



CTM Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Clifton Recreation Center

In attendance: Ron Becker, Ben Pantoja, Linda Ash, Jeff Rose, Brian Curwin, Tom Dwyer, Buddy Goose, Pete Schneider, Linda Goldenhar, Bruce Bernard, Christian Huelsman

Absent: Mary Jo Vesper, Mike Moran, Bob Blum, Erik Clark

Review and approve:

Minutes from the August 2012, Meeting – Ron. Minutes approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report, Budget, Insurance and NSP August – Tom Dwyer.

- Provided update on the NSP funds applications. After attending an NSP meeting, we discovered that we were only allowed to budget \$4,000 on *The Chronicle*, so if we are interested in requesting the full \$5,000, we need to find another project to which we could budget \$1,000 of the \$5,000 NSP funds. There was a discussion about various options, with the key criteria being that we need to make a proposal for a project we are certain we will finish by the end of the end. After the discussion, the idea focused on the Clifton signage project.
- Goldenhar made a motion that the additional \$1,000 of NSP funds be requested for gateway improvements in and around the Clifton neighborhood. Seconded 23 yeas. 0 no's, 0 abstentions.
- Dwyer provided an overview of recent income and expenses. Notable items: major increase in Insurance due to change in city's insurance programs; penalties for failure to file Ohio tax forms; Net outflow ~\$6,900.00.
- Approved with 1 abstention.

Update on Goessling's Grocery Store: Marilyn Hyland. Spokesperson provided a quick update on the project. One final hurdle remains and is expected to be resolved and all funding approved on Thursday. (SBA). If all goes as planned, the hope is to open the store in mid-January.

Regular Reports

Fire. Cpt. Campbell summarized the recent responses made by the local station (total 539 between June and August). Welcomed all to stop by the firehouse. A question was asked about the hazmat responses. He didn't have full details but did know they were on the UC campus.

Police. Neighborhood Officer Lisa Johnson reported that we saw a decline in burglaries but increase in thefts from autos.

- Highlighted some robberies (on Ludlow, on Howell). Made arrests, but working on closing those cases. Encouraged people to call if they see any suspicious behavior. Will be giving a presentation at the Oct

CTM meeting. Mentioned the “Keep Clifton Safe!” poster targeted at fighting drug dealing problem. Arrests have been made, mainly with the help of community members.

- A question was asked whether the auto thefts were on street or in driveways. They are happening in both situations. Was asked to provide an uptick in calls along Ruther and into Corryville on Jefferson. She said that there has been a problem, likely because it is a route connected to Vine. Many of the problems include juveniles who are typically released.
- Goose mentioned that one drug deal situation he observed it seemed that they had tried to put on fake tags.

Chronic Nuisance Ordinance Resolution, Malcolm Montgomery summarized the current debate over City plans to create an enforcement procedure for the ordinance they passed last year. He asked the board to approve a resolution that stated that the proposed procedure plan fails to provide an effective and timely abatement of chronic nuisance problems. Six other concerned community councils share these same concerns. This issue is time sensitive because the city is dealing with this next year.

- Bernard recommended that the phrase “like al others” be stricken.
- Schneider asked for a simpler approach that would be to ask that the City pass a procedures plan that enforces the letter of the law. Montgomery said there was a perceived benefit for the lengthier resolution to be submitted. It was then suggested that the above summary be included in a final “Therefore....” clause.
- Goose suggested that further discussions take place to make revision and then empower the executive committee to handle the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Recreation Tom Reese

- Mentioned that the Nov CTM meeting will be affected by the election. Option could be to change location or move the date.
- Announced that they are still one center director short because of staff changes.

Special CTM Reports/Guest Speakers

CHIP Program – Intro Jeba Moses

Opened presentation with a video that discussed the health risks of certain lifestyle choices and the benefits the CHIP program offers. The Seventh Day Adventist congregation asked who they could support the Clifton community. After doing some research on Clifton, they discovered that offering a health support program was a key issue that they could support. Two months ago, 20 people in his congregation participate din the CHIP program. The results were dramatic. The congregation is reaching out to the community to invite them to participate in a 2013 version of the program. The cost is >\$300.

Green Homes Summit 2012 Traci D’Alessio

Takes place this Thursday and Friday in Over the Rhine. Traci is inviting everyone to attend and provided an overview of the events. Let fliers and directed people to the event’s website.

Nominating Committee Update Linda Goldenhar

- Provided an update on the efforts to recruit candidates. We are in a great situation, which is that we have more people who have stepped forward to run than we have positions. Schneider updated the way we will move ahead with the election process given this new situation.
- Tom Lohre mentioned that if the elections are in December there would be the opportunity to include bios in the final issue of the Chronicle.
- There was a discussion about the pros/cons of having the election at the Nov vs. Dec meeting.

- Betsy Black provided historical perspective that echoed that the bylaws have been unclear on the question.

Officers – 2013 Pete Schneider

Announced that there will be three openings on the executive committee and encouraged all board members who were interested in serving as an officer to throw their hat in the ring.

Events Committee Update Ben Pantoja Summarized committee's efforts so far this year.

- Biggest accomplishment was the House Tour. The committee has spent a lot of time documenting information about event processes and they did that with the House Tour.
- Starting that process with Streetscapes (more on that in later presentation).
- Holidays on Ludlow group have started to meet about the event.
- Hope that addition of new trustees next year could lead to improvement in committee goals.

Green Committee Bruce/Christian (notes provided by Bruce Bernard below)

Provided results of his research into the old signage. The old signs that had been put up before), Only three of the blue and white signs remain (on Jefferson, Glenmary/Vine, Clifton by Burnet Woods).

1. Where are the Welcome to Clifton Signs?
 - a. Glenmary & Bishop
 - b. Until recently, Clifton Ave. up near Queen City (Kroger's)
2. I have located the very large wooden "Welcome to Clifton" sign in Jack Brand's Warehouse and spoken to Jack – he is willing to put it on a pickup truck and deliver it to where ever we tell him. It was supposed to go in the berm on Central Parkway up from the Viaduct, in front of Cincinnati State.
3. Contacted *Signs of All Kinds* on Jefferson Ave. in Clifton, spoke to owner, Wayne H, Whsoak88@yahoo.com, a resident of Clifton for 20 years.
 - a. Cost estimate of around \$ 100 per 24 x 36 " sign, but willing to beat out other competitors
 - b. Has hand-drawn art work that exactly duplicates the Clifton Gaslight
 - c. Would be willing to give us designs for updating the existing signs – suggested earthier colors
 - d. Willing to go with a shaped sign (not just rectangle)
4. Contacted Brockman Signs Alan@brockmansigns.com
 - a. Cost estimate of signs around \$100 per sign
 - b. Has Uptown Consortium contact for signs around Clifton and Clifton Heights
 - c. Willing to cut whatever sign shapes we want
5. Contacted City of Cincinnati Transportation and Engineering, Jon Childress (Supervising Engineer)
 - a. Willing to make rectangular signs for around \$100 per sign
 - b. Unable to locate signs that may have been taken down by Dept of Transportation

ACTION Items:

For CTM:

1. Can we define where Welcome to Clifton Signs should be placed?
2. How many signs (at around \$100 each) need to be purchased?
3. We need to see the Wooden Sign that has been sitting in the Warehouse and decide if it can be placed on Central Parkway up from the Viaduct, in front of Cincinnati State.
4. We need to get the sample designs from Signs of All Kinds, to be presented to CTM, next month?
5. Then we can vote on appropriations for signs.

Discussion:

- There is likely going to be contested boundary issues for foreseeable future so we could probably put up signs without resolving that.
- There was a sign on the hill on Whitfield Ave.
- Suggestion that we create a prioritized list of locations and then decide how much money we want to spend, discover number of signs we could afford and go down the list.
- A question led to the discussion that this would be an unbudgeted item.
- A question was raised about the cost of the installation of a pole for a rather large sign.
- A question was raised about whether we would keep old design. Bernard stated that he would come back with a range of design options, one of which would include old version.
- When asked about what permission needed to be requested from the City, Bernard summarized his interactions with various city officials.
- A question was raised that we explore wooden options.
- Schneider asked green committee to return in next meeting with more solid details/recommendations.
- Montgomery recommended a motion to spend a certain amount of money to expedite the process.
- One trustee asked for a map as a visual aide to help discussion.

Motion: that we allocate funds, not to exceed \$1000, to green committee to explore and implement a plan for gateway signage.

Christian recommended that if Clifton has a clean up project, they should contact him so it could be coordinated with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful's Make a Difference Day event, which is on Oct 6 this year.

Streetscapes & Clifton Fest 2012

Kip E. Website www.clifton-streetscapes.com

10th anniversary of the event. Had about 30 people at chalk making workshop. Will have 10 paintings. Each painting will have some kind of 10 in the painting. Will be 5 art cars in Goessling's parking lot. T-shirts are in production. Members of CTM board volunteered to sell the T-shirts and is hoping we will volunteer again for a 2 hour shift.

Buddy. Cliftonfest.

Plans for the event are going well. Ludlow will be closed. Classic cars will be on display. Stage and musical performers. Encouraged people to go to Facebook on Clifton and sign up for a volunteer shift. Big push for volunteers!!!! Roles are listed on the website.

Betsy heard that Ormond will be closed. It won't be closed, but there will be an ingress/egress. Asked what the Metro detour route will be. They will go down Resor to Middleton.

General Updates and follow-up: Pete Schneider

- October Meeting: will open up as a Candidates Forum.
- Street Paving: Resor is not on the next list. 2013 list will be sent out via the list.
- Tri-Health Grant: TriHealth increased grant amount. Due to minor miscommunication, we now have another \$1,000 to spend from their grant. We will discuss that question in the near future.

Community Q & A

– **Pete Schneider**

10 minutes

Tom Lohre presented the latest Clifton map.

A representative from Clifton Methodist Church discussed a day of service they want to create in Clifton 9:30-1:00 on Sunday, Oct 28. Will connect with Buddy Goose.

Bruce Bernard wanted Tom Lohre recognized for receiving an award at the recent CCAC art show.

Announcements: **Next Meeting October 1, 2012 Clifton Rec. Center, 7:00 p.m.**