



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

In attendance: Mike Moran, Ron Becker, Pete Schneider, Ben Pantoja, Linda Ash, Jeff Rose, Linda Goldenhar, Brian Curwin, Erik Clark, Christian Huelsman

Absent: Tom Dwyer, Mary Jo Vesper (arrived at 8:00), Buddy Goose, Bob Blum, Bruce Bernard,

Review and approve:

Minutes from the April 2012, Meeting – Ron Becker; approved with one abstention  
Treasurer’s Report & Budget Update – Tom Dwyer; tabled.

Regular Reports

Police: Off. Johnson discussed: theft from autos remain the same as recent past. Have experienced some burglaries, and have had an arrest. Encouraged people to send her their email to get on her email list to receive information. Encouraged people to watch out and report suspicious behavior linked to sale of drugs from cars. Reported efforts to deal with just such problems in the Ruther area. Provided and update on a graffiti arrest and plea bargain. Expressed gratitude for the community members who have shown up at court dates to show that the community is concerned. Also encouraged everyone to circulate the flier with the burglary suspect’s photo to make sure he knows Clifton residents are on the look out.

C. Huelsman asked about the responsibility of a landlord to report a burglary in the building to tenants. Off. Johnson wasn’t aware of any laws but recommended a Cincinnati Police website where anyone can look for crime in area.

Recreation

Plant sale taking place in parking lot on Tuesday.  
Summer camps are filling up quickly.

Special CTM Reports/Guest Speakers

Urban Forestry – Tree Trimming; Matt Dickman

- Provided an update about the city’s regular (one every six years) street pruning program in Clifton. The pruning will start soon. Trees with X’s will be removed. A dot is a tree to be pruned.
- Also provided info about the Emerald Ash Bore. The city’s ash trees will be removed.
- There is a fall tree give away program for people who do not have enough space between the street and the sidewalk.
- Stated that special requests can be made for pruning activity between the regular six-year cycle.
- Residents can also request a tree to be planted.
- When asked about whether they will place a deer guard on a newly planted tree, he stated that a resident can request it. Also mentioned that if there is evidence of rubbing in first year review, they will add one.

## 2012 Clifton House Tour; Ben/Eric

- Six days out. Seen dramatic increase in ticket sales.
- Encouraged people to get tickets early since they did sell out on Friday last time.
- Praised the House Tour Committee for their hard work.
- Can buy tickets in advance at retailers or by (if there are any remaining) at 12:45 at parking lots.
- Parking available at CCM, School, and Business Lot.
- There will be a shuttle service (board at parking lots and homes).
- There may be a live shot from a house Friday morning to promote the event.
- Pete Schneider commended everyone for the effort they put into the event.

## Strive Partnership – Be The Change Mentoring; LaKeisha Cook

- The Strive Partnership brings orgs focused on education together. They are currently seeking tutors to work in struggling schools. Ask that you can give 60 minutes/week, get a \$5 background check, get a badge, then meet with the same student once a week (in reading, math and maybe science grades 3-8). All curricula are provided by the teachers. They are not seeking tutors now because of summer but will try to grow the program next year. Goldenhar spoke positively about her own experience tutoring and encouraged everyone to participate. When asked about minimum age, mentioned that high school kids do participate.
- Those interested can contact Emily Lewis at 513-203-5002; [Emily.Lewis2@gmail.com](mailto:Emily.Lewis2@gmail.com)

## Hamilton County Recorder's Office Wayne Coates "Understanding how to use the Recorder's Services"

- Provided an overview of the service available through the Recorder's Office: ability to search for history of a property's ownership and transfer. Recently they have been helping a lot of people deal with abandoned properties to establish who is the mortgage holder. All records are open to the public. The office is located on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of 138 E. Court Street. Self-discovered copies cost 25 cents. If the staff helps, each copy is \$2.
- Explained the tremendous consolidation and reduced budget the office has experience in the recent years.
- When asked if microfilm records will be digitized, he stated that there are desires to, but they do not have the staff available to do that work. He also identified all of the information that is currently available on the web.

## Movie Night; Linda Goldenhar; Status for 2012

- Goldenhar had led the movie night event for 4 years. Given the amount of volunteer time it required, the committee decided that it would not do the event this year. Thus, there is \$2500 budgeted for movie night that can now be re-directed.
- A very recent conversation with Tom has raised the possibility of doing an outside movie at CCAC. More info will follow if it develops.

## Beautification Committee; Mary Jo Vesper

- There has been effort to address community concern over growth intruding on the back hill on Clifton Ave. Mary Jo's update led to a discussion with the representative from Urban Forestry that suggested more discussion would have to take place with how to deal with the issue.
- Vine and Wolper project: The soil was brought in, but Vesper and zoo representative were concerned and had it tested. The recommendation was to replace the soil. The zoo representative contacted the contractor (Evans) about the problem. The zoo has decided to replace it with its own soil. That issue has caused a delay.
- The Committee would like to do a major planting on Ludlow for the summer: a combo of urns and hanging/wall baskets. The project will likely cost around \$1000. They plan to discuss cost sharing with

CBPA. Sunday June 3 will be a volunteer planting day that would hopefully get families to “own” a basket or urn.

- The Plaza Garden project: they would like to get an official design to deal with long-term maintenance.

#### Community Q & A; Pete Schneider

- Memorial Day volunteer feedback has not been great (perhaps because of exhaustion due to House Tour). Adam Baltz said he will try to contact people from past years to twist some arms, but urged anyone interested in volunteering should help out Adam.
- Huelsman reported that the Great American Clean Up at end of March went very well, despite the rain. Two teams went down Ludlow and one went up Clifton toward highway overpass. Collected 12 bags of trash. Wanted to shift focus to Make a Difference Day to hillside on Ludlow that erodes into sidewalk. Asked if anyone has ideas for a longer-term solution to the hill’s erosion. All suggestions should be sent to Christian.
- Informed the board about a community email concerned about people not picking up after their dogs and encouraged anyone else who is concerned to contact Ron Becker.
- Mike announced the new Ludlow Wine Location on Ludlow. Invited everyone to stop by T-Sat 11-8. On June 2, they will hold a grand opening day event.
- It was announced that a Hookah bar and tobacco shop would be opening up in the old Ludlow Wines location. A community member expressed concern over the business mix on Ludlow. Pete Schneider asked if Housing and Zoning could look into whether there’re any regulations about such topics. Huelsman expressed concern over the board targeting specific businesses or business types. Pete Schneider agreed. Also stated that if there is community concern about seven types of the same business, we could share that info with CBPA.
- Tom Lohre introduced the 3<sup>rd</sup> version of the plaza box news, which hangs in the case on the Plaza. They have also been offered to the merchants. New posters will be printed quarterly.
- Betsy asked if CTM will take any months off this summer? Recently, there was no meeting in July. Schneider expected that would be the same this year. Also need to plan ahead for conflict with Fall election.

Announcements: **Next Meeting June 4, 2012 Clifton Rec. Center, 7:00 p.m.**