



CTM Meeting Agenda
April 2, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Clifton Recreation Center

Trustees in attendance: Mike Moran, Ron Becker, Pete Schneider, Ben Pantoja, Tom Dwyer, Buddy Goose, Linda Ash, Jeff Rose, Bruce Bernard, Brian Curwin, Eric Clark, Christian Huelsman, Mary Jo Vesper (at 8:05)

Review and approve:

Minutes from the March 2012, Meeting – Ron Becker, approved with 2 abstentions.

Treasurer's Report & Budget Update – Tom Dwyer, reviewed updates to the budget, highlights include: \$2,950 of income. Major expenses (\$1,927) include: Beautification for gateway project, software expenses, insurance, House Tour expenses. Current balance: \$83,320 Passed with one abstention.

Regular Reports

Fire, For March, made 158 response (91 EMS runs, 3 fires in Clifton, 41 non-fire responses). Stressed the importance of having a visible address on one's house to allow service to come more quickly. Bernard asked whether there was a way to increase awareness in the community regarding the importance of visible house numbers. Recommended exploring the issue as a future agenda item. Tom Lohre said he would run an item in the *Chronicle*. Invited the community to stop by the firehouse.

Cpt. Campbell introduced the Cincinnati fire chief Richard Baum. He introduced his wife, himself, and his family. They are originally from Columbus, Ohio, and have deep roots in fire service. Echoed Cpt. Campbell's invitation to visit the firehouse. Praised the caliber of Cincinnati's fire staff. Described the major change he instituted upon his arrival: increased the number of medic response teams to improve emergency medical treatment by getting right people to scene as quickly as possible. Also addressed limitations in special operations (i.e., rescue units, hazmat teams). Stressed that firefighters are cross-trained, are a fluid workforce; they do more than just fight fires. They can also function in EMS mode. This dynamic offers tremendous cost benefits to City and residents. Suggests that it would be more appropriate to call firefighters "all hazard technicians."

A citizen asked about the cost efficiency of having fire trucks going out on all runs. He clarified that trucks only go out to local calls, pointed out that fire trucks are expensive and using them makes sense. Stressed that his department is always looking for ways to get better.

K. Egan emphasized the importance of the historic firehouse building to Clifton. The chief assured the audience that they are not looking to close stations as long as they have two bays.

Huelsman asked if there was any risk of response times increasing with threat of cutbacks. He explained their efforts to increase staffing levels. Explained how the brown out strategy is designed to minimize impact on response times (initial unit will show up in same time, but subsequent units will often take longer—sometimes that secondary unit may unfortunately be the more crucial one).

Police, Explained key changes that have taken place in police department to improved performance (shift length and days on/off strategy, deployment of detectives, etc). The new district 5 chief introduced himself. Explained his efforts to get to know the district. Knows that there is a positive relationship between district 5 and the communities they serve.

Recreation, Encouraged people who want to enroll kids in summer program to do so quickly, since it will fill up. Mentioned the upcoming Clifton Yard Sale in the CRC parking lot (8-1 on 4/21). Mentioned that positive cooperation among the various institutions at the corner. Mentioned an arts fellowship program (\$7,000) he will be administering. Encouraged people who are or know an artist to apply for the artist grant program. Applications are available at every rec center in the city.

Burnet Woods Trailside Museum: Following up on previous meeting's request for a budget for the Trailside Music Program: Kip Egan provided a budget that was submitted to the Park Board.

Special CTM Reports/Guest Speakers

Memorial Day Parade: Ben Pantoja discussed the current plans for going back to grilling food for the parade, which means it will likely lower costs and can increase community involvement. The organizers found out that a non-profit can get an account at Restaurant Depot, where the food will be much cheaper. Asked the committee to open up an account, at no cost. Bernard made a motion that CTM become a member of the Restaurant Depot.

Huelsman asked for clarification on the motivation for the grilling approach. Pantoja discussed the various motivations (community involvement and funding dynamics).

Motion passed unanimously.

American Cancer Society Fundraiser Rome Ntukogu

Described a fundraiser in the Clifton Business District that would benefit the American Cancer Society. The first event would be May 1 (with possibility of it happening the first Monday of every month). It would be a wine walk event in which people would go into participating businesses in a roaming wine tasting event. Goal is to promote businesses and benefit charities. Proceeds come from participating businesses. Pete Schneider asked if he had met with CBPA. He responded no, but hoped to do so after talking to CTM. Schneider also asked for follow up on what CTM's involvement would be? He explained they would hope for support in covering printing costs. Bruce Bernard: given the possible negative connotations connected to drinking, asked if other ideas for such a series was considered. He said they are open to others. Huelsman mentioned that there is lots of experience with similar multi-site events that work with no/little trouble.

Communications Committee Jeff Rose update on Clifton Chronicle

Announced that the committee had selected a new publisher: Vicki Black (who introduced herself and expressed her excitement to get start on the Chronicle). The spring/summer issue is progressing well. The goal, given the savings in printing costs, we hope it will be close to budget neutral. Membership mailing will go out soon. The Rec Center asked how they could help connect new neighbors with CTM via membership etc. It was discussed that membership forms would be left at the center.

Movie Night Linda Goldenhar Status for 2012 (tabled to May meeting)

2012 Clifton House Tour Eric Clark

Gave an update on the House Tour activities. The event is really starting to come together. Two key announcements: Need more volunteers on the day of. Also need sponsors to sell ads in the booklet.

Lohre said he wanted to feature it on the cover of the Chronicle and asked for a story by April 10.

Volunteers can contact Ben or Eric. Tickets can be purchased at a variety of business (Olives, Ludlow Wines, etc).

CPR Funded Projects Ron/Pete

Two applications have been submitted so far (utility box anti-graffiti art; cross-walk improvements by new library). A third one will be traffic related.

Beautification Committee Mary Jo Vesper

Vine & Woolper Gateway: The project began today. Plants will likely go in next week.

Ad – Hoc Committee Mary Jo Vesper

Coyote Nuisance update: In response to concerns of residents in the area (presumably near Rawson Woods), Vesper asked the Park Board if the coyotes could be trapped. The Board said they would have to consider the issues, since it had not been raised before. Vesper reported that she had not heard back from Juan (the resident who spoke at the previous CTM meeting) regarding options for connecting the neighbors with the Board or trapping experts.

Community Q & A Pete Schneider

Questions had been raised about the status of Goessling's. Schneider reported that he had met with Steve Goessling. While he could not discuss specifics, he can assure that Steve is committed to neighborhood. His reason for not providing updates are personal; he is leery about providing yet another promise of an opening date given that certain things are out of his control, but he is committed to and enthusiastic about the project.

Bruce Bernard: wanted to recognize the great volunteers who worked hard on the Mayor's recycling challenge. For 65% of recycling bins unaccounted for in the city's records, the problem lay in the fact that the city had the incorrect bin number for that residence. While the 20 bin number need to receive funds from the city wasn't reached, the program had many other benefits (including great outreach for CTM).

Christian Huelsman: Great American Clean Up will take place April 21 (9 am to noon—meeting at Clifton Plaza). Various teams of volunteers will be working to clean up Clifton. Encouraged people to volunteer if interested.

Mike Elovitz: wanted to recognize the Cincinnati zoo's contribution of tickets to help promote membership drive. Also recognized the help the car wash at Vine and Woolper for his help in the gateway product.

Vesper gave an update on the closing of the road into Mt. Storm Park. The work has been delayed until later this year (because of high demand for weddings and other events).

A citizen reported that a man claiming to sell candy for Hughes HS is not affiliated with Hughes.

A citizen reported an increase in graffiti on Clifton by I 75 and asked what efforts are being taken.

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