



CTM Meeting Agenda  
November 12, 2012, 7:00 p.m.  
Clifton Cultural Arts Center

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

Absent: Brian Curwin, Buddy Goose, Christian Huelsman

Review and approve:

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

Treasurer's Report, Budget – Tom Dwyer. Summarized the recent activity (incomes/expenses) in the general CTM accounts. Net out-go of \$296 for month. The major activity was in the Streetscapes account. Provided a overview of the Streetscapes account.

Montgomery asked about the cost of art cars being paid by CTM. He thought that the car owner had paid for fees involved with the artcar portion. The \$2000 line item for artcars went to ArtWorks to manage the art cars portion. Tom Dwyer mentioned that the next step is to develop the budget for the 2013 event asap. Schneider underscored the importance of getting budgets for 2013 for Streetscapes (and all committees) by the December meeting so the board can move ahead on budget early in 2013.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, approved with one abstention.

Regular Reports (no reports given)

**Probasco Fountain** – Clifton Avenue Joel Koopman (facilities manager for city) Although the fountain is functional, the city now feels it is time to restore the fountain (structurally, the fountain is in great shape). The last time it was worked on was the late 1970s. The city plans to submit the budget item for this work next June. He is talking to CTM because he understands that it is Clifton's fountain and he want to know what the neighborhood wants done with the fountain. Is encouraging the CTM to facilitate ideas for what to do.

- When asked whether there was any specifics about the design that needs to be taken into consideration. He said no.
- The fountain has never been moved, though the road (which used to run to the west) was relocated to the east.
- When asked about possible budget scope, he stated that the cost for cleaning and restoration won't be much. Montgomery raised the point that the neighborhood has always been opposed to the possibility of widening Clifton Ave, which could be a perceived concern if there is discussion of moving the fountain.
- Bernard mentioned that in a past construction project, there was talk of moving he fountain to a more prominent place in Clifton, but there was intense resistance, primarily from neighbors in that area.
- On a question about funding, CTM could request additional funding to augment the restoration budget for plans we may want to support.
- When asked whether he had reached out to other Clifton organizations, it was stated that the issue had been raised at the Clifton Community Fund.

- Bernard asked if the city report on the fountain could be distributed via the website.
- He said that after the new year, he would like to come back and update o their progress and hear from Clifton on its wishes.

**Action item for CTM and community:** answer the question: is there any ideas we have for the fountain beyond the restoration that will be done and decide by early next year?

- One recommendation from the audience would be to move the informational plaque from the street side to the sidewalk side.
- When asked if he has any thoughts about costs of moving, he said he didn't have an estimate and encouraged us not to consider cost in this process but focus on community's desires

Emily Lewis on Strive Partnership to speak regarding the mentoring program. Explained the organization and its efforts to connect community members with schools to help make positive impacts on children's educational experience. They want to recruit volunteer tutors to work in Cincinnati vulnerable schools (grades 3-8). Evidence shows that one on one tutors have biggest positive impact on student's success. They have 600 volunteers and want to reach a goal of 1000 total. Areas needed are in reading and math. Times are flexible in early morning or late afternoon. Some Saturday times are available. The program also offers meaningful emotional support to many students. Anyone who is interested can talk to her after the meeting or email: [bethechange@strivetgether.org](mailto:bethechange@strivetgether.org). 929-1343

<b>Election Results:</b>	
6 three-year terms	2 one-year terms
Jan Brown Checcow (removed self from running) Adam Baltz Anthony Sizemore Morgan Pitch Pat Knapp Ashley Fritz Eric Urbas	Kevin Marsh, Joyce Rich (tie, resolution will be determined later). After discussion, Checcow stepped down, Erbas was moved to the last 3-year term and Marsh and Rich won the two one-year terms.

### **Gateway Signs – Update Bruce Bernard**

Provided an update on the plans for installing the new signs. We have settled on locations. The only dispute was where to place the sign on Jefferson at the border between Corryville and Clifton.

- When asked about the possible color schemes, he explained that the earth tones of the original would be pulled back somewhat.
- There was concern about having only one replacement sign made. The idea of buying more would require a debate at the December meeting for budget reasons.
- There was discussion of selling the existing signs as a fundraiser for CTM.
- Dwyer reminder the board that we need to pay for the signs by the end of the year, vis-avis the demands of the NSP funds.

Holiday's On Ludlow George Roden provided an overview of the upcoming December event (12/7; 6-9 pm).

- This year CTM will support 2 carriages so the lines will be shorter. We hope to serve 300 people this year (compared to 200 in the past). Other activities will include cookie decorations, holiday hat making, snowflake making contest, author book-signing; Goessling's will provide fruit; music/concert.
- The event could use more volunteers. If they want to expand the event, more involvement is needed early in the process. Additionally, he has asked couples (of any kind) to manage the carriage rise support staff. Looking to get new people involved. Encouraged CTM trustee involvement.
- Recognized Barb McManus as CBA organizer.

## Community Q & A

- MaryJo Vesper informed everyone of the volunteers needed for putting up the holiday decorations on Ludlow. This Saturday.
- A question was asked about the latest news on the old IGA. Schneider stated that they expect roofers to arrive soon, and that the final details on financing are moving forward. No new information beyond that regarding a project schedule.
- An audience member made the point that if the Probasco fountain was moved, it would enable the city to widen and redesign the intersection and Clifton Ave and encouraged CTM to advocate keeping the fountain in place,

Announcements: **Next Meeting December 3, 2012 Clifton Rec. Center, 7:00 p.m.**