



CTM Meeting Agenda
December 3, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Clifton Recreation Center

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

Absent: Christian Huelsman, Erik Clark

Review and approve:

Minutes from the November 2012, Meeting – Ron. Minutes approved with 3 abstentions

Treasurer's Report – Tom Dwyer

Provided an overview of the revenue and outflows for the month. \$5,662 revenue for the year. (This income does not reflect the \$6,000 grant from TriHealth which has been delayed from usual because of an illness with the TriHealth contact person and changes in their fiscal calendar). Linda Goldenhar also pointed out that some of the unexpected revenue might be due to the fact that revenue from membership was down from expected (73% of anticipated) (and may be linked to the fact that we didn't do an Oct mailing).

Total cash reserves ~86,000

Goldenhar asked if it made sense to move some of that into a short term cd. It actually is.

Treasurer's Report accepted and approved with one abstention.

Regular Reports

Fire: Cpt. Campbell reported activities of local fire station. He encouraged people to stop by the station. Mentioned that it is likely his last CTM meeting as he will be transferred. Thanked Clifton for the pleasure of being able to serve the community. When asked if a replacement had been identified, he said the process is ongoing and that he was working to recruit a strong replacement.

Pete Schneider warmly thanked him for his service to the community.

Police. Lisa Johnson Provided her email and direct phone and encouraged people to contact her. Told her that getting info from the community is essential to helping stopping various crimes, such as from-car drug dealing. Handed out a pamphlet with info on Theft from Auto prevention and stated that thefts from auto were up. Arrested some guys for aggravated robbery. Various arrests for break-ins; several were teenagers. Encouraged people to be aware of vulnerability of small windows. Provided application forms for neighborhood crime prevention signs. Also provided right-of-entry forms that would allow the police to enter if there are intruders.

Asked the board for money to purchase two (moveable) deer cameras that help with arrests (especially graffiti problems but also to check traffic entering neighborhood). Several of those arrested are DAAP students; she has met with the dean who is in full support of efforts to fight such behavior.

Bernard expressed concern about surveillance and the impact on civil liberties and suggested there be some discussion on the issues. Johnson said that it will only be looked at if graffiti appeared or other trouble arose. Bernard raised concern about what might happen after Det Johnson leaves and what the bigger picture concerns might be. Johnson stated that if CTM provided the money for the cameras, CTM would own the cameras and could decide to stop using them at anytime.

Goldenhar asked if there are developed policies for the use of such cameras, use of memory cards, protection of images.

Pete Schneider stated that the CTM will need to research the issue and have a discussion in another context. He stated that he would connect with CUF to hear about their approach and follow up.

Erik Moran asked about policing the speed limits on Clifton and Jefferson, especially in the context of the freeway construction pushing traffic through neighborhood.

Recreation. Arnelle provided an update on the activities and classes going on at the Center, including daytime pottery classes, Art for Artists. Reported that the center will be closing for renovations after summer 2013.

Special CTM Reports/Guest Speakers

CTM Elections Results - Update

Election Results:	
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.

City Budget Discussion (Pete Schneider)

Raised concerns about the proposed city budget regarding outsourcing of parking services and asked the board to discuss taking a stand on the issue, given the impact it may have on our business district. Schneider spoke powerfully against the proposed plan. He argued that CTM should take a position on the issue. He had reached out to CBPA and suggested sending a joint letter to the council on the issue.

Subsequent discussion explored details on the plan. Most comments focused on concerns about negative impact on the community by such a plan. One person encouraged the board to think about possible advantages that might arise and how, if it does happen, we could demand advantages.

Public hearing on issue upcoming: Dec 6, 6pm city council chambers. Mon 12/10 Corryville community center.

The board agreed to have Pete Schneider draft a letter, circulate it to the board for feedback.

2013 CTM Budget (Tom Dwyer)

Gave an overview of proposals for target revenues and expected expenses for 2013.

Asked for ideas for projects for next year. Some ideas: CTM sponsored shredding day as part of green initiatives. Encouraged people to send email to Dwyer. Stated he would like to get the budget for 2013 solidified as soon as possible.

A question was raised about the what the \$5,000 budget for Plaza went to, especially in terms of the tax bill. Schneider explained the tax bill was reduced. There are also other maintenance costs CTM has agreed to pay. Becker encouraged the board to remember the exact history of the negotiations around the plaza and maintenance costs as that relationship moved forward. A subsequent discussion took place about strategies for dealing with the challenges of that commitment and relationship.

Compost Cincy (Grant Gibson)

Informed the meeting about their efforts to take food waste and make it into compost. They are in discussions with the city to restart the yard waste program. Also interested in connecting to urban gardens. Encouraged anyone interested in tours to contact the through the website. People are encouraged to drop off yard waste and food scraps at their facility. Contact info:grant@compostcincy.com 513-278-8178

Communications Committee (Jeff Rose)

Provided an update on the communications committee activities for 2012 and plans for 2013.

- Membership revenue: budgeted \$7500, actual \$5,530. Encouraged committee next year to find ways to provided added benefits of membership to increase membership rates.
- Recapped key transition in Chronicle management.
- Budgeted a 3700 loss for Chronicle, but actually broke about even because of increase in revenue and cost savings.
- Given anticipated changes, recommended anticipated a loss of \$130 budget on about 14,000 revenue.
- Recommendations for 2013: Improve CTM website (pay membership online; automatic list management), enhance membership benefits; consider raising membership fees, exploring new ad revenues on website or listserv emails.
- Goldenhar encouraged the board to consider hiring someone to manage the website if CTM does develop the website.
- Bernard echoed that point and suggested that website development could be paid for by some of the CTM cash reserves.
- Tom Lohre stated that he felt there wasn't enough to do to require an outside web manager and encouraged keeping a static website.
- Goldenhar pointed out that a revised website needs to deal with online membership payment.
- Tax deductible nature of membership fees should be promoted.

Probasco Fountain Ad Hoc Committee (Mary Joe Vesper)

Suggested forming an ad hoc committee to explore ideas for the issue of whether/where to move fountain and gather community input.

Motion made to create that committee passed unanimously.

Vesper stated that there are members on Clifton Community Fund who would like to volunteer.

Holidays on Ludlow (George Roden)

Reminded the meeting that the event will take place Friday, December 8 and encouraged everyone to attend. Still needed two people to volunteer for helping staff the carriage rides.

Community Q and A:

Daniel Ames:

argued in favor of use of surveillance cameras.

Wanted to remind everyone that moving the fountain will open the possibility for the city to widen Clifton Ave. Pointed out that CTM was originally formed in 1961 to fight the city's proposal to widen Clifton Ave.

Tom Lohre:

Is setting up hearings for public to let government know opinion about issue of Goesslings. Encouraged trustees to show up at hearings.

Steve Slack:

Encouraged the Grossebeck fund be a topic for the CTM board retreat.

Next Meeting:

January 7 2013, 7 pm Clifton Rec Center.