



September 11, 2017, 7pm

Trustees present: Adam Balz, Peter Block, Christine Celsor, Ashley Fritz, Nicholas Hollan, Shaun McCance, Malcolm Montgomery, Michael Moran, Cindy Oakenfull, Joyce Rich, Eric Urbas

Trustees absent: Brad Hawse, Rama Kasturi, Seth Maney, Kevin Marsh

Regular reports:

Police: Crime is still low in Clifton compared to other neighborhoods. They are working on theft from autos with the resources they have. Keep your eyes out for yourselves and neighbors.

Fire: The heroin crisis in Clifton is declining. There is a new fire inspection program. Look at their webpage and stop by the station. Website is www.cincinnati-oh.gov/fire/

CCAC: It is a busy time of year for CCAC. They want to make sure people know they won't be out of the building until August 31, 2018. After that they hope to continue to run at least 75% of their programs while working on finding permanent home. For more information on their programming, visit www.cliftonculturalarts.org

Rec Center: Their schedule can be found at <http://cincyrec.org/search/basicprogram.aspx?k=Clifton+Recreation+Center#results> There is no overnight parking in the lot. It's a city lot and neighbors will call the police.

Clifton Market: Tom Lohre is leading a fundraising effort to prevent the sale of the building. They are attempting to raise \$100,000 by the end of October. Sales at the market are increasing.

Cliftonfest Update: Alexis Cain reported they are still in need of volunteers. Sign up at cliftonfest.com CTM can sell water and soda at our booth. Cliftonfest will be held the evening of October 6 and all day October 7.

Quiet on the Set, Art Utility Box Updates: Kip Eagen reported that all 15 art utility boxes were cleaned and repaired this Spring. A new box at Cornell and Ludlow should be unveiled soon. To have a box painted costs between \$800 and \$1,000. They will take private donations for them. Shaun McCance suggested we have a fund at CTM where people could donate money for this.

Quiet on the Set is a film festival where you watch movies being filmed. Movies will be 1-5 minutes in length. It will be held on September 30. For more information, visit www.quietonthesetfestival.com

The plaques on Ludlow were removed, cleaned, and reinstalled. They have better drainage and have been sealed from the underside. They are also elevated, so the water rolls off rather than pooling.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve passes.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve carries.

Clifton Plaza Light Update: Malcolm Montgomery had a light plan and design all ready but is not sure about the liability. It was decided we will have to pay for the work instead of using volunteers. Malcolm met with a company who will do this and may help find some money for it. CTM could meet with them and decide what to do. Shaun MaCance reported we have \$1,000 budgeted for lights.

Clifton Plaza Tax Filings: Eric Urbas discussed the Clifton Plaza LLC. The Clifton Community LLC is a 50/50 jointly owned corporation between CTM and CBPA. The LLC owns and operates the Clifton Plaza. CBPA has managed the LLC, including invoicing CTM for expenses to do this. CTM has two issues we are trying to resolve with CBPA: 1. Missing tax filings of the LLC from 2013-20116. Per the operating agreement, CTM is entitled to obtain copies of these. 2. 2011 and 2012 Federal Income Tax liability which CTM became aware of in 2016 (approximately \$5,000). If the LLC is not filing tax returns there will be additional tax problems with the LLC which could result in substantial financial obligations for CTM and/or liens on or loss of the property.

Peter Block said that those who are liaisons to CBPA should ask them. CBPA is the organization who must file the taxes. Michael Moran motions we have money set aside to be available if we need to pay bill. This was seconded and and tabled until October.

Merchants' Lot Development: Christine Celsor has a group formed, with members including Housing and Zoning, CBPA, Gaslight Property, and Clifton Market. Gaslight has signed the contract for the lot. They are doing a market study to see if they can build condos rather than apartments in the space. They have engaged and will continue to engage the community. A public meeting will occur in a few months.

CTM Logo: A nine member meeting was held to discuss branding options for Clifton. The chosen logo has a gaslight. If we approve it, we would need to use the new one for consistency. It can always be tweaked a bit. Motion to approve the logo passes.

Burnet Woods Sign Update: The 2016 CTM Golf Outing raised money for a new sign. A donation of \$9,000 was made to Cincinnati Parks Foundation for this purpose. The sign design is finalized and the Park Board has hired a contractor for the work. Once the work permit is approved, the contractor will start work on the project.

Lantern Walk Update: The Lantern Walk will be held November 5.

October Meeting Special Topic Discussion: Ideas were given for a specific topic which we could devote a portion of the October meeting. Ideas included inviting candidates to discuss Clifton issues, how we would like to see the NSP money spent, in depth conversations for

committees, Clifton Market, people living on bus stop benches and public safety concerns. CCAC would like to have a meeting, but not next month. Peter Block is interested in forming an Arts and Culture Committee. Adam Balz recommended moving community concerns to the beginning of the meeting.

Rawson Property Development: Malcolm Montgomery would like to identify CTM's role with regard to the Rawson Property development. Christine Celsor has reached out to CPS facilities. There are not yet concrete plans for the property. CPS would like to communicate with CTM. Trustees and residents shared their thoughts and concerns regarding both the development of the property, as well as what involvement CTM should have. Some feel CTM should be more involved, while others feel CANS is already working on this and feel forming a new committee would further complicate this issue. CANS is currently working with CPS on the Rawson Property development. They have meetings, and are brainstorming ideas for the school. To get involved, visit canschool.org

Concerns of residents with the Rawson Property: Sean Mullaney is concerned the house will be an institution, and it is currently zoned as a residence. Carolyn Miller believes the playscape should be a zoning issue. Eric Williamson would like the traffic issue to be addressed now. Michele Murphy wants CTM to be the voice of Clifton, as they were with University of Cincinnati before. Bonnie Henry wants to be involved with this, but does not want to go to CANS meetings. Peter said if the three committee groups involved (Education, Housing and Zoning, and Transportation) could give updates he would find that reassuring. Eric Urbas said this should be the discussion topic at the October meeting.

Community Q&A: Kareem Moffatt is running for school board. Her children attended schools in CPS. She teaches math at Cincinnati State. She believes CPS board members should be more present and have more community engagement, and that schools need to have more apprenticeships, so more graduates are employable after high school.

Trustee Updates: Michael Moran and Rama Kasturi met with director of operations for Parks about Burnet Woods. They discussed the homeless in the park, having more nature center programming, and the structural sewer pipe replacement. Nicholas Hollan sent an email about carriage rides for Holidays on Ludlow. Peter Block would like to move to have an Arts Committee. He will talk about it at the next meeting. Joyce Rich talked with Dave Woolf about the post office. They haven't made a decision yet. The deadline for the Winter Chronicle is October 24. Adam Balz thanked Peggy Spohr for cleaning up the Clifton Plaza. Eric Urbas encouraged people to run for CTM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.