

**CTM Meeting Minutes**  
**August 3, 2015**  
**Clifton Cultural Arts Center**

Present: Adam Balz, Morgan Rich, Kevin Marsh, Michael Moran, Tony Sizemore, Eric Urbas, Adam Hyland, Nicholas Hollan, , Mike Schur, Shaun McCance, Ashley Fritz, Joyce Rich, Pat Knapp

Absent: Ben Pantoja, Rama Kasturi

A quorum is present. Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.

**Police Report**

Neighborhood Liaison Officer Nick Hageman was not able to share the STARS report due to absence of the officer that puts the information together. He advised there have been some concerns with homeless people and panhandling, and that CPD is working to address those concerns.

National Night Out – August 4 on Hamilton Avenue. Info booths on health, fitness, safety, etc. Slide the City is scheduled for 8/8-8/9. Urban Slide is scheduled for 8/15-8/16. Both events will close Jefferson Avenue.

Audience question on what happens if you don't have your driver's license. Hageman advised that such an event is citable under state law, but an officer has discretion to look up your information with other facts such as your social security number.

Trustee Hyland asked what has happened with regards to Clifton patrols now that the UC police department is restricted to remain on campus. Hageman has advised that there will be less of a presence of UC police, and CPD is not able to increase patrols to make up for the downturn in UC at this time. CPD is in discussions with UC at this time on new methods to increase patrols of CPD. Sgt. Volkerding advised that City Council is moving towards ending the existing cooperative agreement with UC.

Officer Hageman can be reached at 513.569.8527; email is [nicholas.hageman@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:nicholas.hageman@cincinnati-oh.gov). See the Clifton Community website for other police contact info on the Public Safety page.

**Fire Report**

No report was provided.

Captain Kettler can be reached at 513.352.2334; email is [james.kettler@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:james.kettler@cincinnati-oh.gov); or visit the fire station on Ludlow Avenue.

**Library Report**

No report was provided.

**Recreation Center**

Service Area Manager Tom Reese reported that classes are full for after the school care program. New programming ideas are always welcome – please suggest your ideas. The City Public Services dumpster is still in place at the Rec Center parking lot. It will be there until August 11.

### **CCAC**

CCAC Board member Fran Larkin passed out brochures for the Fall 2015 schedule that contained numerous classes and events. August 28 – Golden Ticket opening – this event showcases local artists.

### **CBPA**

No report was provided.

### **Clifton Chronicle**

On deadline now for printed issue. Can still accept some content over the next few days. See content deadlines for future issues on the Clifton Community calendar at [www.cliftoncommunity.org/calendar](http://www.cliftoncommunity.org/calendar) Advertisements are welcome.

### **Deer Sterilization Group**

Robert Rack advised an update of the group's efforts. Also, see [cliftondeer.org](http://cliftondeer.org) on the internet. Rack presented a brief historical background of the forming of the Deer Sterilization Group including CTM's actions earlier this year. The sterilization pilot program was approved by the City Parks Board and the State Dept of Natural Resources (DNR). The program has the potential to be more effective than any other method. City and State funds.

Rack advised that the serious fundraising by the group started immediately after the approval was given by DNR for the program in June 2015. They have raised \$10,000 so far. They have placed posters, promoted their project on social media & through email, and had TV interviews. The Parks Dept also did an interview on a local TV station.

Rack requested that CTM join the effort through a financial contribution.

Trustee Knapp asked what specifically was the group seeking of CTM. Rack advised a contribution of \$10,000 from CTM was being sought.

Trustee Hyland asked for the total amount needed to fund the project. Rack advised that the total had risen to about \$40,000 because the program start was delayed due to ODNR approval timing. Since then more deer have been born.

Trustee Knapp asked if an online fundraising tool such as Kickstarter had been evaluated. Trustee Hyland suggested the group consider Indiegogo and that the Deer Committee could discuss fundraising ideas further when they meet.

Trustee Sizemore advised our CTM procedure required a second meeting to discuss the topic in order for any vote to commit funds due to our bylaws.

Trustee Moran asked when the program would start – Rack advised the program's first year of action would be done in November 2015.

Moran asked if grants had been sought from wildlife societies. A member of the group, Beth Whelan, had said they have been reviewing local, regional, and nationwide societies. She requested to know of possible sources that of which Trustees knew.

Trustee Schur asked what happens if the funding target is not met. Rack & Whelan advised that less deer would be sterilized which would reduce the effectiveness of the project.

Trustee Hollon asked if the program provider (White Buffalo) was able to act in any way to support fund raising.

### **Bethel Cincinnati Church**

Bryan Taylor, lead Pastor, presented information about the “Back 2 School Bash”, a free open house event on Sunday, August 16 from 12-3pm on the front lawn of the CCAC. Anyone in the community is welcome. You don’t have to become a member of the church to attend. Free food, music, life size jenga game, kids bounce house. Their goal is to better introduce themselves to the community. The rain location is inside the CCAC lobby.

Kathy Parsanko, a current attendee of Bethel Cincinnati, shared that the attendees of the church are a joyous, diverse group. She felt like the church well represented what Clifton was about.

### **World Peace Yoga**

Anna Ferguson, one of the co-founders of World Peace Yoga, advised that the group is working to open a restaurant on the first floor of the building they are located in on Ludlow Avenue. The former restaurant they ran was a top 10 restaurant in the nation. They are currently 20% of the way towards their fundraising. They have a crowdfunding event through 8/17/2015. Amanda Checco, on the design team for two of the fundraising cookbooks and the restaurant, asked for the community to become. Cookbooks will be available to the public for sale in November, or you can get one via your crowdfunding donation. Ferguson advised that free yoga happens weekly in Burnet Woods.

### **Minutes of the July CTM meeting were postponed for approval until September.**

### **Events Committee**

Chairperson Nicholas Hollan reported on the All-Star Clifton Neighborhood events including the block party the day of the baseball game. Hollan thanked the community for attending, and thanked CTM for the donation. The events were successful and well attended especially the viewing party on Clifton Plaza.

Holidays on Ludlow planning has begun. Permits for horse drawn carriage are expensive, and the current desired vendor does not have such permit. The group is seeking an exemption through City Council.

### **Housing & Zoning Committee**

Chairperson Adam Hyland reported on the Zoning & Land Use Exemption process. He is still seeking more feedback from Trustees, and then he will be able to present a revised proposal.

## **Transportation Committee**

Chairperson Mike Schur reported that he expected the next City DOTE update to happen during later August. Schur advised he attended a July 21 informational session on the Elmore / Central Parkway connector between Clifton (near Cincinnati State) and South Cumminsville. Anticipated that 10-11,000 vehicles will use the bridge daily. Trucks with more than 2 axles will be prohibited from using the bridge. The project is forecasted to cost \$42 million. Funding has not been secured for construction. Only a design phase has been funded. The State government has advised that they had no current funds for the project.

A traffic study was completed, and it indicated that versus the “no build option” there would a reduction of traffic on Clifton Hills Avenue and increase the traffic on Central Parkway by 20-25%.

Schur believed that the project would have no significant impact on Clifton. He did note that the Central Parkway Bike lanes were not indicated on the current drawings. Schur indicated that August 11 was the ODOT deadline for public comments.

Trustee Balz indicated he has been at all the meetings on this project, but the goal was not made clear to him. Schur advised the goal was to provide connectivity to Cincinnati State and open South Cumminsville to development. Schur believes that Cincinnati State is seeking to expand to South Cumminsville.

Trustee Marsh advised a concern that the Central Parkway Bike Lane was not included on the design drawings. Marsh advised the Central Parkway Bike Lane was supported in the community by many regular users, and that if CTM did not say something during the open comment period that we might not be able to influence the project on this matter. Marsh moved that CTM formally indicate prior and ongoing support for the Central Parkway Bike Lane including the extension of the Bike Lane to Ludlow Avenue as well as CTM be provided ongoing updates and involved in the project. Motion was seconded.

Moran moved to amend the motion to ask for impact of traffic changes on Clifton businesses on Central Parkway. Amendment and motion passed. Marsh, Schur, and Sizemore agreed to write the letter.

Resident Carol (name?) believed that the new connector would allow travelers to the hospitals to bypass the intended route which is up MLK and instead allow them to use Ludlow Avenue.

Resident Robert Radon raised concerns about traffic changes and potential for this 4 year project having cost overruns and wondered what else CTM would do regarding this project beyond concerns about traffic and bike lanes. He further asked if a poll of the community had been taken, and if a project of this large scope should necessitate such a poll. Schur advised no poll had been taken.

Trustee Hollan asked to see the ODOT Public Comment form, and asked if CTM had any options to truly influence the project. This was not known. Trustee Moran advised that CTM was participating in the discussions, but we were aware that there was larger political discussion happening. Moran indicated we will continue to gather information. Schur advised we needed to consider that Cincinnati State supported this connector.

Hyland asked if we were in contact with other community councils. Schur advised he was in contact with South Cumminsville and others, and they were all undecided on their position on the connector.

Trustee Urbas asked for an update on the MLK construction project. He sees all the former apartment buildings have been torn down. Schur advised the schedule indicates the construction start in late summer 2015.

**Public Safety Committee**

Chairperson Kevin Marsh advised members of the Committee would be attending the Clifton Child Study Group Oct meeting for the purposes of gather community input on priorities. The Committee was also setting up a first meeting with CPD D5 in September.

**Website / Social Media Committee**

Chairperson Eric Urbas advised the Committee met on 8/4 and discussed the website. The Committee agreed to spend \$60 / year (within the budget for this year) to re-open the community calendar for public event posting. This feature was lost due to expiration of the prior license from a year ago. The calendar is one of the highest traffic places on the Clifton Community website, and therefore public event posting in a moderated format is seen as a benefit.

Urbas advised that the Committee is seeking to develop a walking tour app for smart phones. App development would be done by a UC student assuming one can be found.

**Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Michael Moran reported on year to date results versus budget by area. Summary of the report is below:

Area	Budget		Actual 1/1 - 8/3	
	Gross Income, \$	Expense, \$	Gross Income, \$	Expense, \$
Beautification	0	0	0	0
Chronicle	9795	11860	9322.50	7604
Golf Outing	12975	12975 (inc. \$8175 donation)	950	0
House Tour	29500	6735	19337.67	5325.96
Memorial Day Parade	1900	1150	931.75	1361.58
4 <sup>th</sup> of July	0	500	0	0
Clifton Fest	0	6000	0	0
Lantern Walk	0	935	0	0
Holidays on Ludlow	0	3000	0	0
Volunteer Appreciation Event	0	1000	0	0
Membership	6000	1740	1477.48	0
Plaza LLC	0	2758.52	0	500
Admin Costs	0	3990	120	1300.17
Sponsorships	11630	0	11658.69	0
IIN	630		658.69	

NSP	5000		5000	
TriHealth	6000		6000	
<u>Unbudgeted</u>				
AllStar Event	0	0	0	2215.60
<b>Grand Total</b>	73800	55643.52	43698.09	19390.78

CTM has total assets/reserves of approximately \$81k with no outstanding liabilities.

Sizemore moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Trustee Knapp advised she would work with Moran to capture remaining advertising money from the House Tour. Motion passed.

**Trustee Updates / Announcements**

Sept 6 – Clifton Community Fund Annual Fundraiser. Invitations arrive to residents by mail.

Beautification – looking into buying more LED lights for holiday decorations. Seeking help for a tree planting effort as the “Taking Root” project appears to not be gaining momentum. Continuing to keep the planting bed at Ritchie’s restaurant looking good. Always seeking help for these efforts.

August 22, 2pm - Golf Outing. See website for entry form and more details.

Hollan advised (not as a Trustee) that he is running for State Representative of Ohio. A meet-and-green event will be at August 13 at Ludlow Wines.

**Public Q&A**

Corryville resident, Dawn Fosnaugh, advised she comes to our meeting to improve upon overlap issue communications. She invited Trustees to attend Corryville community council meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month at 6pm.

Daniel Ames asked if CTM would ask Fairfield Clifton German Language School why they are not flying a US Flag.

Carol (name?) asked if CTM has been asked by the Parks Dept about the levy or Burnett Woods. Trustee Joyce Rich advised that design ideas were being regularly worked on by Neihous Studios at UC. Marsh advised that Parks Committee Chair Rama Kasturi is working to pull together a meeting between the Committee and Parks Department members soon, but no request has come from the Parks Dept regarding anything about the levy.

**Adjournment/next meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

The next CTM meeting is at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept 14, 2015, at the Clifton Recreation Center.