



October 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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

Trustees Absent: Seth Maney

Regular Reports:

CRC: Watch out for kids on Halloween. Look at website for programming, <http://cincyrec.org/search/basicprogram.aspx?k=Clifton+Recreation+Center#results>. If there is no parking when you come, please come to the front desk and they will help you.

CCAC: Golden ticket coming up soon. See website for details and programming, cliftonculturalarts.org

Clifton Market: Peter Block reported there is a reset of the Board and everything is very positive. They have had record sales the past few weeks, but are still working on acquiring needed financing without selling the building.

Fire: The fire station is passing out smoke detectors. You can pick them up from the firehouse, or they will install them for you. October is fire prevention month. On October 14 they are having an open house. There is an ordinance on open burning. If the department responds to a complaint, they will have to put out the fire.

Laure Quinlivan introduced herself. She was previously on City Council and is running again. Most recently, she made a documentary about a zero energy police station. It will be airing on PBS in November.

CPS Facilities Report on Rawson Property and School Expansion: Bill Moehring and Robin Brandon came to discuss the Rawson Property and answer questions. CPS is not certain at this point when CANS will be moved to the location on Clifton Ave. School has begun at Rising Stars. They currently have a preschool and kindergarten classes. CPS has been working on the Rawson House, and want to make it a shining property in the neighborhood. They are considering filling in the ravine for a play area. CPS has been working with the CANS group for ideas. A request has been made to have another social event at the Rawson Property in December. CPS is currently using some space as small meeting rooms.

Questions:

Why did CPS buy the house? It was for the land, they will use some for a play area.

Do you intend to pave the lawns? There is no intention to pave or blacktop. CPS will work on a design process and gather input as to what the community would like to see.

Is the house is zoned as single family residential? What are approved uses from house to office? CPS has been working with the city and they know everything that is happening on the property.

Are there permits for work on the property? They aren't currently doing any work that requires a permit. So far, they have painted, cleaned the floors, and installed appliances.

Is the Rawson House ADA compliant? No. That is a zoning issue they may have to address in the future. CPS does not know at this time what the use of the building will be. They are more concerned with getting the old Clifton school building ready for students.

When will plans for the Rawson Property and CANS be available? Are there timeframes and deadlines? CPS does not currently have timeframe. They do know that bus drop off will be on McAlpin. CPS owns the CRC parking lot.

Could CPS work with CRC on the playscape? That is a possibility. A resident voiced concern over the whole property being paved. CPS does not have plans to pave the property. They are working with the city and MSD, and will get proper permits and approval. CPS is not looking at traditional playground. Their vision of the house is to stay green and maintain current appearance.

Is there a plan to address traffic concerns with growth of CANS and the need for more buses in the neighborhood? CPS knows they are confined by space and will have to deal with the issues, but that traffic is more of a neighborhood concern. CANS and Fairview will have different start times.

Question by email:

Is CTM not at the table where the issue of the Rawson Property is being discussed? Right now CPS is working with CANS to discuss educational issues. When they do have a table to discuss the Rawson Property, CTM will be invited.

How many kids are currently enrolled at CANS, what is projected enrollment, and what will they need from the CRC building? There are currently about 20 children enrolled at CANS. They anticipate the school will grow to a maximum of about 400-450, based on the number of classrooms. CANS will need to use the gym at the CRC during some school hours.

Will the CRC parking lot be mainly used for school parking? CPS does not know yet about parking and access plans. Initially there won't be many grades, so it will grow over time.

Is there a plan to limit growth at Fairview? No. The school was built for 650 students, but current enrollment is about 825. It would be nice if the numbers at Fairview went down, but they legally okay with the number.

Will the school not have to meet standards, with regard to such things as air conditioning and acoustics, because the it is grandfathered in? CPS will look into it. They will look for an equitable standard, similar to the updates in other new schools housed in older buildings.

CTM Involvement in Rawson Propety Development: Discussion was held on whether to form an ad hoc committee with representatives from CANS, Housing and Zoning, and Transportation. The vote held to form an ad hoc committee did not pass. Therefore, CTM will not form an ad hoc committee with regard to the Rawson Property Development. Christine Celsor welcomes anyone to join the Housing and Zoning Committee.

Cliftonfest Update: Alexis Cain is still looking for volunteers for Cliftonfest.

Plaza Lights: Tom Voyten of MKSK Studios gave a presentation on Clifton Plaza lighting options. Options included a design for a canopy of lights, or a frame of lights, like a marquee. These are designs that could have more added to them over time. A next step would be to gather feedback. Joyce Rich asked what the cost would be for the different light options? Tom

replied that the cost can't be determined at this point. Peter Block recommended to house this issue in the Business Committee. Kevin Marsh motioned to move to the Business Committee and to have a community engagement meeting on the topic. Shaun McCance pointed out we are only half owners of the plaza. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve passes.

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve carries.

Entertainment District Update: Peter Block motioned that CTM voice support for Clifton to be designated as an Entertainment District by sending a letter to the City. Businesses he has spoken with are in support of this. Kevin Marsh asked if all the businesses know this may be happening, and wants to know if the community is for this. Michael Moran said we are just a stepping stone, and if individuals are in opposition, they can write city council. Joyce Rich says CTM sending a letter of support could go out in a newsletter. Motion to send City Hall a letter of support passes.

Art and Culture Committee: Peter Block moved that we establish an Art and Culture Committee. He will come back with goals and objectives at a future meeting. Motion passes to establish an Art and Culture Committee.

Golf Outing Recap: The golf outing was very successful. Proceeds will benefit a turf field on the grounds of Fairview. Eric Urbas proposed we give \$9500 for the field.

Lantern Walk Update: Adam Balz reported the Lantern Walk will take place on November 5. Gathering will begin at 5:30 at the CRC, the Fairview choir will sing at 6:15, and the walk will begin at 6:30. This year, the walk will go west on McAlpin, then north on Middleton, turning around before Lafayette, then back to the CRC. Luminaries will be lit to light the walk. Fairview will host a lantern making event prior to the Lantern Walk.

Nominating Committee: If you would like to run for a position as CTM trustee, contact CTM or speak with Ashley Fritz. There will be 5 seats to fill at the December election. Michael Moran is term limited. Rama Kasturi and Shaun McCance will run again. Nicholas Hollan and Cindy Oakenfull are not seeking reelection. Bios are due October 20. Voting will take place before the December meeting.

Trustee Updates: Joyce Rich will need help with the Cliftonfest booth. Uptown met with the City Manager to try to get a communication person to go to the meetings. Some development has occurred in CUF without community engagement. Christine Celsor has organized a Merchants' Lot meeting. It will be held on November 8, from 6-8pm at the CRC. Rama Kasturi is organizing another cleanup, October 14 from 9-noon at District 5. She hopes the new Parks Director will come speak at CTM soon. He is a fan of using parks for well being. Malcolm Montgomery attended the NSP meeting, where the City gives \$6,800 to each neighborhood. Shaun McCance reported that NSP is overseen by people representing community councils. CTM has been asked to review, and we will need someone to volunteer for this. Adam Balz has gone through house tour notes and made a document. He will include advice from previous volunteers. Rama has confirmed 7 houses for the house tour. Adam does not want to be the project manager for the house tour. Kevin Marsh reported the Transportation Committee will have an open house with DOTE. Bicycle infrastructure will be discussed. The meeting will take

place on November 16 at the CRC. It will be advertised in the community. The Transportation Committee will need to visit the traffic issue with CPS once they have more concrete ideas.

Community Q&A: Steve Collins, Dewey Estep, and David Tornheim discussed the likely upcoming closure of the North Building of the Main Library. They are concerned because this is the current location of the Children's Library and Maker Space. The decision for the closure and sale was made without community input. They are concerned about conflict of interests, saying the space will be sold for less than the cost of renovations. They would like CTM to write a letter opposing this.

Stephanie Gilbreath is hosting a neighborhood meeting on October 11, at 7pm, to talk about the next steps for the CCAC.

Henry Frondorf, a City Council candidate, introduced himself. He is the founder of the Cincinanti Neighborhood Games, and has worked with his neighborhood to cut crime.

Kelly Prather introduced herself. She is running for City Council. Employed as an occupational therapist, she is passionate about health inclusion. She is a grassroots campaigner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.