

# CTM

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## CLIFTON TOWN MEETING



Clifton Town Meeting  
January 9, 2017  
7pm

**Trustees present:** Adam Balz, Peter Block, Christine Celsor, Ashley Fritz, Brad Hawse, Nicholas Hollan, Rama Kasturi, Seth Maney, Kevin Marsh, Shaun McCance, Malcolm Montgomery, Cindy Oakenfull, Joyce Rich, Eric Urbas

**Trustees absent:** Michael Moran

**Announcement of timekeeping/speaker comments:** Adam Balz will continue keeping track of time to keep the meeting on schedule.

**Introduction of New Trustees, Election of Officers, Approval of Committee Chairpersons and Liaisons:**

Christine Celsor, Brad Hawse, and Seth Maney introduced themselves.

**CTM Officers Proposed:**

President: Eric Urbas  
VP 1: Cindy  
VP 2: Malcolm  
Sec: Ashley  
Treasurer: Shaun

Vote passes for officers.

**Committee and Chairperson:**

Beautification	Adam Balz
Business	Peter Block
Chronicle	Ashley Fritz
Website/Social Media	Shaun McCance
Membership	Kevin Marsh
Housing and Zoning	Christine Celsor
Nominating	Ashley Fritz
Public Safety	Kevin Marsh
Clifton Community LLC	Eric Urbas, Shaun McCance

Transportation	Seth Maney
Parks	Rama Kasturi
Education	Nicholas Hollan

**Event Captains:**

House Tour	Adam Balz
Memorial Day Parade	Nicholas Hollan
CliftonFest Booth	Joyce Rich
Golf Outing:	Eric Urbas
Lantern Walk:	Adam Balz
Holidays on Ludlow:	Joyce Rich

**Ad Hoc Committee and Chairperson:**

Fundraising	Brad Hawse
By-Laws	Malcolm Montgomery
Save the CCAC	Malcolm Montgomery

**Liaison Roles:**

Uptown/NOU	Joyce Rich
Invest in Neighborhoods	Shaun McCance
TriHealth	Brad Hawse
Clifton Community Fund	Eric Urbas
CBPA	Peter Block
Ludlow 21	Joyce Rich
Clifton Market	Rama Kasturi
UC Health	Brad Hawse

Vote passes to approve Committee Chairpersons and Liaisons.

**Reports:**

**Police:** Officer Hageman reported that crime is down 40% overall. 75% down theft from autos. The Hebrew Union college incident of a swastika painted on the sign is being thoroughly looked into. He is proud that the neighborhood is opening the Market. The relocation of District 5 headquarters is unclear at this point. They need a new home and would like support to keep them in the neighborhood. He wants to stay here and would appreciate support.

**Fire:** Make sure test smoke alarms. Make sure house numbers are visible. Heroin overdoses are down.

**Library:** Saturday at 11:00 adults are invited to Craft and Create. They will be making upcycled planters. Next, Saturday, the 21st at 2:00 there is a program for children about Chinese New Year.

February's teen programs are:

**Teen Tech Club: DIY Magic 8 Ball** Tuesday, February 7th @ 6:00 pm  
Make your own Magic 8 Ball and ask it all of life's important questions!

**Wii "Just Dance" Tournament** Saturday, February 25th @ 2:00 pm  
Show off your dance skills and compete against your friends playing "Just Dance 2015" for the WiiU. Meet in the gaming room in the lower level of the library.

**Rec Center:** Tom Reece spoke about an event at the Price Hill Rec Center, New year new you. It will take place Sat, Jan 14. It is a Health and Fitness showcase.  
Ludlow 21 meeting will be held from 7-9pm, Jan 10 at the CRC.  
About to launch summer day camp. Look into it soon as they will fill up quickly.

**CBPA:** No update

**CCAC:** Sunset Salons will take place on January 25 with David Pepper.  
Winter sessions online at [cliftonculturalarts.org](http://cliftonculturalarts.org)  
On CPS snow days the CCAC will have a dance camp.  
As a reminder, the CRC doesn't have camps on snow days, but families can come use the gym.

**Approval of November and December minutes:** Malcolm Montgomery has a correction for December minutes. He made a loan to the Clifton Market.  
Motion carries, minutes approved.

**MSD Sewer Project coming to Clifton Area:** Nick Jones is the project manager. He introduced others working on the project. A project will begin to better manage sanitary sewer overflows. The expected deadline is the end of 2018. 2500 ft of sewer lines will be installed on Middleton and McAlpin near the Rawson Bird Preserve. Portions of Middleton and McAlpin will be impacted for 18 + weeks.

For more information contact Nick Jones at  
[MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov)  
557-3594

#### **CliftonFest Update:**

2016 event summary presented by Buddy Goose.  
Ludlow was only closed on Saturday. Friday night attendance on the Plaza was over 600 people. There were about 10,000 in attendance Saturday. The event will continue with October (6th and 7th) dates rather than September. They are already working on permit issues for this year. This past year had much more participation from Ludlow restaurants than previous years. Had great publicity from Cincinnati Refined, the Enquirer, and the News Record.  
Participant survey reflected that it was a positive event. Businesses on Ludlow that participated in the event had positive responses. They are applying for grants to fund two 10 x 20 feet chalk drawings. CliftonFest is requesting CTM sponsor at the same level as the past year.  
Contact Buddy to sponsor a chalk drawing at [buddy122650@gmail.com](mailto:buddy122650@gmail.com).

**Treasurer's Report:** Shaun McCance presented the December 2016 Treasurer's Report.  
Motion to accept passes.

**Budget 2017 Summary:** Eric Urbas presented the Proposed Budget for 2017.  
Malcolm asked to get Robert's Rules online version and asked for \$100 to be budgeted. Motion did not pass. Seth would like to see if it is public domain first.  
Shaun made a motion to increase money for tax for the Executive Committee from \$625 to \$750. Motion passes.

**Clifton Market Investment:**

The meeting held on December 15 for CTM members to discuss the possibility of giving the Clifton Market a loan was very respectful. Every speaker spoke in favor of the Market, just not if CTM should invest. 159 members voted in favor of loaning the money, 30 opposed.

Kevin Marsh advised the Board that he sent an email to all of them on Jan 9 afternoon regarding an update from ProBono Partnership of Ohio. They would not be able to provide us any legal opinion or counsel on the matters regarding the Clifton Market investment. They do not get involved in such matters as they serve only to strengthen nonprofits. They provided two referrals for attorneys who have strong expertise in the matter for which we are seeking counsel. They also said that they may be able to help us improve our policies and procedures as well as strengthening our conflict of interest policy. They said that our conflict of interest policy was weak. They hope to get back to us later in January on whether they can engage CTM further.

Early estimates vary from \$1,000-3,000 for lawyer fees. CTM needs to work to get legal help and figure out where to go from there. A group of trustees will be formed to work on this issue. Malcolm Montgomery says he would like to work on the bylaws to make them more clear.

**Education Update:** Nicholas Hollan shared a letter from realtor Barbra Druffel about how she believes a neighborhood school would be beneficial to Clifton.

The next Education Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12 with some school board members and other interested parties. Their goal is to find a building for a neighborhood school. On January 17th, Nicholas Hollan is speaking at the CUF meeting. They will be reaching out by going door to door in CUF about a neighborhood school. He is currently working to get on Spring Grove Villlage's meeting agenda.

The Education Committee is writing a letter to CPS to reaffirm the position of joint statement, show their list of school locations, and share their signatures of those who would attend a neighborhood school. The link to the petition is [www.change.org/p/support-for-Clifton-area-neighborhood-elementary-school](http://www.change.org/p/support-for-Clifton-area-neighborhood-elementary-school).

Nicholas recognized Clifton resident Michael Burrell for creating options for Clifton to have guaranteed access to quality education.

Ellen Bierhorst was thanked by Eric Urbas for hosting recent Education meetings.

**Business \_ Ludlow 21** Their next public meeting will be at CRC January 10, from 7-9pm. Peter Block encouraged everyone to come and talk about the privatization of public land.

**Transportation:** Kevin Marsh discussed the reworking of the Glenmary traffic intersection. He would like to continue working on improving pedestrian safety for students at Del Christo Rey High School. He will schedule another bicycle infrastructure meeting in the future.

**Board Meeting Schedule Dates 2017-18 (all meetings begin at 7pm):**

February 6

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5

No July meeting

August 7

September 11

October 2  
November 6  
December 4  
January 8

Motion to approve the meeting schedule passes.

**Membership:** Kevin Marsh reported over 300 memberships in 2016 . One new lifetime membership. His challenge is to get 1000 members.

**Motion for CTM to Engage in District 5 Police Headquarters Relocation:** A letter was written to City Council Members, the City Manager, and the Mayor requesting that CTM be involved in the decision making process regarding future temporary and permanent District 5 police headquarters.

The letter stated, "Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) Trustees are aware that the City has been reviewing the condition of the Police District 5 Headquarters as well as possibly considering alternative locations. CTM has no position at this time regarding location of the District 5 Headquarters, but we want to be involved in the decision making process regarding any temporary or permanent location for District 5 Headquarters."

The motion carries.

**Trustee announcements:** Brad Hawse encouraged everyone to attend Ludlow 21 meeting. Ashley Fritz announced January 31 as the Chronicle deadline and encouraged trustees to write Committee updates.

Adam Balz reported he has gotten no response from CBPA about their interest in continuing helping fund flower pots. Adam would like to go ahead and get in touch with the city and tell them we are interested in continuing to have flower pots. Motion to let Adam we want to continue the flower pots, even if we end up paying the whole bill. Joyce thinks we can raise the money if CBPA decides to not pay. Joyce says she will pay for them if needed. Motion carries. Kevin Marsh had a productive conversation with Go Vibrant Walking Routes. If interested in getting involved, contact him or Alexis Cain. He believes the project should be very easy to accomplish.

**Community Input:**

Steve Slack asked CTM to monitor the spending of the Grosbeak funds to oversee it is being spent on music at Burnett Woods. Rama said the last concert held at Burnett only had 6 attendees. Rama and Kevin offered their help to the Parks and they said they didn't need any help. They will offer to help again with promotions.

Tom Reece is going to the CUF meeting on the 17th to discuss the future of Fairview Park. He is going to encourage them to put in pickleball.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.