



November 6, 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, Joyce Rich, Eric Urbas

Trustees Absent: Seth Maney, Cindy Oakenfull

Regular Reports:

Police: Most District 5 employees have moved to a new location. There are no more walk-ins to the District 5 office. There are more burglaries with the holidays. Crime is up 14% from this time last year, with the warm weather a possible factor.

Fire: 24 fire runs in the last month, and only one heroin run. Cooking fires are an issue with the holidays. Oil fryers need to be kept far from houses. Fires from fryers spread quickly.

CRC: Art nights on Thursdays are continuing. Pay to play basketball is on Tuesdays. Scarlet Oaks, in partnership with CRC, welcomed kids at Halloween. Scarlet Oaks will be donating turkey dinners. If you know a family who could use a turkey dinner, give their information to Tom at CRC.

Library: Lisa Hamrick, Clifton Library's new Branch Manager, introduced herself. Clifton architectural tours are being planned, and will occur quarterly. Stop in if you are interested in attending. On November 14 there will be a presentation about facilities plans for all locations.

David Doer from Lighthouse: He would like all voters to endorse the Mental Health Levy.

UC Student/President of Clean-Up Cincy Introduction: Student Ahmed Abdeed from UC introduced himself. They recently had one of their biggest clean-up events. It was very successful. Another clean-up is scheduled for April 7.

Urban Conservator on Local Historic Designation Process: Beth Johnson, Urban Conservator, reported Cincinnati has 23 historic districts, and 1 pending. She was invited by Christine Celsor to address historic designations. Having "Historic Designation" is beneficial in that it can help with tax credits, and it is a recognition of the importance of the homes and area. A preservation ordinance is not about preventing change, but is about managing change in a respectful way.

Questions:

Who can make application? If one is made by community council, there is no charge. The best way to start this process is through a petition.

Is the property owners consent required? No.

How many historic districts are in Clifton? One, on a section of Clifton Ave.

A historic district needs to be a contiguous area. It can have landmarks.

What's giving rise to this? Christine Celsor says it came from Housing and Zoning and whether the Rawson House has historic protection. The house is located in the district, but is not on it's own a historic landmark.

How many homes makes a district? At least a block-face.

Clifton Neighborhood School Visioning Meeting Report: Christine Celsor reported the outcomes a visioning meeting for the neighborhood school. CPS, CANS, CRC and CTM had representatives attend the meeting. The minutes from the meeting are posted on CTM's website. The hilltop campus visioning goal is to make the whole bigger than the sum of its parts. Aesthetically, it is important to maintain the current set backs, and a big parking lot is not wanted. It was a very productive meeting, and a lot of progress was made.

Questions:

Is there a deadline for comments? No. Christine would like to have another public meeting with CPS presenting plans with more specifics. Get comments in as soon as you can, email to contactctm@cliftoncommunity.org and cansadvisory@gmail.com

Greg Otis, representing CPS, collected information at the meeting to share with CPS.

Joyce Rich thinks the only thing in progress now on the property is the playscape.

Kevin Marsh says CPS does not yet have a plan for the Rawson property and house. At this point they are just maintaining the property, and CPS will engage the neighborhood with future plans.

Does CPS have a timeline of when the neighborhood school will move to Clifton? CCAC and CPS are still in discussions. CCAC has building until end of August, 2018. The plan will be for the school to move in sometime in 2019.

CANS Advisory Group Update: Morgan Rich announced there will be an Open Houses at Rising Stars Academy in November and January. December 2, a cookie decorating event will take place at the Rawson House. Visit cans elementary.org for more information.

NSP Ideas: Shaun McCance reported that all Cincinnati neighborhoods get \$6800 each year. CTM typically votes in December on how to allocate the money. All members can vote at the meeting. Shaun is serving on the NSP committee, so he gets to see what other neighborhoods are doing with the money. He would like Clifton to do something more exciting (than paying liability insurance) with the money this year. Eric Urbas suggested to help pay for the Plaza expenses with some of the money. Joyce Rich would like to have more money for events. Peggy Spohr thinks if they see we are spending the money on something more interesting, there may be more money in the future. Kevin Marsh motions to ask the community how they would like to have the money spent, and suggested sending out an email to invite input over the next month. Christine Celsor would like some money in the CTM budget for items the community is requesting. Motion is seconded. Peter Block would like to start with the ideas that Shaun has come up with first. Rama Kasturi would like examples to be posted, to see what are other communities getting funded. Motion passes. Shaun will post to gather ideas from the community.

Transportation Committee: Kevin Marsh reported that on October 27 the city informed the Committee that they will start painting lines on Glenmary. A crosswalk at the intersection of Glenmary and Brookline will also be installed, along with a pre-alert sign. The community has worked on this proposal, and are hopeful cars will slow down. If not, they will look at other ideas. A traffic study was requested in May, 2017, on the McAlpin/Clifton area. The city was

waiting to begin the study, because of school letting out for summer, and the completion of the I-71 exit at MLK. The Committee have not heard back yet on when the traffic study will begin. Bicycle Infrastructure meeting will be held at the CRC. Following the meeting, they will come back to the CTM with a plan to hand over to the city.

Burnet Woods Sign Update: The sign is under construction.

Nominating Committee Update: There are 10 people running for CTM trustee positions, and their bios are available on the CTM website, cliftoncommunity.org.

Assessing Interest in CTM Candidate Q&A Before December Election: Eric Urbas asked if people are interested in having a candidate Q&A. Kevin Marsh says there are only 2 weeks this could happen, and thinks we could send 5 or so open ended questions. Shaun McCance had the same idea, but doesn't know how to come up with questions. Brad Hawse suggested the option of candidates coming an hour before elections begin. Tom Reece okay'd the idea.

Ideas for questions included:

What have you done with CTM?

Why are you running for CTM?

What are your top 5 priorities for Clifton?

Have you ever been to a meeting?

Which committee(s) would you want to join?

Do you have any special skills?

What are your special interests?

How do you feel about the Merchants Lot?

What are your thoughts on the new school?

How do you view development in Clifton?

CTM trustees will pick 5 questions and ask for responses no later than November 27, one week before the election.

Holidays on Ludlow: Joyce Rich reported that Holidays on Ludlow is coming together. It will be held December 8, from 6-9pm.

Treasurer's Report: Motion was made to increase golf outing money given to benefactor to \$9,500 from \$9,240.77. Motion carries. Motion to accept report passes.

Approval of Minutes: One amendment to be made to the minutes. Motion to pass carries

Trustee Updates: Joyce Rich announced that Dave and Claudia Taylor will open a restaurant in the old library space. It will be called Gaslight Bar and Grill, and they hope to open by Memorial Day. Peter Block reported money was given to help with the Entertainment District application. Brad Hawse is working on fundraising to combine sponsorships for a whole year. He is waiting on TriHealth for sponsorship. Peter Block has about 9 people interested in being on Arts Committee. Christine Celsor announced the Merchant Lot meeting is this Wednesday. Rama Kasturi had an interview with Wade Walcutt, the new Parks Director. It will be in the Winter Chronicle, and he will be on the CTM's January agenda. Eric Urbas motioned that if there is a tie at the December election, a tie-breaking vote will be held about 7:45. A tie beyond that will be a coin toss. Motion carries. Shaun McCance announced that Ludloween was a success. He would like that CTM and CBPA put some money in it in the future - and take pictures of the kids on the Plaza. Adam Balz was in charge of the Lantern Walk. He thanked

the CRC for letting the event move inside due to rain. Ashley Fritz and Natasha Schuh worked with Fairview with to have a lantern making/spaghetti dinner event on Friday before the walk. About 110 lanterns were made. The Fairview choir sang in the gym. Around 130 people showed up. The next House Tour meeting will be Monday, November 13. Holiday decorations on Ludlow will be put up soon. A request for helpers will be sent out soon. Adam asked if any CTM candidates were at the meeting, and Gina Marsh and Stephanie Gilbreth introduced themselves.

Community Q&A: Brian Frank, a member of the Clifton Market Coop, announced that 2 additional handicap spaces are available on Ludlow. He is also a member of Our Library, Our Decision, and is very committed to the library. He does not want the library to sell it's North Building, and hopes that the new library board member will be opposed to the sale. Kip Eagan announced the 16th utility box was completed at the bottom of Cornell and Ludlow. Quiet on the Set movies will be shown this Thursday at the Esquire. CCF will increase the herd of reindeer by 4 on Clifton Plaza. Carolyn Miller asked about the post office relocation. It is going next to The Whole Bowl. Daniel Ames expressed concern that people may get upset about placing local historic designations on their homes through the process outlined by the Beth Johnson, Urban Conservator. Peggy Spohr says it takes about 6 months for historic designation, and she loves the new logo. Brad Hawse reminded everyone to vote Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm