



**CTM Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2018
Clifton Recreation Center**

Present: Adam Balz, Kevin Marsh, Buddy Goose, Adam Hawse, Seth Maney, Pat Borders, Ashley Fritz, Joyce Rich, Christine Celsor, Peter Block, Malcolm Montgomery, Gina Marsh, Vince Metzger

Absent: Rama Kasturi.

A quorum is present. Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Police Report

Neighborhood Liaison Officer Nick Hageman shared STARS report for Clifton.

Crime is up 18% YTD. Violent crime is down 52% YTD. Burglary is up 148% YTD – mostly due to open/unlocked windows and doors. Most likely things to be stolen are small electronics that can be easily sold. Theft from Auto continues to be an ongoing issue.

Link to STARS report - <https://cpdmobile.cincinnati-oh.gov/Neighborhoods/Reports/D5/Clifton.pdf>

There is also now a new online crime stats report for Clifton (and other neighborhoods). Link to the Clifton report showing data as of end of August - https://public.tableau.com/shared/QPFHCRSCY?:display_count=yes

Office Hageman advised that heroin related events in Clifton are not prevalent.

Officer Hageman can be reached at 513.569.8527; email is nicholas.hageman@cincinnati-oh.gov. See the Clifton Community website for other police contact info on the Public Safety page.

Fire Report

No report this month.

Captain Ron Wilson is the leader of Engine Co 34. He can be reached at 513.352.2334; or visit the fire station on Ludlow Avenue.

Library Report

Clifton Branch Manager Lisa Hamrick reported on various upcoming events. Sat Sept 15, "How to avoid online scams". Practice test for the ACT – Saturday Sept 29 They are holding a Sock / Hat / Glove drive in coordination with Coalition to End Homelessness.

Clifton branch locker usage for item pickup was record breaking during Jun, Jul, and Aug.

Information about the Clifton Branch, including links to various events & classes can be found online at <http://www.cincinnati.org/branches/clifton.html>

Recreation Center

Service Area Manager Tom Reese reported that the Center is now open on Saturdays, 10-noon. "Zoomba" and "What's Art?" are the two programs being offered. This is a trial process for Saturday.

Online Rec Center Calendar is at

<http://cincyrec.org/search/basicprogram.aspx?k=Clifton%2BRecreation%2BCenter#results>

CCAC

CCAC Executive Director Leslie Mooney reminded everyone that the move was completed at the end of August. New main office is in Corryville at 2728 Short Vine Street. Classes have restarted at three locations: Turner Center across from Corryville Library, Bethel Cincinnati Church on Clifton Ave and United Methodist Church.

Rockets to Robots program this week will be held at local schools.

Friday night 9/14 is the opening for the Community Art Show.

Native Plants, Shrubs & Trees – Sunset Salon, Sept 19.

Fotofocus show at the Esquire, opens Sept 27 running through February. Free screening of Filming Vivian Meyer.

Will be at CliftonFest also.

Mooney asked that everyone please help to spread the word that CCAC is still active and producing events & exhibits throughout the Uptown community.

At the Cincinnati Parks Board request, the CCAC is having an environmental assessment performed in Burnet Woods to understand the impact of their potentially located there.

Is the environmental assessment focused on specific locations? This is not known currently. The assessment is dependent also on where other organizations want to locate in the park.

CCAC is intending to pay for all of the environmental assessment.

Online CCAC calendar of events is at <http://www.cliftonculturalarts.org/events/coming-events/>

And their schedule of classes is at <http://www.cliftonculturalarts.org/classes/all-classes/>

CBPA

No report.

Clifton Market

Bruce Ault of the Clifton Market Board presented an update. The store continues to underperform – sales are not covering current expenses, and debt to vendors is growing.

This is contributing to the various lack of inventory observed at times. The Board has put together a Finance Committee to focus on the situation. The Board recognizes some significant changes are needed, and they are reviewing various options including reduction of expenses, operating hours changes, renting space to other vendors, and increasing sales through various marketing & social media approaches. There is also a possibility of selling the building and entering into a long term lease back from the new owner. The Board is committed to keeping a store operating at this location. A letter of intent from a potential buyer of the building has been obtained and discussions will begin soon. Weekly sales 2 weeks ago were \$110k.

Golf Outing Results

Trustees Eric Urbas & Joyce Rich recapped the event. The number of golfers was lower than prior year. Great turnout of families with kids this year in support of this first time option. Expecting to net about \$10,000 from the event. We will need a new leader of the event for next year.

Bylaws Committee

Chairperson Malcolm Montgomery noted that there is nothing new to add to last month's report. In summary, there are 7 significant bylaws changes that the Committee discussed and have proposed. The Committee continues to recommend that the Board agree to put these changes before the membership for a vote.

Montgomery outlined the 7 changes again and the various reasons for why these are necessary. There are also a variety of non-substantive changes such as formatting, moving paragraphs to new places, etc.

Montgomery moved that the following for passage by the Board:

1. The Clifton Town Meeting Board of Trustees put the following *Proposed Amended Constitution and Bylaws* to a vote by the Members at the December 2018 Annual Meeting;
2. The proposed amendments be publicized in advance to the Members as required by the current Constitution and Bylaws;
3. That such publicity include the statement, "The CTM Board of Trustees recommends passage of the *Proposed Amended Constitution and Bylaws*. Members with questions or concerns are invited to contact the Bylaws Committee prior to the Members' Meeting"
4. That the *CTM Bylaws Committee July 24 Board Report: Final Bylaws Proposals* accompany the proposed amendments.

Discussion: Will the membership vote on all 7 significant changes at once or individually? This depends on what the Board wants to do.

Marsh made a motion to add paragraph 5: "CTM Trustees will decide on December voting process during the October CTM meeting." After some discussion among Trustees, Marsh took his motion down with the understanding by all Trustees that the December voting process is not clear in the original motion (voting on the 7 changes individually or all together) and this will be decided upon later by the Board.

Main motion passed.

Transportation & Public Safety Committee

Chairperson Mike Schur advised that the Committee has determined 3 locations for recommended submission to the City DOTE process for additional pedestrian safety infrastructure improvements. The locations were selected based on the city wide pedestrian safety survey results.

Schur noted that the Committee's recommendations were circulated to the Trustees on Sept 7 and are summarized as follows:

Recommended locations for pedestrian improvements in Clifton are:

1. Ludlow Avenue near Morrison Avenue
2. Ludlow Avenue at Clifton Hills Avenue
3. Ludlow Avenue at Ormond Avenue

The full Committee report is included as an addendum to these minutes.

Trustee Gina Marsh asked about what is happening at Glenmary and Clifton Avenue regarding pedestrian hazard reduction. Schur advised that the project was postponed until 2019 by City DOTE.

Trustee Kevin Marsh moved that the Board submit the 3 locations recommended by the Committee to City DOTE before the Sept 28 deadline. Discussion: A resident who lives on Ludlow Avenue indicated on Sunday morning at 7am that an SUV travelling south at a high rate of speed hit a light pole, knocked it down, and then the vehicle ran up a steep grade front yard. He also raised concerns about children from DePaul Cristo Rey High School crossing Ludlow Avenue to and from school at Clifton Hills Avenue where there is no light and no crosswalk. The resident seeks help to reduce vehicle speeds before something worse happens.

A resident who has lived on Morrison Avenue for many decades noted someone was killed 6-8 years ago who tried to cross Ludlow Avenue at Morrison Avenue.

Motion passed.

Clifton Plaza Lighting Grant

Trustee Brad Hawse shared that Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) agreed to award \$5200 to CTM to complete the lighting project on the Clifton Plaza. Matching funds are required: \$500 from CTM (\$250 from Business Committee and \$250 Fundraising Committee) and \$500 from CBPA.

Hawse moved that he and Malcolm Montgomery should be approved to sign the previously shared contract with KCB to complete this project.

Motion passed. Hawse thanked other Trustees and residents who have committed support and ideas to this project over past recent years.

Community Budget Requests

Trustee Buddy Goose reviewed the process for the Fiscal Year 2021 along with the deadline of Sept 28. CTM can submit three (3) requests.

Possible ideas:

- Develop a neighborhood plan
- Gateways
- Improvements to Juergen's Avenue
- Other ideas as suggested

There is no guarantee that our ideas will be adopted by City Council at the time.

What kind of detail is required?

How does it fit into Plan Cincinnati, various forms. Goose advised that he would lead the process of submission.

Various discussion including the following:

Juergens is still active with City DOTE per an email on July 25, 2018. No funding has been found at this point.

Gateways idea already has a plan that has been through the NBDIP process so it is ready to go if funded.

A neighborhood plan has been something that has been postponed a few times, and our current one is quite old.

Picnic tables at Mount Storm need to be replaced, and there are only 3.

Moveable furniture on Clifton Plaza and/or repair the existing stationary bench.

Traffic Calming Plan could be a good one to get something done about the speeding vehicles.

Goose made a motion to submit 3 ideas: Neighborhood plan, existing Gateways plan, and a Traffic Calming Plan for Ludlow Ave, Clifton Ave, and McAlpin Ave.

Motion passed.

Education Committee

Chairperson Vince Metzger reported that the Clifton Area Neighborhood School enrollment is as follows: 12 first grade, 24 Kindergarten, 21 in Preschool. Ice Cream Social happened on Saturday and on Friday was a press conference. Supt. Laura Mitchell is pushing to move into the building during Spring Break this school year, if possible. It's not clear that this timing is achievable. The partnership between University of Cincinnati School of Education and CPS is formalized, and everyone is thinking that this could be a model for schools in the future.

Nominating Committee

Chairperson Patrick Borders reported that the Committee has formed and will be getting in action. Committee Trustee Balz asked all Trustees to contact him to confirm their end of current term.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Buddy Goose reported on monthly results. \$25,979.91 income. Expenses \$5,172.42. Of the income, \$14,500 was a restricted grant regarding the NBDIP Façade Improvement Program. \$9422 was Golf Outing related income.

CTM has total assets/reserves of \$109,876.48 with no outstanding liabilities.
Discussion: None.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report passed. It is included in the minutes at the end.

CliftonFest Booth Planning

Trustee Goose advised that CliftonFest will run from 10am until 11pm on Saturday, Oct 6 as well as Friday evening from 6-10pm. CTM will have a booth for selling soda / water on Saturday.

Marsh reminded the Trustees that for this event CTM Trustees Celsor, Urbas, and Borders volunteered in January to lead and organize things for CTM.

Minutes of the June, August and August 31 CTM meeting were approved as submitted.

Cincinnati Observatory Feedback

The Cincinnati Observatory requested various ideas for a Clifton Week. Trustee Kasturi spoke with someone there and indicated they had a variety of ideas sent to them since their initial request. No further action is required.

Trustee Updates / Announcements

Borders - Candidates night – Tues, Oct 16 7-9pm. Seeking volunteers to help organize and run the event. Two residents are working on a related presentation

Block - Arts & Culture Committee DAAP first year students are working on designs for light poles for CliftonFest.

Kasturi - Community engagement results are posted on Burnet Woods at the Cincinnati Parks website.

Kasturi - Sept 29 9am-1pm is next Honeysuckle Hit Squad with Cincinnati Parks and UC. Seeking lots of volunteers for this event.

Balz – Lantern Walk. Nov 11 is the planning date. Seeking volunteers. Friday beforehand will be a lantern making event for everyone at the Fairview Clifton

Balz notes that new markings on properties on Woolper are observable and seem to indicate that utility poles will be relocated more into people's properties. He is concerned that CTM nor residents were notified about this potential action. Balz made a motion to send the City a letter indicating CTM's previous opposition to moving the utility poles.

Motion passed.

Marsh – reviewed the July 8 email he sent to the Board on speeding citations: 1125 speeding citations were written in the entire City of Cincinnati by CPD during April and May of 2018. Only 3 in Clifton, and one of those was for driving too slow. Marsh wrote to CPD District 5 Sgt. Voelkerding to ask for the process by which a community council could ask for more speed enforcement action. The Sgt. forwarded the email to the Captain who sent it to the Traffic Enforcement Unit with a request for more laser speed enforcement resources to be assigned to the Clifton area. On August 28, Marsh asked for the June and July 2018 speeding citation records and is awaiting CPD to send these.

Public Q&A

Kip Eagen updated on utility boxes – 2 more have been completed (Resor & Thrall) and another is in progress.

Eagen updated on the inflatables projects that CTM provided some funds to in June. He brought a prototype put together by the Clifton Rec Center children. Much larger prototypes will now be built for display in various areas: Park, Plaza, etc. "Life on Ludlow" plaque is being installed on the China Kitchen building wall. CTM provided some funds for this project. Can they be used during Holidays on Ludlow? Yes, this is possible.

Eagen advised the Clifton Community Fund has been in discussions with the Public Library to do a community art project. Agreement has been reached to do a community gathering space – benches with a table. The space would be either Clifton-centric, Library-centric, or both. There will be an open call for artists and then a selection committee will pick the best, and then finally the community will be asked to vote on their preference. Timing of this project is unknown

Resident asked about status of Howell Avenue Development project? Nothing has happened since the most recent community meeting this past summer that is summarized online at the City Planning Department:

Buddy Goose advised that any organization who is interested in running the Beer Garden for a short time can place a tip jar for their organization. Also, there are still spots available for artists selling original art – go to cliftonfest.com to sign up.

Adjournment/next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. The next CTM meeting is at 7 p.m., Monday October 1, 2018, at the Clifton Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Marsh, CTM Secretary.

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MONTHLY ACTIVITY

August 2018

	TOTAL	
	AUG 2018	JUL 2018 (PP)
Revenue		
Clifton Chronicle Income	962.50	350.00
Donations	150.00	
Event Income		
Golf Outing Income	4,542.00	
Golf Outing Sponsorship	3,980.00	
House Tour Sponsorship (Including 9K Ad revenue)	101.41	
Total Event Income	8,623.41	
Grants		
Neighborhood Support Program	14,500.00	
Restricted Grants		
CANS PTO Income		-805.49
Total Restricted Grants		-805.49
Total Grants	14,500.00	-805.49
Interest		2.64
Memberships	34.00	180.00
Unmatched PayPal Income	1,710.00	
Total Revenue	\$25,979.91	\$ -272.85
GROSS PROFIT	\$25,979.91	\$ -272.85
Expenditures		
Administrative Expenses		64.20
Clifton Chronicle Expenses	2,097.70	
Event Expenses		
Clifton House Tour Expenses	32.89	
CliftonFest Expenses	3,000.00	
VoiceScapes Expenses		250.00
Wednesdays on the Green Expenses		1,000.00
Total Event Expenses	3,032.89	1,250.00
Restricted Grant Spending		
CANS PTO Expenses		0.00
Utility Box Artwork Spending		500.00
Total Restricted Grant Spending		500.00
Transaction Fees		
PayPal Fees	41.83	4.26
Total Transaction Fees	41.83	4.26
Total Expenditures	\$5,172.42	\$1,818.46
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$20,807.49	\$ -2,091.31
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BALANCE SHEET

As of August 31, 2018

	AUG 2018		
	CURRENT	AS OF JUL 31, 2018 (PP)	% CHANGE
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
Cash on Hand	300.00	300.00	0.00 %
Cert of Deposit 33	14,092.15	14,092.15	0.00 %
Cert of Deposit 91	38,347.27	38,347.27	0.00 %
Checking	40,523.53	27,505.51	47.33 %
PayPal Bank	1,956.52	274.35	613.15 %
Prepaid Postage	80.01	39.71	101.49 %
Total Bank Accounts	\$95,299.48	\$80,558.99	18.30 %
Other Current Assets			
Clifton Market Loan	7,800.00	7,800.00	0.00 %
Prepaid Expenditures	0.00	0.00	
Uncategorized Asset	200.00	200.00	0.00 %
Undeposited Funds	6,577.00	510.00	1,189.61 %
Total Other Current Assets	\$14,577.00	\$8,510.00	71.29 %
Total Current Assets	\$109,876.48	\$89,068.99	23.36 %
TOTAL ASSETS	\$109,876.48	\$89,068.99	23.36 %
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Credit Cards			
Reimbursements Owed	0.00	0.00	
Total Credit Cards	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Equity			
Opening Balance Equity	75,914.77	75,914.77	0.00 %
Retained Earnings	-4,733.82	-4,733.82	0.00 %
Net Revenue	38,695.53	17,888.04	116.32 %
Total Equity	\$109,876.48	\$89,068.99	23.36 %
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$109,876.48	\$89,068.99	23.36 %

**Clifton Town Meeting Response to Request for
Prioritized Locations for Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

10-September-2018

Thank you for the opportunity to submit locations that will have an immediate impact on pedestrian safety in the Cincinnati neighborhood of Clifton. The real and perceived safety of pedestrians in Clifton continues to be a concern among the people who live, work, learn, and play here. Clifton Town Meeting works to make Clifton a neighborhood where walking is easy, traffic is calm, and bikes belong. We present herein a prioritized list of locations based on long-standing community feedback supported by recent survey results.

The recommended locations for pedestrian improvements in Clifton are:

- 1. Ludlow Avenue near Morrison**
- 2. Ludlow Avenue at Clifton Hills Ave**
- 3. Ludlow Avenue at Ormond Ave**

The primary area of interest for pedestrian improvements is along Ludlow Avenue from Cincinnati State into the Clifton business district. Specifically, is the 0.7 mile stretch of Ludlow Avenue from Lafayette Ave to Whitfield Ave where there are no marked or signaled crosswalks (Figures 1 and 2). This wide thoroughfare acts a barrier dividing this walkable community. Crossing Ludlow Ave in this area puts too many of our most vulnerable citizens at risk.

The recent addition of the signaled crosswalks at Ludlow/Jefferson at Brookline near Burnet Woods Park has had a real and perceived improvement in pedestrian safety and bolsters the need for more marked or signaled crosswalks along Ludlow Avenue.

Figure 1: Area of Interest for Pedestrian Improvement Locations in Clifton

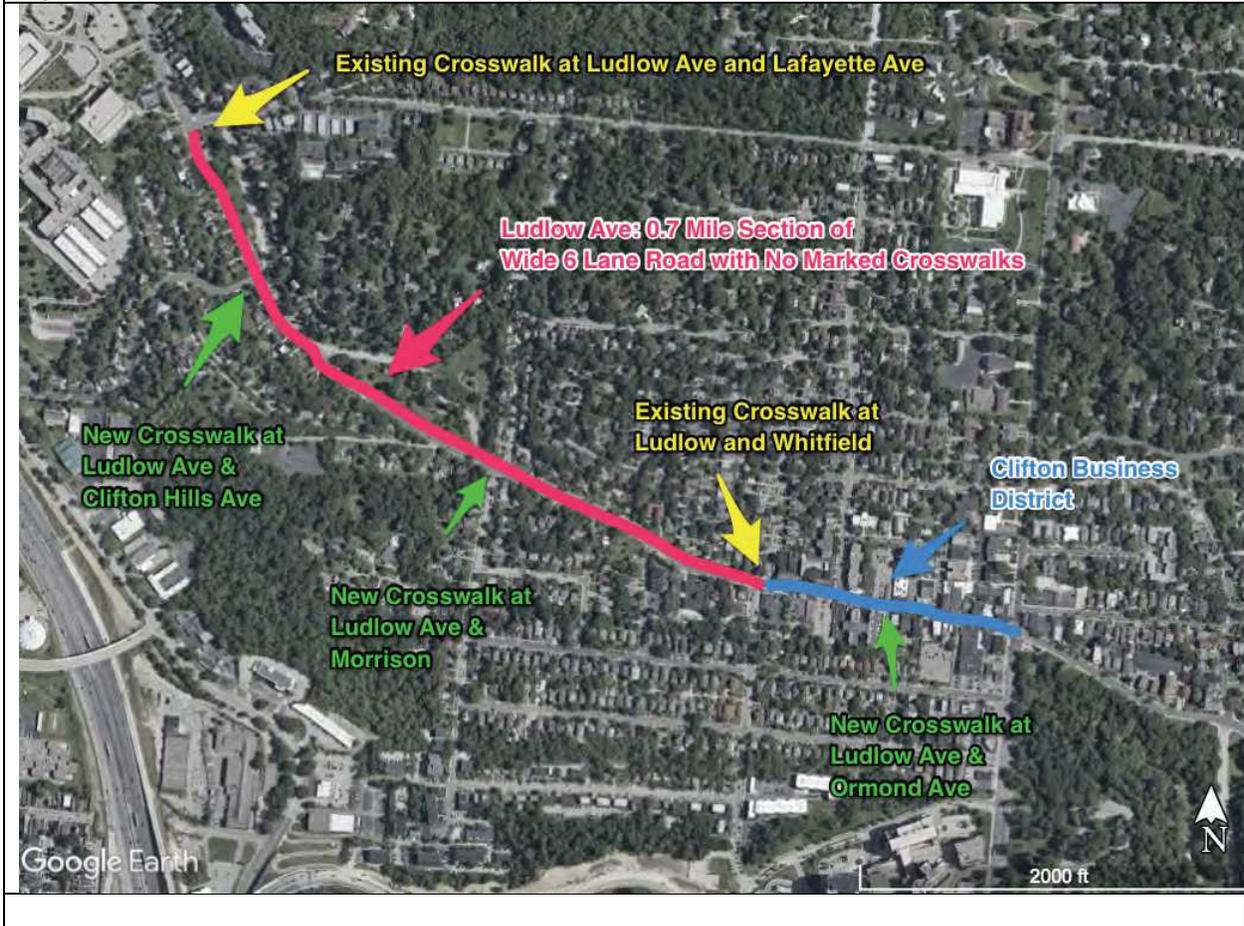
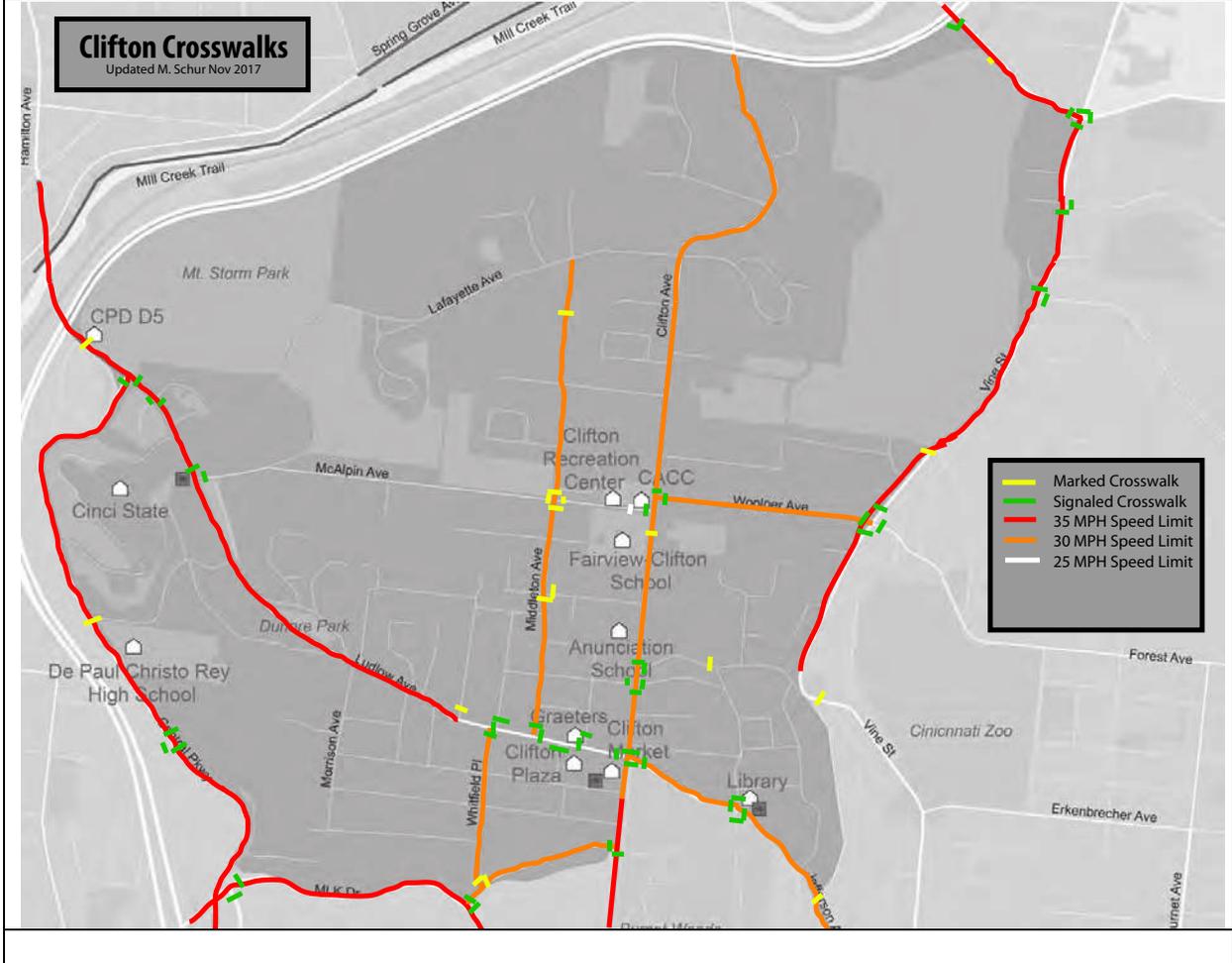


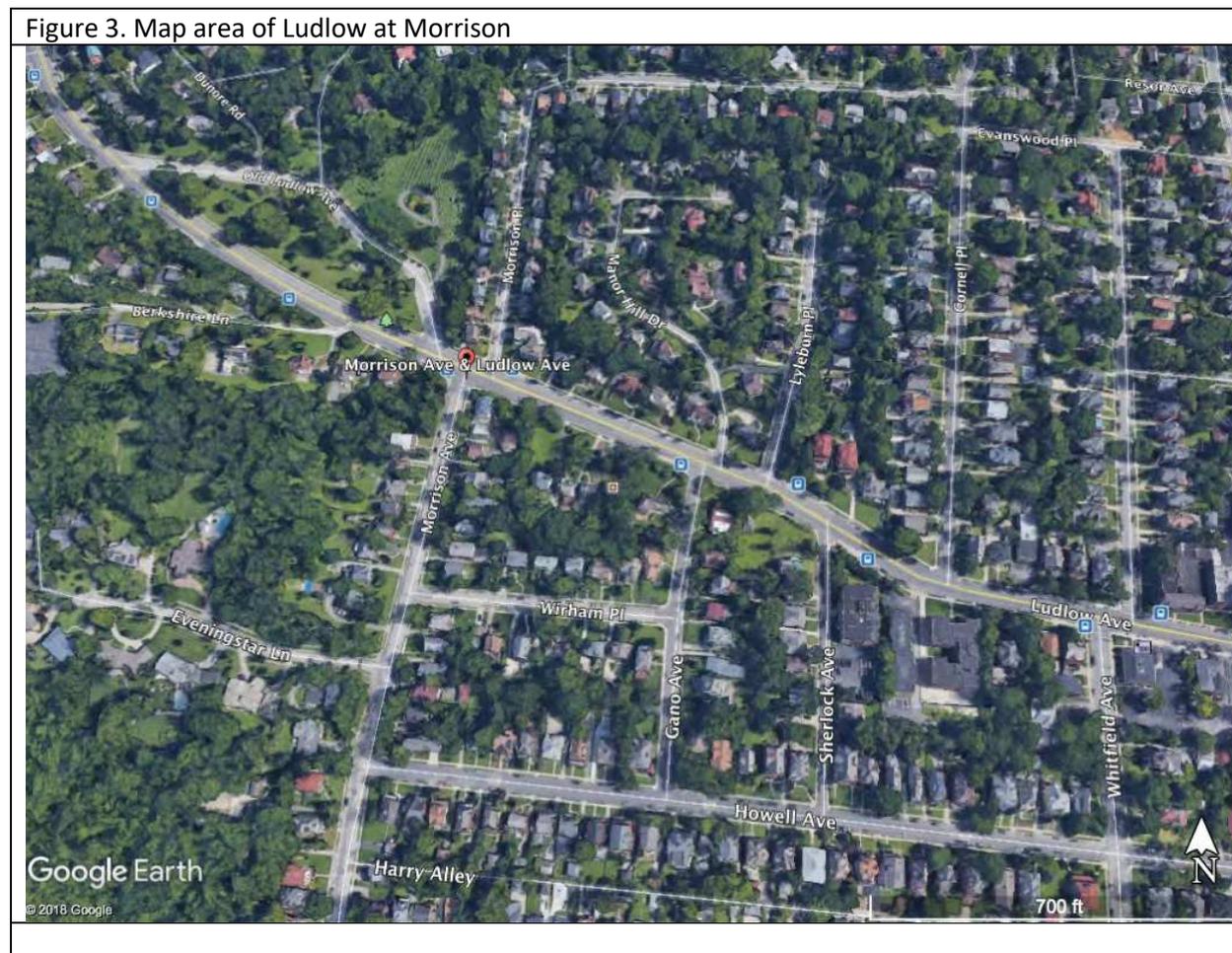
Figure 2. Marked and Signaled Crosswalks in Clifton



Location #1: Ludlow Avenue near Morrison

This location across from Dunore Park has been the subject of numerous requests for pedestrian safety improvements dating back many years. Ludlow at Morrison is an important pedestrian crossing route between the dense residential streets south and north of Ludlow Ave, near a popular park and playground, and frequently used Metro bus stops.

This location ranked highest in the recent Pedestrian Safety Survey (<http://cagisonline.hamilton-co.org/pedsafetysurvey/>) where it resulted in **43% of the “Crosswalk Needed” responses in Clifton**. Nearby residents have shared accounts of being hit by cars in this area.



Key Reasons for Improved Pedestrian Safety:

No Marked or Signaled Crosswalks Nearby. There is a 0.7 mile gap between marked crosswalks on Ludlow (Whitfield to the east and Lafayette to the west). Pedestrians standing at the corner of Ludlow and Morrison, which is almost exactly in the middle of those two existing crosswalks, would need to walk 12 minutes (6 minutes in either direction) to cross safely. This is unacceptable for such a pedestrian-dense neighborhood in the City of Cincinnati.

Lack of Safe and Convenient Access to Dunore Park: There is no public green space in the entire part of Clifton south of Ludlow and west of Clifton Ave. This means approximately 20% of the land in Clifton (and a lot of the density) cannot access this green space without crossing Ludlow Ave. The playground at Dunore Park is scaled for small children (probably 5 or under based on the playground equipment) and children with disabilities. The majority of its use comes from very young families. There are too many occasions where parents with strollers or holding kids by the hand are running across Ludlow Ave to avoid speeding vehicles.

Figure 4. Families enjoying playground at Dunore Park



Wide and Complex Street Configuration: There are actually 5 different places for pedestrians to have to watch for cars: Old Ludlow, Ludlow heading east, Ludlow heading West, South Morrison and North Morrison. Speeding is not enforced. Cars are regularly going 50+ mph during rush hour on this street with a 35 MPH speed limit. A pedestrian has to travel approximately 64 feet to safely make it from one side to the other of Ludlow at the Morrison intersection. A crosswalk would add order to this complex intersection.

Near High-Use Bus Stops: CPS extra buses travel up Ludlow heading east in the morning with stops on the south side of Ludlow at Morrison. In the afternoon, those same buses are traveling west with stops on the north side of Ludlow at Morrison. This guarantees that students will have to cross a major 6 lane road at some point during rush hour traffic. Specific bus stop data for ridership from Metro for the route has been requested but has not been received at the time of preparation of this report. Anecdotally, however, nearby residents confirm that there is a lot of activity at bus stops at the intersection.

Location #2: Ludlow Avenue at Clifton Hills Ave

This location is along the primary route for students walking between DePaul Cristo Rey (DPCR) High School and the Metro bus stops (routes 17, 19, 51) on Ludlow Avenue. This location has been identified as an area of concern ever since the opening of the school in 2011. This location was marked as “Crosswalk needed” in **16% of the responses** in Clifton. See attached letter of support from DePaul Cristo Rey High School.

Figure 5. Students Crossing Ludlow at Clifton Hills Ave



Students crossing Ludlow Avenue in the dark on the way to school in the morning

Key Reasons for Improved Pedestrian Safety:

High-Use Crossing for DePaul Cristo Rey High School Students

The journey to and from school is precarious for DPCR students. Many students walk along the hilly and winding Clifton Hills Avenue which has no sidewalks and no street lights. Students walk in the dark for much of the school year. The crosswalk improvements recently installed on Central Parkway at Clifton Hills Avenue have resulted in improved student safety on the west side of the school. It is now time to complete the student access route with a crosswalk on the northeast side of the school area. School year 2018-2019 data provided by DPCR (see attached Letter) states:

- Every day **150 students** use Metro busses for transportation to and from school
- Every day **80 students** use Metro bus routes 17 and 51, which stop along Ludlow Ave

It is important to understand that the unique work study programs at DPCR means that students are walking to and from the bus stop on Ludlow Ave at over a range of times, not the traditional mass arrival and dismissal of traditional schools. Therefore, the standard methods to measure pedestrian volume greatly underestimate the actual need and utilization. Students are crossing Ludlow Ave in the dark for

a significant part of the year, often corresponding to the morning and evening rush hour where vehicular volume and speeds are high. A well-marked and highly visible cross walk is vital to safety of these vulnerable Cincinnatians.

Figure 6 Map area near Clifton Hills Ave and Ludlow Ave



Wide and Complex Street Configuration with Limited Visibility

Ludlow Avenue is very wide with 4 travel lanes and 2 parking lanes. It slopes downhill from southeast to northwest and curves to the right in that direction. The curve and beautiful street trees restrict the visibility and shortens the sight-lines of vehicles traveling downhill from the Clifton Business District approaching the intersection with Clifton Hills Ave. Vehicles are frequently observed exceeding the posted speed limit of 35 MPH and switching lanes

Figure 7 Limited Sight Lines at Clifton Hills Ave and Ludlow Ave



Based on visibility at the southwest corner of Clifton Hills Ave and Ludlow Ave (Figure 7), a driver traveling downhill (westbound) on Ludlow Ave in the right lane arrives at the intersection in only 10 to 13 seconds traveling at 45 MPH to 35 MPH, respectively. However, it takes at least 20 seconds for a pedestrian to cross Ludlow Ave at that corner. This creates a very dangerous situation where both pedestrians and drivers do not have adequate time to see one another. Factor in the increasing reports of distracted drivers (and distracted walkers) and this results in a prime location for heightened awareness that pedestrians, particularly students are present. The short sightlines, low awareness, and low visibility of pedestrians to drivers entering and exiting Clifton Hills Ave contributes to a need for a marked and/or signaled crosswalk, such as a pedestrian-activated rapid flashing beacon.

The recent removal of the traffic-calming barrier on Clifton Hills Ave is expected to result in increased vehicular volume and new traffic patterns on Clifton Hills Ave which will enhance the need for a crosswalk on Ludlow Ave.

Location #3: Ludlow Avenue at Ormond Ave

This location is in the center of the Clifton Business District. It is the only intersection on Ludlow Ave in the business district without a marked or signaled crosswalk. Although there are signaled crosswalks nearby, there are regular concerns about pedestrians crossing midblock outside of crosswalks. Having a marked crosswalk at this location provide more marked areas to cross. Also, a crosswalk paddle at the location would help slow vehicles moving through the pedestrian-dense business district. **This location was marked as “Crosswalk needed” 19% of the total responses in Clifton.**

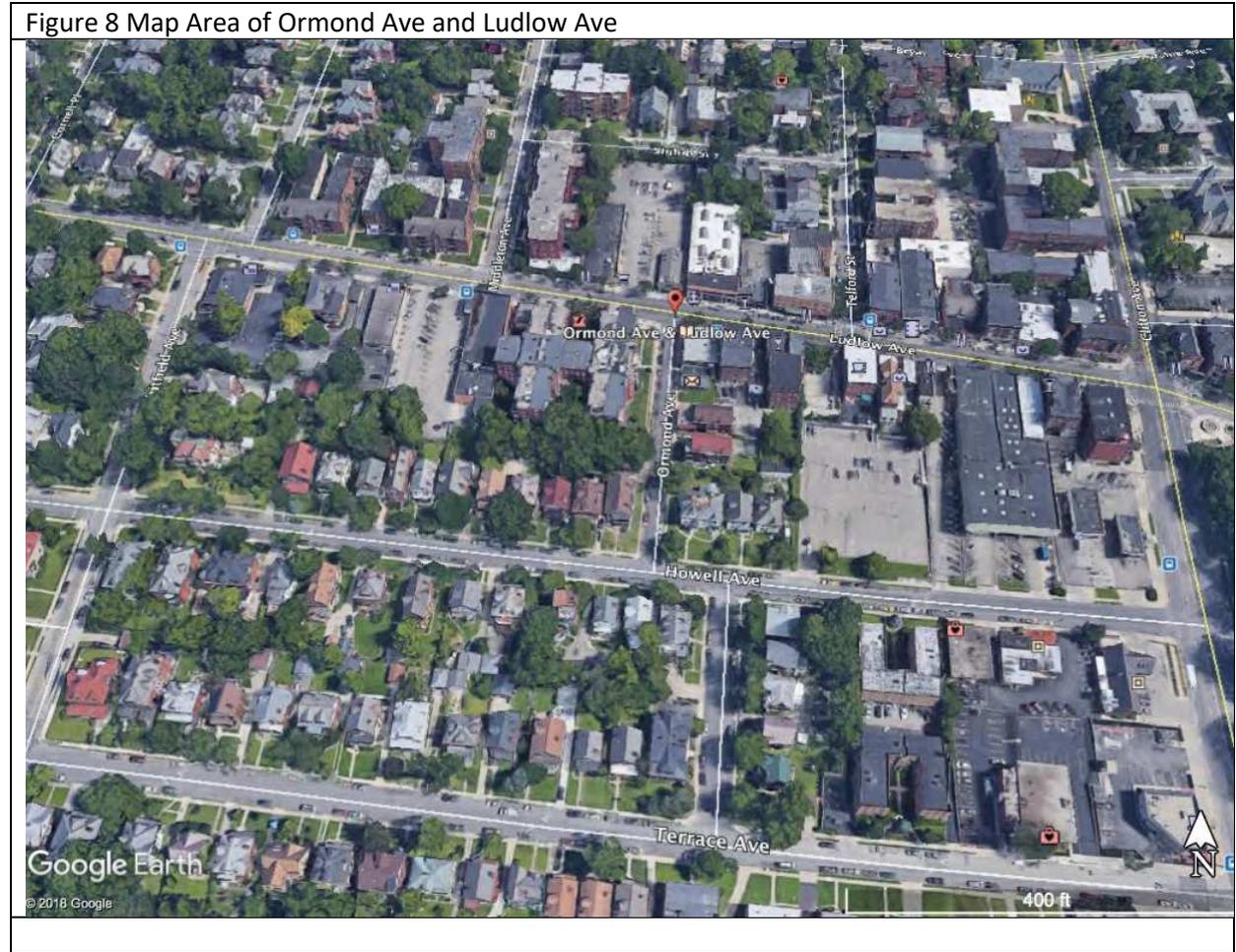
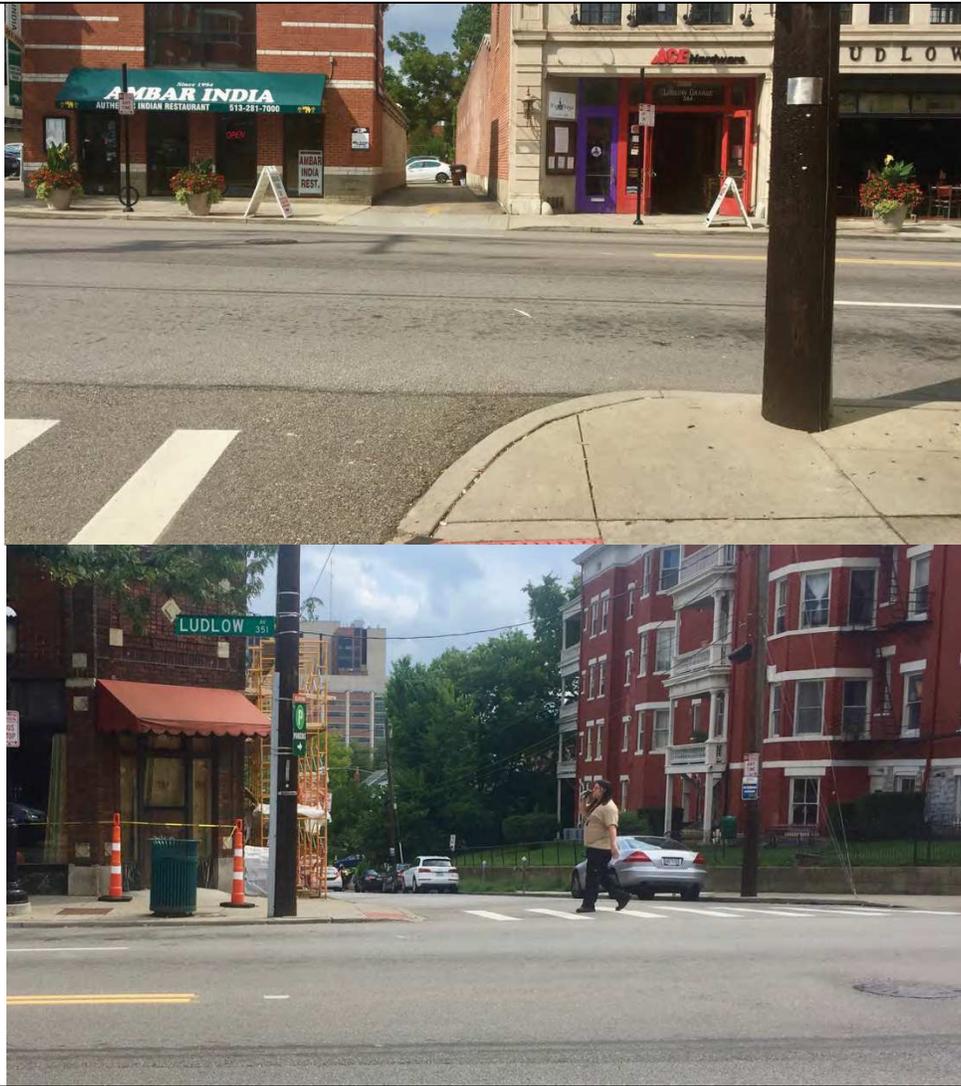


Figure 9 Street-level views of Ludlow Ave at Ormond Ave



August 29, 2018

City of Cincinnati Department of Transportation and Engineering
Clifton Town Meeting

RE: Regarding Proposed Crosswalk at Ludlow and Clifton Hills:

DePaul Cristo Rey High School strongly supports the Clifton Town Meeting's recommendation for a crosswalk at Clifton Hills and Ludlow avenues. Many of our students rely on a Metro bus for their transportation to and from school; please consider the impact a crosswalk could have on the safety of these students:

- Every day **150 DPCR students use Metro buses** for transportation to/from school.
- Every day **80 DPCR student use Metro routes 17 and 51** – which have stops on Ludlow Avenue.

DePaul Cristo Rey has a longer school day, 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., than most other high schools, so our students are walking on city streets (and Clifton Hills has no sidewalks) during rush hour traffic and, in the winter months, often in the dark. DPCR has a work study program so every student works at least one day a week off campus, frequently returning to school after 5:00 p.m. Those students who use Metro buses 17 and 51 are then walking to the Ludlow Avenue bus stops in the dark as well.

I believe that a crosswalk at Clifton Hills and Ludlow avenues could have a significant impact on student safety and I strongly urge you to consider the impact on these young people as you make your decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sister Jeanne Bessette, OSF, Ed.D.
President / CEO