



**November 4th 2013
7:00pm
Clifton Cultural Arts Center**

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

Absent: Pat Knapp, Tony Sizemore

Police Report

Officer Lisa Johnson reported there have been some car break-ins and the police were not called. She said to please call the police if your car is broken into, or if you see any suspicious activity. Officer Johnson also reminded people not to carry all their valuables on them. The UDF was robbed October 22nd. The suspect showed a gun and took all the money in the register, \$35. Last month there were several graffiti arrests. Officer Johnson said not to open your door to people you don't know. She reported people have been going door to door saying they are selling candy for camps, but they are really trying to get in the house to take valuables/money. Officer Johnson encouraged anyone interested in neighbors on patrol to get in touch, and to email her with any concerns. The city is still working on closing off Juergens Avenue so it doesn't go through to Vine Street, but she hasn't heard anything new. Lisa.Johnson@cincinnati-oh.gov, 513-569-8507.

CRC Report

The CRC is getting settled on the 1st floor of the CCAC. About 75 people were present for groundbreaking event was held in the parking lot. Arnelle from CRC thanked Tom Dwyer for the \$2200 raised during the CTM golf outing for CRC.

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Mark McKillip introduced Leslie Mooney as the new Executive Director of the CCAC. Mark reported the CCAC has resolved most of the issues with the CRC construction, and the CCAC is excited that renovation has started. Leslie Mooney introduced herself.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Resolution from CEAT (Citizen Engagement Action Team) to City of Cincinnati

Buddy Goose presented a resolution from Citizens Engagement Action Team, entitled Strength in Unity. They would like the city to get input from its neighborhoods, and for it to be easier for people to communicate with the city. Other cities have implemented a form of this. The city of Cincinnati already has an App to communicate concerns. Strength in Unity wants Clifton to join other neighborhoods. Northside, OTR, and Corryville have already endorsed this. A motion was made to accept the resolution and move forward with the proposal. It was questioned if we support resolution as written. The motion carried.

Probasco Fountain Design Proposal

Joel Koopman presented a drawing of the fountain's new placement. He is working on seating to be set around the fountain and determining what kind of surface will surround the fountain. Cobblestone is one option. The edges of the property surrounding the fountain will be more defined. They would like to put a light that makes the fountain shine at night. The planters will be relocated next to the benches. He is looking into some fencing by the street side of the fountain. All the fine tuning details of the fountain relocation and restoration are being worked on now. He will be working with the state, Water Works, and the Department of Engineering to complete the project. An audience member asked if there would be a spigot near the fountain for watering plants. There is not a plan for one. Malcolm Montgomery wanted to know if there would be a drinking fountain on the fountain, as this was the purpose for the fountain when donated by Henry Probasco. He would like a water fountain to be included by the fountain.

The timeframe of the fountain was presented. Joel would like it to go to bid at the start of the new year (2014), take the fountain away in the spring, take care of the work on the site, then late summer, fall bring back the fountain.

CTM voted to approve 95% of the fountain's design. It was approved. Malcolm asked if CTM could include a water fountain request. Tom Dwyer amended the motion to try to fit in a water (drinking) fountain. Kevin Marsh seconded. Mike Moran proposed to agree to leave the drawing to the committee, subject to minor changes with the committee and the city, thus keeping the original resolution. Brian Curwin proposed to agree to the 95% design, but would like to have the committee explore the feasibility of a water fountain. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Dwyer reported \$3,210 Chronicle revenue, and \$2,400 from the golf outing. He proposed the next treasurer see if the CCAC space can be paid for quarterly rather than monthly. CTM still owes money to Kathleen Norris for her work with businesses on Ludlow, and Chuck Lohre for web design. NSP and Tri Health money will be coming in soon.

For next year CTM needs to determine how to grow revenues, maybe local merchants advertising on the web site. Joyce Rich suggested creating a fundraising group.

Tom says to start thinking about how to spend the NSP money, \$5000. CTM will need to get the forms submitted to the city. Tom would like to see a portion go to the Chronicle. This needs to be worked on soon, as the money has to be spent by June 2014.

Membership Drive

Kevin Marsh reported there are 352 paid memberships this year, 354 last year. In the past it's been as high as 600 members. A 2012 survey of households revealed that 50% would prefer to pay by mail, 50% online. Online payment should be available soon. Kevin thinks we may be able to get 100 more memberships by the end of the year. Brian Curwin does not think people will want to pay a membership so late in the 2013 year and wants to make sure anyone paying membership will understand that memberships paid for now would be for 2013.

Upcoming CTM Elections

The upcoming CTM election is immediately before the December 2nd meeting, in the room of the meeting. Trustee candidates up for election are Paul Buckley, Adam Hyland, Kevin Marsh, Ben Pantoja, and Joyce Rich. There are 3 vacancies. There will be a listserve announcement with bios.

Holidays on Ludlow

Morgan Rich requested \$500 from CTM to help fund window displays for the business windows along Ludlow Avenue. This is a Pop-Up project, and the displays will be produced by UC DAAP students. Many businesses have already committed to the displays, with each business paying \$100. Other sponsors are picking up more of the cost. There is a vinyl outline of a picture frame with a picture inside. They will stay up throughout the holidays, not just for the event. Pop-Up has a big following and they are hoping it will bring out a big crowd. Adam Balz says there is money that could be used from the Beautification Committee for this. A resolution was made for CTM to give \$500 to fund the displays. It passed, with all in favor.

Brainstorm: Reorganization of Committees

A meeting to discuss committee reorganization is set for December 7th at the Walnut Hills library from 1-4pm.

Updates

Eric Urbas went to the new library's open house and was very impressed. He reported that it has lots of public spaces, and the 2nd floor has meeting spaces and offices. It is set to open in about a year and a half.

Adam Balz will be decorating the street lights and fountain on November 23rd or 24th of the month for the holidays.

Bruce Bernard is interested in keeping residents updated on what is happening on Juergens Avenue and Woolper Avenue.

Adam Hyland from the neighborhood co-op grocery group responded to another audience member who was concerned that the IGA was going to be torn down. He has spoken with Steve Goessling and says that he currently does not have plans to sell. An audience member said the Probasco fountain will be a wonderful place to entertain and would like for it to have a historic marker. He also brought to attention that clock at CCAC has not been moved back to standard time.

The new Clifton library branch manager, Christine Bailey, introduced herself. Malcolm stated that he believes CTM should be used to enhance Clifton. Also, that the money earned by CTM required a lot effort, so to be mindful about how it is being spent. He would like this to be considered in the budget meetings.

Chuck Lohre offered his help with the website.

An audience member said that the neighborhood group she was a part of in Indianapolis had an option for tax-deductible donations along with the membership dues.

Next meeting will be held at the CCAC on December 2nd, 7pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:55.