



December 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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

Trustees Absent: Christine Celsor

Regular Reports

Police: Current areas of concern are threat from autos and burglaries. Look out for packages being delivered on your front porches, beware of people coming door to door soliciting donations, as many are scams.

Fire: Be careful with candles around the holidays, as well as unattended food on stovetops. Take lighters and matches away from kids. The firehouse has smoke and carbon monoxide detectors available.

CRC: 1. They are co-hosting an event with the Dunham Rec to teach kids how to be creative, using environmentally friendly spray paint. CRC will then have an urban art expo. It is hoped that this will discourage tagging. If you see a teen tagging, send them to the CRC. 2. Mini camps will take place when CPS is closed. 3. CRC will host aerial artist and choreographer Dreya Weber on Thursday, December 21st, 6:30-8pm.

CCAC: They will be at Lydia's on Ludlow with a craft during Holidays on Ludlow. CCAC has worked with Cincinnati Parks to relocate Wednesday on the Green to the Burnet Woods Bandstand. Look online at cliftonculturalarts.org for programming information.

Library: Eric Davis, Clifton Children's Librarian, will have a story hour at Clifton Market during Holidays on Ludlow.

DePaul Cristo Rey High School Campus Visioning: Sister Jeanne Bessett of DePaul Cristo Rey High School gave some background information on the school. It is Clifton's only high school. The property was bought about 9 years ago to serve low income kids. Teens from 37 zip codes are represented at the school. It is part of a network of 32 schools across the nation. There are currently 325 kids registered. The school is overcrowded and they are working on plans for a permanent campus at their current location on Central Parkway. Messer will be the contractor for the project. The modular buildings will eventually be removed and the gym will be replaced. During construction, which is estimated at 2 years, they will lose quite a bit of parking. They will lease some parking while construction takes place. DePaul Cristo Rey High School invited about 50 residents who live near the school to a meeting about their construction plans the week of Thanksgiving. The architect will work to minimize the impact on Clifton Hills. Neighbors of the school voiced concern about the impact of off street parking and the removal of trees. Eric Urbas suggested the Housing and Zoning and Transportation Committees address these concerns. Kevin Marsh discussed this with Christine Celsor, and she is open to having a community input meeting.

Greater City Water Works (GCWW) Ordinance Announcement: Andrea Yang, of GCWW, announced that in January billing will move from quarterly to monthly. Following the crisis in Flint, Michigan, there has been an increase in concern about lead. You can get a free test to see if there is lead in your water through GCWW. The only way to get rid of lead is to remove the lead pipes. Pipes will be replaced over the next 15 years. Water mains will also be replaced. GCWW will put in new pipes on public land, then give homeowners the opportunity to use their contractor to replace private lines at the same time. The cost will be \$1,500. It can be paid off immediately or over 10 years. GCWW is also working on assistance for low income families through grants and donations.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made to increase the Executive Committee's fund by \$200. The motion carries. Mike Moran questioned where the Clifton Market loan belongs in the budget. Shaun McCance will ask the accountant. Kevin Marsh asked about TriHealth sponsorship money. Eric Urbas and Rama Kasturi have been informed the TriHealth now prefers donating money for specific events. In 2017, CTM received a check from TriHealth for 2016 event sponsorships. The specific events and donation amounts were: \$1,500 for CTM Website, \$600 for Lantern Walk, \$1,500 for Holidays on Ludlow, and \$800 for the Memorial Day Parade and Cookout. Motion to accept treasurer's report carries.

Approval Minutes: Motion to accept minutes, with corrections approved.

CTM Budget and NSP Expenditures: CTM has \$73,862.71 in cash equivalents, \$81,862.71 in total assets, \$2,599.39 in revenue, and \$6,770.51 in expenses.

Neighborhood Games Update: Cindy Oakenfull reported that Gillian Oakenfull will be Clifton's Neighborhood Games Captain. Planning meetings will begin in January, with events taking place in late Spring/early Summer. Look out for more details soon.

Business Committee Update: The Entertainment District application was submitted. The Façade Improvement Program is moving along.

Transportation Committee Update: The Committee had two meetings on Dec 1: One with City DOTE Director Michael Moore & DePaul Cristo Rey administration and one just with Michael Moore. The minutes from the combined meetings were prepared by Chairperson Mike Schur. Trustee Kevin Marsh moved that the Board accept the minutes into the record so that they could be attached as an addendum to the monthly meeting minutes. Discussion: Marsh advised that this would allow the community to get more details about what the Committee was doing, it prevented reading the entire minutes during the monthly CTM meeting which takes time, and Marsh hoped that this would set a standard for other Committees to follow in the future. Motion passed.

CANS Update: Clifton Area Neighborhood School (CANS) held a Holiday Cookie Party on Saturday, Dec 2 at the Rawson Farmhouse in conjunction with the Clifton Recreation Center. The event was well attended by many families from CUF, Spring Grove Village, and Clifton. Anyone in those neighborhoods was invited as well as families from Rising Stars Academy at Vine and Fairview-Clifton German Language School. The CANS Advisory Group continues to meet regularly with CPS Administration to plan for the success of the school. There are no details or plans at this time for the Rawson Farmhouse property or the date at which school will move to the school building on Clifton Avenue. CANS is having an

open house on Tuesday, Jan 23 from 4-5:30pm at Rising Stars Academy for all current and prospective parents of preK, K, and 1st grade.

Duke Energy Tree Cutting Policy: Kevin Marsh advised that The Cincinnati Enquirer published an article on Nov 22 regarding Duke Energy's policy on tree cutting. They have gotten much stricter with a cut down everything policy. Link to the article: <http://cin.ci/2B3D1uQ>
The Board voted to have the Executive Committee contact Duke Energy to get a clear understanding of the new policy and its impact on Clifton trees. Executive Committee would report back to the Board in January.

Election Results: Ashley Fritz thanked everyone for running and asked for newly elected trustees in attendance to stay for a picture. Buddy Goose, Vince Metzger, Gina Marsh, Rama Kasturi, and Pat Borders were the top vote-getters (in that order), and will serve as CTM trustees.

Acknowledgement of Trustees Service to the Community: Eric Urbas thanked outgoing trustees for their service: Nicholas Hollan, Shaun McCance, Mike Moran, and Cindy Oakenfull.

Arts and Culture Committee: Peter Block introduced Sean Mullaney as the Chair of the Arts and Culture Committee. His email is seanmullaney@fuse.net A motion was made to accept the Committee's 2018 objectives,

Arts and Culture Committee 2018 Objectives

- a. Nurture arts and culture in business district and entire neighborhood
- b. Ensure that our commitment to the arts and culture is part of the branding for Clifton neighborhood.
- c. Market and promote existing arts efforts in Clifton; i.e., Esquire, Clifton Performance Theatre, CCAC, Live at Ludlow, special events.
- d. Nurture new arts related events for Clifton
- e. Inform CTM on arts and culture opportunities. Same for CPBA, Uptown, CCF.

Discussion: Rama Kasturi would like the objectives to include the international nature of Clifton. Motion carries for above objectives.

Trustee Updates: Rama Kasturi has arranged for the new Parks Director to speak at the January meeting. She needs honeysuckle volunteers. Kevin Marsh will post dates for honeysuckle removal at Burnet Woods. Mike Moran enjoyed his time on CTM. Brad Hawse encouraged everyone to attend Holidays on Ludlow. There will be several pop-ups in the old library space, and many Clifton businesses are participating. Malcolm Montgomery thanked the Executive Committee for their time served. Adam Balz thanked everyone who helped put up decorations on Ludlow, and reported he weeded the Richie's garden. They had a house tour meeting. Monday, December 11, 7pm is the next meeting. Peter Block announced the market is having an event on Saturday morning. Shaun McCance would like trustees to hand over any money to him before the new year.

Community Q&A: Carolyn Miller would like CTM's website to include more information on committees, and how to become involved. Michael Burrill says this is important and would like to feel welcome to help.

Eric Urbas enjoyed being CTM President and thanked everyone for all their work. Peter Block said he's helped change the perception of Clifton.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Fritz, CTM Secretary.

Addendum

**CTM Transportation Committee and City of Cincinnati Department of Transportation
and Engineering Meeting – Quarterly Meeting Fall 2017**

DePaul Cristo Rey High School
Friday, 12/1/2017, 1 PM

Minutes

Attendees:

Mike Schur (CTM)
Kevin Marsh (CTM)
Joe Schubauer (CTM)
Michael Moore (DOTE)
S. Jeanne Bessette (DePaul Cristo Rey)
Margee Garbsch (DePaul Cristo Rey)
Chris Wilke (DePaul Cristo Rey)

Prepared by M. Schur, 12/4/2017

1. Pedestrian safety improvements and traffic calming along Clifton Hills Ave, including pedestrian crossings at Central Parkway and Ludlow Avenue.
 - a. DePaul Cristo Rey (DPCR) reports concerns with the following:
 - i. students having to cross Central Parkway in AM and PM to catch METRO bus where there is only a striped and signed crosswalk (no signal or flashers),
 - ii. students crossing Ludlow avenue to catch METRO busses where there is no cross walk, signal, or flashers, and
 - iii. students walking along Clifton Hills Ave where there are no sidewalks and no streetlights.

DOTE reports they are looking at installing a rapid flashing beacon or similar feature at Central Parkway and Clifton Hills Ave crosswalk.

DPCR will explore reflective tags or other items to improve students being seen walking along Clifton Hills Ave.

DOTE agreed to explore designs of sidewalks in existing roadway space on Clifton Hills Ave and the effect on parking.

- b. DPCR construction plans were presented for Phases 1, 2, and 3.

DOTE reports there are options to change parking restrictions to accommodate yellow bus and pick-up/drop off on Clifton Hills Ave. DPCR to work the DOTE.

DPCR will present to CTM at Dec 2017 meeting on its construction plans and vision.

c. Clifton Hills Barrier

CTM resolution regarding barrier (dated 9/12/16) was reviewed. It was acknowledged by CTM and DOTE that the immediate removal of barrier may adversely affect the safety of students walking in the roadway, especially before dawn and after dark, therefore a better timing for barrier removal would be after the 2017-2018 DPCR school year is over.

2. Glenmary at Brookline Intersection Update

- a. The recent crosswalk installation and lane reconfiguration was discussed, included concerns related to the loss of parking space.

DOTE agreed to check on parking situation on Biddle and to explore shortening the lane taper on Glenmary east of Brookline to regain parking.

3. Glenmary at Clifton Intersection Update

- a. Work was postponed in spring 2017 due to issue with contractor, DOTE is finding new contractor. The postponed work will be combined with the curb bump out work at intersection of Glenmary and Brookline into one project for contractor. Target completion by end of spring 2018.

4. Clifton and Lafayette Intersection study results

- a. DOTE will follow up with CTM regarding results

5. Opportunities for Clifton from new Pedestrian Safety funding

- a. DOTE reported plans and principles to utilize funding, including prioritizing needs based on history of incidents/crashes and to identify needs using crowd sourcing apps. CTM will monitor plans and developments.

6. Traffic Planning for McAlpin/Clifton/Wolper to accommodate new Clifton Area Neighborhood School

- a. DOTE agreed to reach out proactively with Cincinnati Public Schools to begin engagement on the issue.

7. Status of Traffic Calming Request for McAlpin submitted by Michael Burrill

- a. DOTE was given a copy of the letter and has agreed to respond.

8. Bicycle Infrastructure Plan Update

- a. CTM thanked DOTE for the opportunity and resources to develop the plan and reviewed its progress. CTM offered to pilot the use of "Bicycles may use full lane" signs in Clifton.

9. MLK Construction Update

- a. DOTE reported that construction is pretty much complete, only punch-list items remain.

10. Other projects/issues in Clifton

- a. DOTE is working proactively with Zoo to better manage Festival of Lights traffic
- b. CTM may consider pedestrian survey to help prioritize area for improvement, particularly with crosswalks.