash, Jeff Rose, Bruce Bernard, Bob Blum, Linda Goldenhar, Mary Jo Vesper, Brian Curwin, Erik Clark

Meeting called to order at 7:05.

Review and approve:

Minutes from the February, 2012, Meeting – Ron Becker. Amended minutes approved with one abstention (Blum)

Treasurer's Report & Budget Update – Tom Dwyer provided an overview of budget. Noted a small hole in the 2012 budget. There was no budgeted money for Movie Night. Last year that event's expenses were about \$1800. Asked if there should be a resolution to amend the budget. Pete Schneider moved a resolution to add that item. It passed unanimously. The budget report was accepted unanimously.

Regular Reports

- 1) Fire. Cpt. Campbell gave an update on the fire station's activities. 212 EMS responses for the month. Total of 300 responses. Welcomed everyone to stop by the station. Encouraged the board to invite the new fire chief to attend a CTM meeting.
- 2) Police. Off. Johnson gave a report on activities in February. Crime is down in Clifton, including theft from autos. Is currently working on graffiti and following up on arrests. If anyone was interested in attending hearings of suspect, they should email her. Encouraged people who see anything suspicious (e.g., someone with paint on them) to contact her. Encouraged be to take pictures and send them to her. They have a grant to get more people to create a database and work on removal. In response to drug dealing activities, she encouraged people to write down license plates or record video/take pictures and send them to her. On new parking permit program: cars without parking passes near Cincinnati State are now being ticketed (as of 3/12/2012). Buddy Goose asked how many people are seeing metal thefts. She said it goes in waves. Unfortunately, if they arrest people for metal theft, they get added to a no-buy list and let them go.  
EMAIL: [lisa.johnson@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:lisa.johnson@cincinnati-oh.gov),
- 3) Recreation: First yard sale will be held April 21. A table will be \$10. Funds raised will go to revitalization fund. Call: 961-5681. Summer Day camp sign up has started. Encouraged people to sign up quickly since spots go quickly. There is a new regional manager representing the Cincinnati West Division.
- 4) Burnet Woods: Kip Egan reported on the Music on the Trails series that is being proposed for in Burnet Woods in summer of 2012. Reported on the success of the series in 2011 and asked for a letter of support from CTM by covering the cost of insurance and to function as the pass-through agency for some of the funds from the Groesbeck Fund. The series in 2012 would include a

series of rail events in June and music connected to the Street painting festival and Holidays on Ludlow. Vesper made a motion for CTM to support the 3 requests to cap at commitment that was spent last year and on the expectations that a budget will be presented. Motion approved unanimously.

- 5) CCAC: A friends of library fundraiser will be Wed March 14.

### Special CTM Reports

Pete Schneider: The city council is seeking input on the proposal to change council members term limits.

#### Green Committee

Mayor's Recycling Challenge Bruce Bernard updated the committee's efforts to engage in the city's program. The committee got a list of every house that have not used the new recycling bins and reached out to connect with them. 76 houses have been contacted (28%). Main reasons houses are not participating: houses are vacant. 7 wanted to swap with smaller bins. Some have a bin with a different number than city has on record. Next attempt: March 24/25 1:30-3:30. The committee is looking for volunteers to help canvas key areas.

Committee & Liaison Roles Pete Schneider announced that there are still unfilled spots, including: A/V Management and Nominating Committee. Schneider has found two community members to serve on the committee and needs two board members.

#### 2012 Clifton House Tour

Ben Pantoja gave an update on the House Tour preparations. 11 homes have been confirmed. Walter Langsam, the historian, will write his reports. Poster should be printed later this month. The event will be May 13, 1-5.

Key needs:

1. Help with ad sales.
2. Volunteers needed (benefits: reduced ticket price-\$10 vs. 17.50; after party)  
contact [mary.henkener@gmail.com](mailto:mary.henkener@gmail.com) 559-1497

#### Communications Committee Jeff Rose

##### Clifton Chronicle

1. With Tom's help we have a new printer with dramatically lower costs.
2. Have interviewed paid publisher candidates. The savings from printing may be taken up by paid publisher.
3. Spring/Summer issues are seeking more articles.

Dwyer asked if the paid publisher would be a company or individual and there was some discussion about the tax implications.

#### CPR Funded Projects

Ron Becker provided an overview of the CPR process and solicited ideas for projects to prioritize.

#### Beautification Committee Mary Jo Vesper

The Road into Mt. Storm will be closed for an extended period of time to restructure the road with is slipping down the hill. The park will remain open during construction.

Plaza & Ludlow Urns: seeking volunteers to clean up and plant on Ludlow.

Vine & Wolper Gateway. The committee had received grant to install planting at the intersection. The zoo is providing design work and material for free or at cost. CTM has committed matching money, but the committee

needs more money to pull the project off. The range of additional costs \$3,310-\$5,473 (difference depends on possible snafus that may arise). Asked the board for ideas of whether CTM could/should cover the costs or seek fund from elsewhere. Schneider explained that he had been uncomfortable with signing the contract given the dramatic cost overrides without bringing it to the board. He said that he supported the project for many reasons but wanted to bring it to a vote of the board. He has approached Uptown Consortium to see if they could help pay overruns. They may be open to it. Bob Blum asked if the improvement will be worth the money spent. Moran asked if there is a sign identifying that your are entering in Clifton. Such a sign is NOT part of the project. Dwyer asked if the zoo could provide maintenance, given concerns about adding more spots for CTM volunteers to take care of. Vesper said they are not able to provide that's service. Subsequent discussion explored the pros and cons about the funding the projects. There was widespread sentiment that there should be a sign identifying Clifton should be included.

Motion to budget up to \$5,437 if needed.

Motion passed: Yeas: 7. Nos: 5. Abstentions 1

Housing & Zoning Committee Mary Jo Vesper

Hallmark Development Ruther & Jefferson Ave - Update Reported that there are plans to lower the speed limit on Jefferson and Ruther to 25. There is a proposal to change the zoning code. They ill need some variances to build the building. Corryville supported the re-zoning and variance if they changed the siding to cementuous board.

Community Q & A Pete Schneider

Betsy Black asked who was in charge of cliftoncommunity.org website. Asked for it to be updated. Curwin said he is aware of the problems and will be working on them.

Dan Ames: There are concerns about the IGA remodeling. Update received that there are meetings going on but the developers are hesitant to identify a date.

Another neighbor raised concerns about the problem of coyotes on McAlpine. A discussion ensued about options. In the end, Vesper agreed to work with the concerned community members.

Announcements: **Next Meeting April 2, 2012 Clifton Rec. Center, 7:00 p.m.**