



**Clifton Town Meeting  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm  
Clifton Recreation Center**

**Present:** Linda Ash, Adam Balz, Bruce Bernard, Brian Curwin, Tom Dwyer, Ashley Fritz, Kevin Marsh, Mike Moran, Ben Pantoja, Joyce Rich, Morgan Rich, Tony Sizemore, Eric Urbas

**Absent:** Buddy Goose, Pat Knapp

**Police Report**

Lisa Johnson reported that Clifton Hills residents observed a male looking at properties. The man said he was cutting through, but there is no cut through. She said when suspicious activities are seen to call 765-1212, the non-emergency dispatch. Officer Johnson reported that auto thefts are up but all other crime is down. Lock your car doors and don't leave valuables. Deer cameras will be put up where there is graffiti. She is still working on location set-up. Officer Johnson said that letters are being drafted to owners of cars with suspicious activity to let them know they appear suspicious, or someone using their car is suspicious.

**CRC Update**

CRC's Tom Reece reported that the summer day camp has 4 spaces left. They are finishing up interviews for seasonal staff. Construction of the recreation center will begin in October, not August. Before and after care will be held at Fairview during construction. The capacity for the program will stay the same while at Fairview. The CRC encouraged everyone support the Art Ambassador Fellowships. The artists will be presented at Memorial Hall on May 8<sup>th</sup> and at the CCAC on May 15<sup>th</sup>. All councilmembers will be present at Memorial Hall. Tom encouraged everyone to attend, and invite their friends. Kids' murals will be on display in late May at Sitwell's.

**Approval of April Minutes**

The minutes were approved.

## **Final Recommendation from Committee to Renovate Probasco Fountain**

Dick Druffel presented that the group was formed to restore and improve public access to the fountain. Two community input sessions were held. Input was received from the community for possible site locations. The committee then asked people to pick among the top sites.

Site A is keeping the fountain in its current location.

Site B is moving it 7" in from the street and 2" north.

Site C is moving it to the corner of Clifton and McAlpin.

The front lawn of the CCAC (Site B) and the fountain's current site were the most popular. There were a number of concerns about locations. One concern was the water main and how it would impact moving the fountain. Dick reported that it is a bypass main and is only used when they are working on the main water main. So it is not an active water main. There is no barrier to the fountain in its current or other possible locations. The committee asked the city they would grant an easement if fountain were moved, and were told this would not be a problem.

The next concern was trees. Site B would impact one tree, but it is not in good shape and was already recommended by a different study to be removed. The oak tree near Site B is in very good shape and the arborist from the zoo felt if the fountain were moved to Site B, it would not hurt the oak tree. Site C would require 2 trees be removed.

Dick reported that the Ohio Historical Society weighed in that they would like the fountain to stay in its current location but that it would not lose its historic significance if it were moved.

If the fountain is moved there were concerns that building a new base would be expensive. A structural engineer came out and felt a new base could be put at either of the 2 locations for less than \$10,000. If the water main were to be moved it would be no more than \$10,000.

None of the concerns had a negative impact on the fountain renovation.

What's important from the community,

1. Relation to fountains historic location
2. Visibility for pedestrians and motorists
3. Relationship with the street
4. Accessibility to all sides of the fountain
5. Safety for users: traffic

The committee felt people want it close to the street.

The committee's final recommendation: Relocate the fountain to Site B, approximately 7 feet west and 2 feet north of the current location. Site B could also be moved a little more north to further reduce impact on the oak tree.

A resolution was drafted to CTM that they would like to relocate the fountain 7 ft. west and 2 ft. north. There were renderings to show its possible future location in relation to its current location.

The CCAC passed a resolution supporting either of the sites. CPS also said either of the sites would be okay.

Ben asked if moving the fountain would improve the water flow. Dick said yes.

An audience member wanted to know the cost of moving the fountain and how it will be handled. Joel Koopman from the city said there is a \$400,000 budget for the

fountain and that relocating the fountain should not be an issue. He also said that the fountain is a safety risk for workers in its current location.

An audience member said she believes the fountain will be more dangerous for children if moved because they would be able to run around it.

Mark Mccellup, and architect from the city, said there will be a sidewalk and a rail of some kind and that the design is still being worked on.

It was asked if anyone researched the title to see if there is a restriction on the fountain. Dick said it is a city monument and there is no legal document that would pose any restrictions.

It was asked if the committee will have a say in the final design. Dick said yes and that the members would like to continue working on the committee, and he foresees the committee and city working together on the designs.

Voting on resolution. Kevin Marsh wanted to change the language of the resolution to say it must improve accessibility and safety of the fountain. Bruce said this can't be enforced. Dick said they are asking CTM for the committee to continue working with the city on the project.

There was a motion to amend the resolution to add a bullet point #4: That CTM expects to be involved in the ongoing design.

Because it is a budget issue, Dick requested that CTM share its support of the project with the city. CTM and Fountain Committee members plan to contact the Mayor, city manager, and city council members both in writing and with follow up visits. CTM voted in favor of this issue

### **Cliftonfest**

Jan Checco wants a request of CTM to match the CPBA's sponsorship, \$7800.

Meetings will be held at Olives at 7 May 9, June 13, August 1, September 5, and September 19. They have been working on the program for the weekend and are getting their sponsorships together. They have been working to recruit talent from schools for the stages.

Scott Crawford said there will be more going on for kids this year. There will be artists up and down Ludlow.

The sponsorship was already approved by CTM.

Tom Dwyer asked how they will publicize the fest.

Scott said they are advertising and will have a banner. Wordsworth will be handling the publicity. They will also try to have yard signs.

Jan said they will have students from local schools doing sidewalk chalk before the fest.

Malcom said he would like to see CTM support this but wanted to know if money is coming from capital. His concern is the money is getting spent away without much discussion. Tom said this is what was spent on Streetscapes last year. He said there should be more of a discussion on the amount of money being given to the event, that even though it's budgeted we don't have to spend it.

Bruce proposed we budget the money for Cliftonfest. Kevin seconded. Adam asked where money earned goes. Scott says towards the next years Cliftonfest. Bruce said he thinks it's a great community investment.

After discussion Tom made a motion to postpone until next month. In a low revenue year he would like numbers on paper.

The motion passed that we will give the money to Cliftonfest.

Scott and Jan said they will bring in more information on Cliftonfest.

### **Proposed bike lane on Central Parkway**

Melissa McVay with the city presented that they are looking at options to make Central Parkway to Ludlow Ave. more bike friendly. Handouts she brought shows different bike-lane options. To have a separated bike lane would be the ideal but it will come down to the trade-offs for the community. Some options would require losing a car lane.

### **DePaul Cristo Rey High School**

President Sister Jeanne Bessette is operating a new high school in Clifton close to Camp Washington on Clifton Hills Ave. They are in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of operation. They are renovating because they are growing and in need more space. They have purchased modular buildings from CPS. An architect is working with the school in an effort to minimize the impact on the hillside with the addition of the modular buildings, as well as to make the modular buildings more attractive. An audience member questioned the life of the building. The architect answered that they will be treated as, and have the life expectancy of permanent buildings. The President expressed concern of cars turning into their parking lot to turn around.

Ben announced that he received an email that Reece Campbell says they will star roof demo May 7, weather permitting.

### **Treasurers Report - Tom Dwyer**

\$2800 has been collected from CTM membership dues.

NSP \$600

Mailings \$559.97

\$2906 net income for the month.

\$95, 118 current balance

A motion was made to change the language on LLC

NSP was voted on to fund large flower pots and tree planting. The trees need to be planted between the sidewalk and street. It was determined that it is not viable they will go with the 3<sup>rd</sup> project instead, which is the insurance. This was voted on and passed.

A CTM golf outing was proposed by Tom. He feels it would be a good way to reach out into the community, and to use the money raised for audio/visual equipment for the CRC. He would like help planning and will come back with a proposal. If possible he would like to have the event this fall.

The treasurer's report was approved.

### **Memorial Day Parade**

Adam Balz asked those who would like to be involved stay after the meeting. He would like to have a few signs made with what CTM does to put up at Mt. Storm.

### **Nominating Committee**

Motion to form nominating committee

Approved

### **Search for new Meeting Location for CTM**

Joyce Rich talked to churches in Clifton about their available meeting spaces. CCAC has offered a space for \$60 per meeting. It is Joyce's top choice. She is going to contact Annunciation also.

### **Quotes for revising CliftonCommunity.org Website**

They have quotes for new website, but are working on getting a few more.

### **Community Q&A**

Concern was expressed that parking may not be available at CRC, due to construction, if meetings are held at CCAC.

Someone asked about the construction on Woolper Ave. Adam heard the road will be widened and will eliminate the grass by sidewalk for bike lane.

An audience member said that trees were chopped on Ludlow because they were in the way of power lines. Malcolm said the utilities have the right to cut down trees.

The audience member said it's a waste of money planting trees for them to be chopped.

**Meeting adjourned 9:01 pm.**