



**CTM Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2018
Clifton Recreation Center**

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

Absent: Christine Celsor

A quorum is present. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Police Report

Neighborhood Liaison Officer Nicholas Hageman reviewed crime statistics. Major crime is down by 30.6% versus prior year. Total crime is down 3.5% over prior year. Burglary is up 64.6% and Theft from Auto is up 14.9%.

Hageman urged residents to lock their doors & windows and turn on their outside lights. Some people are not doing that. Please be aware of door to door sales people. Many times this is just an attempt to enter your home or peek inside your home.

Hageman briefly reviewed the two possible locations for the new permanent District 5 HQ and that the decision was now before City Council for a decision.

Hageman reviewed an incident where someone was robbed as they approached the entrance of their apartment building.

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

Community Liaison Police 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

Lt. Ramsidler reported there were 166 runs of which 16 were fire. Ramsidler reminded everyone to be mindful of Christmas tree lights especially on live trees to avoid fires. Now is the time to clean your fireplace, including the flue.

Please consider signing up for Smart911 – a program launched in the Fall of this year. You can provide additional information ahead of time so that your 911 call is more productive. Go to Smart911.com

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 that Eric will be at Sitwells Act II for a children's story at Holidays on Ludlow. There are various programs running at the branch such as ugly sweaters, Ted talk discussions, and more.

Hamrick reported that the Lighthouse Center has recently reopened. They are a youth development center now – different than their previous focus.

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

Recreation Center

Tom Reese, Area Manager, thanked Kip Eagen for his coordination with the Rec Center kids on a light up penguin sculpture that will be on Clifton Plaza for Holidays on Ludlow. New winter schedule has been posted. Fundraising for Lego Robotics is continuing, and the program will happen in Spring 2019. Summer camp registration starts in Feb 2019. All program registrations are expected to be available online in March 2019.

Online Rec Center Calendar is at

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

CCAC

Executive Director Leslie Mooney reminded that The Golden Ticket art show is running now at the Trailside Nature Center until Dec 13. You can still vote for the People's Choice award until then. Second Sunday Family Showtime Series in December is Zak Morgan. CCAC will host a crafting project at Lydia's On Ludlow for Holidays on Ludlow. Winter classes are online now at 3 satellite locations.

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

President Pat Borders advised that a new record store, Torn Light, will open in late Jan / early Feb 2019. It will be located next to Habanero's where Jagdeeps Grocery used to be. The parking lot function in this area (Habanero's, Grill of India, Torn Light) will change next year to some paid spots in this area. The spots in the back of the parking lot will change to paid while those along Habanero will be free.

Clifton Market

Tom Dwyer of the Clifton Market Board reported that the member vote happened in November and resulted in members deciding that an asset sale should occur. The purchase

arrangement will not include transfer of Clifton Market liabilities and accounts payable balances. Negotiations are under way with the buyer, Gurmukh Singh, and the banks.

Dwyer thanked departing Trustees Eric Urbas, Adam Balz, and Ashley Fritz for their service over the past 6 years.

Recognition of departing Trustees

Trustee Joyce Rich recognized three departing Trustees (Adam Balz, Ashley Fritz, and Eric Urbas) and shared various activities & roles that they have been involved in over their six years of service.

Revive ResQ Foam Community Study

Doctor Jason Schraeder, University of Cincinnati Health trauma surgeon, shared information about a new trial that is starting. A new foam product that has been tested in animals will be used as a product to stop abdominal bleeding when they arrive at the ER.

The foam is removed in the operating room.

Everyone is opted into this study unless they obtain a wrist band to opt out.

Contact 513-558-6332 or revive@uc.edu to learn more, ask questions, or opt out. For questions about informed consent called UC IRB 513-558-5259.

CCAC Proposal for Burnet Woods

Executive Director Leslie Mooney presented the CCAC proposal for Burnet Woods as developed for the November 15th Cincinnati Parks Board meeting.

She advised that some new potential locations were recently advised by community members:

1. Clifton Market – The CCAC will not do anything to distract from the success of Clifton Market; therefore this option is not viable.
2. Howell Ave development project – the development project is on hold due to the feasibility of installing the submerged parking structure that the community desired. Therefore this option is on hold at this time.

Cincinnati Parks Dept Staff review of CCAC Proposal for Burnet Woods

Trustee Pat Borders read the report prepared by Cincinnati Parks Department Staff in response to the CCAC proposal made on November 15. This report can be found at https://www.cincinnati-parks.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/CCAC_Design_Plan_Web.pdf

Preserve Burnet Woods Proposal for Burnet Woods

Three members of the Preserve Burnet Woods organization made a presentation about the organization's concerns with the CCAC proposal.

Burnet Woods Public Comments and Questions

Following all the presentations noted above, community feedback and questions were taken:

- Is Preserve Burnet Woods (PBW) opposed to CEF building in Burnet Woods? We (PBW) have not voted on this topic so we have no position. Last they heard, CEF is not pursuing a new building.
- Regarding parking, does CCAC anticipate using existing street parking for the CCAC proposal? Further evaluation is required. City zoning requires 40 spaces. We (CCAC) do not anticipate installing any new parking spots – would use existing asphalt and/or parking spaces.
- How can the ecology of a green space be improved by a green building? There are various criteria to measure the improvement. Currently, the space is a mowed lawn and the building will have roof with a more diverse ecology. .
- In favor of CCAC's proposal now that it includes site locations that have low environmental sensitivity. Excited about new programs.
- Supportive of the CCAC proposal as it is win-win.
- I am deep patron of the arts, but I am vehemently opposed to the CCAC proposal. I do not see how it will benefit the park.
- CCAC has always viewed the proposal as a win-win. The needs of Burnet Woods are great. New market tax credits have been given to other parks and other arts organizations in Cincinnati; therefore it is compatible for CCAC to be awarded such new market tax credits.
- I was inspired by the CCAC proposal. This makes our area a more attractive place to live.
- The real issue for Burnet Woods is the lack of resources to maintain it. The Parks Board has a policy of seeking revenue generating options in parks and this proposal is aligned with that.
- I am opposed to building in the park.
- Burnet Woods is not the only place to build the CCAC.
- I think the CCAC proposal will bring our community together.
- I am an environmentalist and a PhD biologist. I have seen what CCAC has been able to do in our community, and I am supportive of this proposal.
- Eden Parks and Burnet Woods have nothing in common. Burnet Woods is an island of country in an ocean of city.
- The Master Plan of 2007 was a comprehensive plan of all the City Parks system that was a result of a large community engagement. It was delayed due to resources.
- Uptown, Clifton, CCAC, and Burnet Woods can all co-exist and all the various groups desires can be realized.
- The Master Plan of 2007 was a business plan paid by Uptown Consortium. A green roof is costly. I challenge the financial plan as I don't see how they can achieve it.
- We are not against art in the park. We don't want anyone to leave a trace in the park.

All information that the Cincinnati Parks Board has gathered on this matter can be found at <https://www.cincinnatiiparks.com/park-board-hosts-burnet-woods-community-conversation/>

NSP Project Selection Vote

We reviewed all project ideas that have come in from the community over the past few months. Some ideas had more detail provided than others.

1. Study gentrification and property tax.
2. Towns in Ireland compete in a nationwide Tidy Town competition sponsored by the Irish Supermarket chain SuperValu. One town is chosen as winner each year for cleanliness, gardens, floral displays etc. Clifton could launch the program. Kroger is an obvious candidate to sponsor a city wide program. The results in Ireland are wonderful: picturesque villages often litter-free and bright with floral displays and locals proud of winning the competition.
3. Designate a Cliftonwide yard sale date. Idea contributor believes Montgomery recently did exactly that for its neighborhood.
4. Organize a Clifton-wide project in which residents host Thanksgiving (or other holiday) dinners at their homes for international students attending local colleges.
5. Work with go Vibrant to create and install signage for three looping walking paths. \$5000 is the cost for the project including signs. The City will maintain the signs after they install them. Dozens of other neighborhoods have installed these. Community can help design the routes with go Vibrant.
6. Provide additional funds beyond advertising revenue for the printing and distribution mailing of the Clifton Chronicle.
7. Lease the property, currently vacant, that was the old Hottenstein house on 537(?) McAlpin (near the old Durbans greenhouse) to create at least a one-year trial bark park, complete with a pet-waste composter and compostable bags. The compost could then be made available for neighborhood use, or perhaps in our public gardens.

Idea contributor is not a dog owner but is keenly aware that Clifton has many dogs living among us, many of whom live in apartments, and need a place to play. The current use of the plaza for the puppy pop-ups only underscores the need to better care for this population, and perhaps help reduce the problem of animal litter in our neighborhood tree lawns and private yards, or more broadly, our landfill.

[Composting Pet Waste - The Ultimate Pet Waste Disposal System](#)

8. Buy new / additional decorations for business district during holidays. Cost unknown, but Adam Balz could likely provide some input on replacement cost for the red bows/ribbons.

Community residents in attendance at the meeting voted by show of hands for these two projects to be funded by current City fiscal year NSP funds:

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Nominating Committee – Election Results

5 Trustees were elected: Peter Block, Joe Brunner, Brian Duffy, Malcolm Montgomery, and Peggy Spohr. They stood to be recognized. By laws modifications passed with more than a two third majority of the votes cast.

Holidays on Ludlow

Trustee Brad Hawse advised an update on the planning for this event. Will be held on Friday, Dec 7, 6-9pm. Volunteers will be needed to help Santa Claus, setup the event, and help manage the carriage rides.

Transportation & Public Safety

Committee member and Trustee Kevin Marsh reported that the Central Parkway Protected Bike Lane was not funded in the most recent OKI Transportation Alternative Grants process. This latest process was much more competitive than recent events. The bike lane project missed by 5 points. Marsh spoke with Cincinnati DOTE staff who advised they can increase the score of the project by addressing some issues, and then will resubmit in February. It is unclear at this time if any additional advocacy will be required with City Council.

A speed enforcement effort happened during 2nd half of October. Clifton had 17 speeding tickets written from this event. 620 speeding tickets were written in the various targeted areas.

The Committee has arranged a meeting with Cincinnati DOTE staff on the morning of Friday, Dec 14 at 10am to discuss various active projects as well as orient the new department director on our CTM related concerns.

Education Committee

Chairperson Vince Metzger advised that Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) is ready to select the Principal for the new public elementary school moving into 3711 Clifton Avenue in Fall 2019. Therefore, they are forming an interim Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC). Metzger introduced Lauren Worley, Chief Engagement Officer of CPS

Worley provided some additional information on the composition of the LSDMC. There are 3 parents, 3 teachers, 2 non-teacher staff, 3 community members, plus one lead agency representative.

Metzger moved that Gina Marsh be selected as the Clifton community representative for the LSDMC. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Buddy Goose reported on CTM Balance Sheet. CTM has total assets/reserves of \$86,456.03 with no outstanding liabilities which includes \$78,456.03 in cash equivalents and \$8,000 in Clifton Market loan plus 1 share.

Discussion: None. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report passed. It is included in the minutes at the end.

Meeting minutes of Oct and Nov were all approved as submitted.

Trustee Announcements

- Montgomery – the lights on the Clifton Plaza are on track to be installed by Holidays on Ludlow.
- Hawse – Working with Urban Conservator to identify contributing buildings to our community. We expect this to take a few months, but we believe it would good to identify buildings that should require more scrutiny if modifications are intended.
- Urbas – Thank you to the volunteers to hung the decorations on Ludlow Avenue in late November.
- Balz -- In the words of Bilbo Baggins, I don't know half of you as much as I should like, and I like less than half of you half as well as you deserve.

Motion to adjourn at 2104h passed. The next scheduled CTM meeting is at 7 p.m., Monday January 7, 2019 at the Clifton Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Marsh, CTM Secretary.

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BALANCE SHEET

As of November 30, 2018

	NOV 2018		
	CURRENT	AS OF OCT 31, 2018 (PP)	% CHANGE
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
Cash on Hand	300.00	300.00	0.00 %
Cert of Deposit 33	14,219.26	14,166.06	0.38 %
Cert of Deposit 91	38,691.30	38,691.30	0.00 %
Checking	18,182.48	27,768.69	-34.52 %
CANS PTO	2,656.81	649.75	308.90 %
Total Checking	20,839.29	28,418.44	-26.67 %
PayPal Bank	122.12	56.52	116.07 %
Prepaid Postage	120.06	80.01	50.06 %
Total Bank Accounts	\$74,292.03	\$81,712.33	-9.08 %
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	4,164.00	50.00	8,228.00 %
Total Other Current Assets	\$12,164.00	\$8,050.00	51.11 %
Total Current Assets	\$86,456.03	\$89,762.33	-3.68 %
TOTAL ASSETS	\$86,456.03	\$89,762.33	-3.68 %
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	-11,533.82	-11,533.82	0.00 %
Net Revenue	22,075.08	25,381.38	-13.03 %
Total Equity	\$86,456.03	\$89,762.33	-3.68 %
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$86,456.03	\$89,762.33	-3.68 %