



## Meeting Agenda, online Google Meet: August 3, 7:00 p.m.

A link to the meeting is sent via email and posted on the CTM website prior to the meeting.

Time	Topic	Topic Lead	Scope of Discussion
7:00 / 1 min	Welcome to the Google Meet electronic meeting, advice for participation	Brunner	Trustees
7:01 / 1 min	Approve prior month's meeting minutes	Brunner	Trustees
7:02 / 5 min	Treasurer's Report	G. Checco	Trustees/Community
7:07 / 15 min	Burnet Woods Post Office hours reduction (M – F 9am – 1 pm) beginning August 22. (Current hours are M-F 8:30am – 1pm, 2 – 4 pm). Discussion and motion to communicate CTM's position on this change.	G. Checco	Trustees/Community
7:22 / 15 min	Public Safety / On Ludlow Avenue re: dangers at Plaza, Diggs Plaza and Telford. Relationship to homeless camps in Burnet Woods. Engagement with police and businesses. Litter and graffiti management is a job for everyone (Thanks, Hillary!)	Borders	Trustees/Community
7:37 / 5 min	Arts and Culture Committee / Ludlow Garage mural update; Grant from OAC; Recognition of CCF's gift of the Shakespeare bench. Motion of appreciation to all Telford area refresh volunteers.	Peter Block	Trustees/Community
7:42 / 20 min	Housing and Zoning / motion to adopt goals and objective; report and motion on signs replacement in business district; report and motion on neighborhood boundaries; 321 Resor Avenue demolition and development of 2 homes discussion on site 8/5/20 from 3-5 pm.	Montgomery	Trustees/Community
8:02 / 5 min	Governance Committee / motion for charge to the committee	Montgomery	Trustees/Community
8: 07 / 10 min	NBDIP update / CTM's application for gateway elements - how to improve this proposal? Add something that is traffic calming to remedy the speeding up Ludlow Avenue, especially the danger at Whitfield (speed bumps, narrowing lanes with boulevard hardscape, landscaping?)	Brunner	Trustees/Community

8:17 /20 min	KCB Clean and Safe Grant/ Aug 7 deadline, up to \$10K grants. Discussion about where to add 3 more benches with KCB grant already in hand. Suggestion for projects include extension of Plaza overhead lights out to Ludlow sidewalk (2 drawings) and temporary bike lanes on Clifton Avenue east side from Calhoun to Ludlow.	Brunner, Montgomery, Jeffreys	Trustees/Community
8:27 / 8 min	Trustee, Committee, Liaisons Announcements:  Pres. Brunner - CTM board communications list completion and update of online committee information to enable new members to participate and serve. New Google docs account/link to address etc for board members and how-to tutorial to come.	All Board and Liaisons	Trustees/Community
8:45 / 5 min	Community Questions/Concerns	Brunner	Community/Trustees
9:00	Adjournment	Brunner	Trustees/Community



## **CTM Minutes - Group: CTM Board Meeting**

By Jan Brown Checco, Secretary

**Date: August 3, 2020 7:00 pm**

Location: Online Google Meet electronic meeting, invitations and links were sent out prior to the meeting for all to connect and listen in.

**Present:** *Peter Block, Patrick Borders, Jan Brown Checco, Joe Brunner, Gerald Checco, Brian Duffy, Buddy Goose, Robert Hamberg, Chris Harding, Teresa Hoelle, Mark Jeffreys, Jennifer Krivickas, Malcolm Montgomery, Ioanna Paraskevopoulos*

**Absent:** *Rama Kasturi*. A quorum (14) is present, meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Brunner with statement of our mission. (U) below will represent a unanimous vote.

**Public Attendance:** Andrew Smith, Emily Schneider, Marianne Brunner, Tom Lohre, Gina Marsh, Kevin Marsh, Michael Elovitz, Jibril Thiaw, June Schlipf, Sean Mullaney, Tom Reese, +2 by phone

- I. Welcome to our Electronic Meeting on Google Meet** – Pres. Brunner. Advice for participation.
- II. July Meeting Minutes** (attached) – Patrick Borders moves to adopt, Mark Jeffreys seconds (U).
- III. Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Checco (report attached) Patrick Borders moves to adopt, Robert Hamberg second (U)
- IV. Burnet Woods Post Office hours reduction/** Treasurer Checco: It has been announced that hours at our local post office are to be reduced to M-F 9 am – 1 pm, as of August 22. (Current hours are

M-F 8:30 am – 1 pm, 2-4 pm.) 15 other branches in the region are also reported to soon have their hours reduced. The critical early morning and afternoon closing hours are being eliminated. Such change is anticipated to be damaging to our business district. He suggests a letter be sent to our federal legislators and to the Cincinnati Postmaster to protest this change. Peter Block shared that Louise Bettman is organizing a protest, and that she can be reached at 513 978 6027. Kevin Marsh suggests that we request a meeting with the Postmaster to gather data and to request that the hours remain as they are at present. Ioanna Paraskevopoulos will use our social media accounts to inform the community of our response to this proposed change, and Treasurer Checco will draft the letter (see attached) and send to the Board for review. CBA and CCF will be invited to join as signatories of this letter. Motion to communicate CTM's position and vote (U)

- V. Public Safety/On Ludlow Avenue re: dangers at Plaza, Diggs Plaza and Telford** – Patrick Borders. The relationship of homeless camps in Burnet Woods to our business district, and our engagement with police and businesses. Merchants, visitors and Plaza attendant Hillary Williams have been impacted by erratic behavior and threats of violence this past month. An ad hoc group including members from CTM, CBA, CCF, and Stewards of Burnet Woods has been meeting weekly to discuss this and to engage with the Park Board and police. Chris Harding will join this group and anyone interested is welcome to attend weekly meetings scheduled every Saturday at noon at the Burnet Woods Bandstand. Treas. Checco's conversations with other neighborhood councils show that the same problems (drug sales and use, prostitution and fist fights) are also happening in CUF and Roselawn. Some of this might be happening because of local prisons' releasing low level offenders to reduce their populations during the COVID period. Ioanna Paraskevopoulos suggests that we ask for help from Cincinnati agencies like St. Vincent DePaul, Strategies to End Homelessness/Kevin Finn (for permanent housing) and Maslow's Army. Chris Harding asked which stake holders are reliant on Burnet Woods where homeless individuals

are camping? What are the best resources to help these individuals? Secy. Checco shared that Krystn Metzger, a professional social worker, has provided us with a long list of services including shelters, medical attention for drug addicts and the mentally ill, and these lists have been printed and posted in three locations around the business district since mid-June (attachment). What besides these printed lists can be good tools to communicate help to those in need? What impact is COVID having on the available space in shelters? Buddy Goose wants to make sure that our business district is not a scene of violence, and wants meetings to result in action, not just a report. Who can offer a regular presence on the street to maintain order? Social workers, the police? Patrick Borders says that CBA would be happy to pay for professional services to communicate with troubled individuals. He spoke to the employees at Clifton Barbers about an aggressive incident during which their concealed carry weapons were presented on the Plaza. Borders said the police did come when called about this aggression, and they spoke to one of the 2 knife fighters who had remained on the Plaza. The police offered the man 3 solutions, but he refused all of them. Patrick Borders said that District 5 is meeting with Parks administrators this week, and Capt. Gregoire is supposed to check in with local business owners to gather info about their experiences. Gina Marsh offers to invite social service professionals to any meeting convened. Is there CARES money to help with this problem? Patrick Borders suggests that the group currently meeting is a good one because it's a coalition of neighborhood groups. Chris Harding would like to bring some experts into the discussion to help us set some objectives. Treas. Checco, Patrick Borders/CBA VP, Mark Jeffreys, Chris Harding, officers of CCF and also from Stewards of Burnet Woods will continue to meet every Saturday to work on solutions to this problem. Buddy Goose asks that this group not be obligated to ask the Board for approval of plans and thinks they should act as a community coalition. Malcolm Montgomery wants to know what we are empowering the ad hoc group to do and Teresa Hoelle suggests that they share their information with the wider

community through our social media. Brian Duffy suggests that the police have to be involved, as they are the ones capable of action and Ioanna Paraskevopoulos suggests that we invite the police to come back to our CTM meetings so that we can discuss the problem with them as community. Pres. Brunner said he has extended invitations and will do so again. Teresa Hoelle believes that this problem will escalate as COVID impact continues. Secy. Checco suggests we all need to be regularly present in the business district as a counterbalance to negative activity. Motion statement by Pres. Brunner for a vote: *“CTM finds that the increase in the homeless population and other factors present issues to the safety and wellbeing of Clifton’s public spaces, including the business district, Plaza and parks. CTM designates Chris Harding, Gerald Checco, Patrick Borders and Mark Jeffreys as Trustees authorized to represent CTM’s interests in discussions with other neighborhood groups, social workers, and city officials. CTM adopts this motion out of concern with those experiencing homelessness and others, as well as for the safety and wellbeing of the residents and visitors to Clifton. CTM is committed to finding compassionate and humane solutions to these difficult issues. These individuals are authorized to:*

- 1. Convene and participate in meetings, with all interested community members and other interested parties to discuss and propose solutions and to represent CTM’s interests.*
- 2. Offer CTM’s support in finding and executing solutions to these issues.*
- 3. Make periodic reports to CTM and the community regarding the status of these efforts.”* Seconded by Chris Harding (U)

**VI. Arts and Culture Committee: Ludlow Garage Murals installation, Off Ludlow Gallery** – Sean Mullaney. Two murals are up, Judy Collins to be installed next. He will rent a lift for the rest. \$1K Grant from OAC to be applied to a Hookah Bar alley wall project, with a plan to be developed. CCF’s gift of the Shakespeare Bench to community will be maintained by CBA. Appreciation to all who helped with Telford seating area refresh. Off Ludlow Gallery is

having an Ursula Roma art show in the windows, Kevin Harris is up next. Reopening plans may begin with the FotoFocus Janie Stevens show.

**VII. Housing and Zoning – Malcolm Montgomery.** **1.** Reports that his visit to Avondale Community Council about shared boundaries proved to be positive. Motion by Malcolm Montgomery to accept adoption of **H&Z Committee goals and objectives** (resolution attached), seconded by Patrick Borders (U).

**2. Report and motion on Neighborhood Boundaries:** The City's map is wrong for Clifton's boundaries, and we want the City to correct it. Move and second to adopt this request. (U)

**3. Report and motion on signage at "Taylor Jameson Advanced Academy at Head First Salon"** at 329 Ludlow, rear entrance. It is recognized that the business district needs an aesthetic standard that building owners and businesses are asked to respect. Graphic for the sign was shared (attached). Peter Block thinks we should have a say about the look of signs but Jennifer Krivikas doesn't think design aesthetics are part of CTM's charge. Kevin Marsh points out that we do have an **Urban Overlay District** mandate that has already been accepted by CTM. Motion by Pres. Brunner to accept the variance, Malcolm Montgomery seconded: *"CTM has no objection to the requested variance because of the unique situation presented by the facts as described in the City Staff Report, including the fact that the business has no frontage on Ludlow Avenue."* Vote (U)

**4. Improved Signage Standards in the Business District /** Malcolm Montgomery moves that: *"CTM Housing & Zoning and Business Committees collaborate to seek ways to improve the look and feel of signage in the business district."* (U)

**5. Information to be shared about 321 Resor Avenue:** Demolition and subsequent development of 2 homes is planned (attached info sheet). The developer will have a discussion on site 8/5/2020 from 3-5 pm, which will be publicized in our social media.

**VIII. Governance Committee / Malcolm Montgomery.** Motion for charge to the committee (deferred to next meeting.)

- IX. NBDIP Applications update** / Pres. Brunner. We will resubmit CTM's application for Clifton gateway elements. Discussion about how to improve this proposal (submitted in the past, but not chosen.) Consider adding suggestion of traffic calming features to remedy the eastbound speeding up Ludlow Avenue, especially the danger at Whitfield Avenue, possibly with speed bumps, narrowing of lanes with boulevard hardscape and/or landscaping.
- X. KCB Clean and Safe Grant Application** / August 7 deadline, offering up to \$10K: Pres. Brunner, Treas. Checco, Malcolm Montgomery. Discussion about where to add 3 more benches for which we already have received approval of \$6K from a previous successful KCB grant application. Possible placement for the new benches could be addition of one at a bus stop on Jefferson at Diggs Plaza, and one at a bus stop on Clifton near Bruggers. John Osterman is planning to refurbish the 3 old removed benches, possibly yielding 3 more benches to place. Suggestions for other new projects: Secy. Checco would like to see improvements and repairs for the electric and water operations on the Plaza. Malcolm Montgomery says that the overhead and lower outlets are already separated, and John Osterman is working on a lock to be installed on the faucet. Patrick Borders says CBA will get all electric and water into a good operation. Malcolm Montgomery proposes another grant application project - "Lights Out to Ludlow" - an extension of Clifton Plaza overhead lights out to the Ludlow sidewalk (presentation with 2 drawings attached). Teresa Hoelle suggests that any electric and water repair work and all volunteer hours for this project be part of Clifton's matching funds on the application. Vote on submitting the "Lights Out to Ludlow" – Passes (13 yes), approved by all but one board member.
- XI. Trustee, Committee, Liaisons Announcements** – Pres. Brunner (deferred to next meeting, see reports in memo attached.)



**XII. Community Questions/Concerns** – We'll need to have a second August meeting, watch for a date for this. Topics will be designation of members to the Nominating Committee, a Housing and Zoning presentation about a requested variance, a presentation by Mark Jeffreys for a temporary bike lane on Clifton between Calhoun and Ludlow, completion of the CTM Board communications and committee members lists.

**XIII. Motion to adjourn by all, seconded by everyone (U)**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Brown Checco, Secretary

**Attachments:**

August 2020 Agenda  
July 2020 Minutes as approved  
Treasurer's Report for August 2020  
Post Office Hours Reduction announcement flier  
Post Office letter from CTM, CBA and CCF  
CTM Committees Reports  
List of Resources for Homeless Relief  
Housing and Zoning Mission  
Housing and Zoning – Boundaries Correction at City  
Housing and Zoning signage for Taylor Jameson business document  
321 Resor Ave Development info session  
KCB Grant Proposal - Clifton Plaza Lighting Extensions drawings (2)  
Clifton Branch Library Update



**CTM Minutes - Group: CTM Board Meeting**

By Jan Brown Checco, Secretary

**Date: July 7, 2020 7:00 pm**

Location: Online Google Meet electronic meeting, invitations and links were sent out prior to the meeting for all to connect and listen in.

**Present:** *Peter Block, Pat Borders, Jan Brown Checco, Joe Brunner, Gerald Checco, Brian Duffy, Buddy Goose, Robert Hamberg, Mark Jeffreys, Rama Kasturi, Malcolm Montgomery, Ioanna Paraskevopoulos,*

**Absent:** *Jennifer Krivickas.* A quorum (12) is present, meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Brunner with statement of our mission. (U) below will represent a unanimous vote.

**Public Attendance** (20) Florence Parker, Chris Harding, Bob Driehaus, Joele Newman, Teresa Hoelle, Emily Schneider, Andrew Smith, Christopher Eagen, Ruth Ann Bumiller, Mike Schnur, Chip Montrose, Lisa Hamrisk, Margy Waller, Sean Mullany, Justin Olgiby plus 5 phone numbers)

- I. Welcome to our Electronic Meeting on Google Meet** – Pres. Brunner. Advice for participation.
- II. June Meeting Minutes** – Malcolm Montgomery moves to adopt, Robert Hamberg seconds (U).
- III. Two Open Seats on CTM Board** – Pres. Brunner. Introduction of Nominees Bob Driehaus, Chris Harding, Teresa Hoelle. Election by the CTM sitting Board by texted votes to Pres. Brunner following the candidates' presentations (resumes are attached.) Vote results: Chris Harding and Teresa Hoelle are new members.
- IV. Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Checco. Report attached includes projection of the changes brought to our budget by the COVID 19 closings and cancellations. If we postpone the Clifton House Tour until 2022, he doesn't see a problem for us financially. Move to approve the report: Patrick Borders, second Robert Hamberg (U)
- V. Clifton House Tour Planning** – Patrick Borders. Suggests the 2021 event be moved to 2022, based on hesitant feedback from potential participating home owners, shuttle bus companies, and our advertisers who have been hit hard by the weakened economy. Gerald Checco suggests that we vote on the decision to postpone to 2022. Malcolm Montgomery agrees that deciding

tonight will allow us to plan for the future with a backup plan. Mark Jeffreys asks if we want to discuss the concept of added programming (a garden tour?) Pres. Brunner suggests the best future dates might not be on Mother's Day, but rather we try to choose a date that is safest. Gerald Checco moves that we postpone, Patrick Borders seconds. (U)

- VI. **Spring Cleanup Blitz, Food Court, Telford Refresh** – G. Checco. Passes his time to other presenters.
- VII. **Arts and Culture Committee: Ludlow Garage Murals installation, Off Ludlow Gallery** – Peter Block and Sean Mullaney. Two murals are up, others will continue to be installed when heat breaks. Gallery's future opening will be announced.
- VIII. **Nominating Committee Update** – Rama Kasturi. **Proposed for discussion:** "Our Objective: Build a CTM Board of Trustees that represents the diversity of Clifton including ethnic, racial, gender, sexual orientation, religious, profession (salaried/hourly), community of origin (lifelong Cliftonites/new to Cincinnati and/or Clifton), etc. so we ensure our decisions are informed by diverse perspectives." Trustees will be asked to help arrive at the objective of viewpoint diversity for members of the Board. A document with Clifton's demographics were shared by Pres. Brunner (attached.) Some ways to reach prospective Board candidates with general information include posting fliers that provide 1) basics about CTM, 2) Board leadership service opportunities, and 3) election procedures. These could be posted throughout the business district and possibly in Gaslight Property building lobbies. Pres. Brunner moved to accept the statement of objectives; seconded by Patrick Borders. Discussion: Jan Checco suggests use of the Chronicle to attract new members and to pitch service opportunities for prospective CTM Board members including a summary of the existing committees, events and projects. Rama Kasturi will create an article for the fall publication of the Chronicle. Robert Hamberg and Pres. Brunner would like find reasons for membership boosts that don't involve votes on contested issues. Peter Blocks suggests an opportunity to bring the opinions of our African American neighbors with questions like the proposed development of a property on Vine and Juergens Avenue. Ioanna Paraskevopoulos suggests that there be more membership/community votes introduced to Board discussions. Vote to accept the objectives as stated above: (U)
- IX. **Clifton Library Update** – Lisa Hamrick (report attached) COVID resurgence has caused a pull back, and the Clifton branch now only offers drive thru, curbside and locker pick ups. Faxing for customers can be facilitated, and the library can help with printing out documents. When they reopen, there will be services on the first floor only, and grab-and-go will be encouraged. A greeter will offer masks (required for staff and visitors) and hand sanitizer. 12 customers will be capacity, based on the dynamics of the building. Returned items are being quarantined for 4 days. They did have a positive COVID test result for one staff member, which was contact traced, and it

seemed that no one had been affected. The library closed and deep cleaning followed. Ioanna asked if printing services are available to help with printing of absentee election ballots in the fall (Yes.) The library can also help register people to vote.

- X. **Equitable Development Rubric/Peaslee Neighborhood Center's Joele Newman; Action Tank Toolkit** – Ioanna Paraskevopoulos. Joele Newman talked about public/private partnerships in developments in OTR, and their impact on affordable housing and community anchors. The policy framework is intended to help neighbors – both organizations and individuals - to develop projects in an equitable environment. Documents are available at [peasleecenter.org/rubric](http://peasleecenter.org/rubric). The ultimate goal will be to have the City embrace this as public policy. The rubric's intention is to engage community councils for response to any development plans, and to help build coalitions. Ioanna Paraskevopoulos and Margy Waller introduced their project Action Tank and its Community Benefits contracts, designed to be used to leverage exchanges when development projects receive public funds (document attached). This was developed in partnership with Policy Link and WavePool, and will be released digitally. [www.actiontankusa.org](http://www.actiontankusa.org) Malcolm Montgomery asked how binding the contracts would be; Margy Waller suggested that having an attorney is preferable, but so far there have not been challenges. Peter asked if they feel the Innovation Corridor project at MLK has engaged sufficiently with the neighborhoods; Ioanna replied yes, that there has been a lot of engagement. Margy Waller suggested that community representatives need to know and strongly represent the desires of the community.
- XI. **Housing and Zoning – Malcolm Montgomery.** The 6 objectives of the committee include notification from the city in a timely manner about things near our boundaries. Cristo del Rey has asked for permission to rework their parking lot, and since neighbors like it, so does the committee. The Juergens/Vine property plan for a new barbershop seems to receive approval. Brian Duffy (living on Greendale) says there is concern about potential for a blind turn on to Vine Street if parking is allowed near the shop. Malcolm Montgomery proposes that we vote with the condition that, if something changes in the course of the filings and hearings about these projects, we can withdraw our “No Objection.” Malcolm Montgomery moves that we vote on the two proposals (texts attached), seconded Patrick Borders: Barbershop at Vine Street/Juergens (U), Cristo del Rey/Clifton Hills (U). The property on Vine Street is on a shared boundary with Avondale, so Malcolm would like to check in with Avondale Community Council to let them know about something happening on our shared boundary.
- XII. **Traffic and Public Safety: Ludlow Avenue Road Diet, ODOT report and next steps** – Mark Jeffreys. Two years ago, Clifton submitted 3 locations in need of better pedestrian, cyclist and motorist safety. The DOTE study was accepted by CTM a year ago. Problematic crossings are at Ludlow and Morrison, at

Clifton Hills Ave. and at Whitfield and Ludlow. Also of concern are the extension of bike lanes and insurance of safe public transportation. Our traffic has decreased 60% in the past few years. The report suggests a timeline (see attached). Mark Jeffreys moves to vote and Peter Block seconds that we agree with the report's objectives. (U)

- XIII. Trustee, Committee, Liaisons Announcements** – CBA invites everyone to please meet Hillary Williams as she hosts at the Plaza and tidies up on the sidewalks. Jan Checco mentioned the spots now open on our Committee chairs positions. Brian Duffy suggested that Stephanie Gilbreath might be interested in joining the Chronicle committee, he will reach out to her, and Bob Driehaus offers to help there, too. A reminder was made of the July 31 deadline for editorial content. Buddy Goose said that Cliftonfest might do a small chalkart project in front on businesses this summer. Rama Kasturi praised Stewards of Burnet Woods for providing the new benches and tables at Burnet Woods, and she will solicit texts and photos for the fall Chronicle with Brian Duffy's support. Mark Jeffreys reminded everyone about the changed traffic pattern in Burnet Woods, noting that the community is invited to provide feedback about these changes. Malcolm Montgomery thanks John Osterman for his maintenance help on the Plaza, and also for management of the Shakespeare Bench coming soon to the Telford seating area. Pres. Brunner suggested that we renew our NBDIP applications for CTM projects for city grants by July 10. Malcolm Montgomery suggested discussion about reorienting from a earlier streetart proposal to direct support to CCAC development. Pres. Brunner asked for investigation about feasibility, and Malcolm Montgomery will undertake. Given the short timeline for resubmittal, he asks if the Executive Committee could decide about a shift of the application to CCAC if that organization would be interested in this. Pres. Brunner clarified that NBDIP money is offered for beautification projects including property acquisition and capital improvements. The vote on the question that the Executive Committee can act, if it's feasible and desired by CCAC, to shift the application for NBDIP grant money to benefit CCAC construction: (9 for, 5 abstentions - the motion passes.)

- XIV. Community Questions/Concerns** – none this month

- XV. Motion to adjourn by all, seconded by everyone (U)**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Brown Checco, Secretary

**Attachments:**

July 2020 Agenda

June 2020 Minutes as approved

Treasurer's Report for July 2020

Update from Clifton Branch Library



July 17, 2020

Dear Postal Customer:

The Postal Service is constantly striving to provide the most convenient and efficient level of service to our customers. To that end, periodic reviews are conducted to determine the appropriate hours to meet the changing postal needs of our customers.

Therefore, please be advised that effective August 22, 2020, the **Window** service hours at the **Burnett Woods Finance Office** will be Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

For ultimate convenience, we invite you to take advantage of our website at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) for expedience in ordering stamps, and many of our other products and services online. Our Click-N-Ship services as well as Direct Mail and Net Post are available to save your business time and money. In addition, Stamps by Phone are available by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.

Thank you for choosing the United States Postal Service for your mailing needs. We appreciate your business and the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

Jason Hedges  
A/Manager  
Corryville Post Office  
(513) 751-2880

*consumer affairs*  
513-684-5794





The Neighborhood Community Organizations of Clifton  
Clifton Town Meeting, Clifton Business Association and Clifton Community Fund  
PO Box 20042 Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

August 4, 2020

Senator Sherrod Brown  
Senator Rob Portman  
Representative Steve Chabot, OH1

Subject: Announced change in operating hours of our local Post Office

Dear Senator Brown, Senator Portman and Representative Chabot;

We are writing to you to express our collective distress about announced changes coming to our local post office branch. There has been a lack of transparency surrounding these changes which we have been told will impact 15 Cincinnati branches. No official at-large communication on the subject has been provided to citizens, but we do know that our local post office in Clifton (Burnet Wood Station) is targeted for reduced its hours (from the current 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, to a projected 9:00 am to 1:00 pm) starting on August 22. This reduction of business hours would be inconvenient and problematic for our residents and businesses in this dynamic walkable community, and as a result diminish the number of post office customers. This in turn could lead to an assumption that we do not really need our post office and the amount of mail coming out of Clifton is insignificant.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Our business district and post office have suffered the same COVID19 pandemic struggles as everyone. Nonetheless an enormous amount of volunteer and community support has ensured our neighborhood's survival which depends on many factors, not the least of which includes a fully operating post office. This branch is an essential service for the upcoming national election because many of our residents are college students without vehicles and senior citizens who have limited mobility. Our conveniently walkable Post Office location gives over 8000 Clifton residents the ability to perform their civic duties in a safe, accessible manner, thus protecting the legitimacy of their votes. Many will choose to or in fact be obligated to vote by mail.

Help us to preserve the stability of our neighborhood. We urge you to not implement the announced changes.

Respectfully,  
Clifton Town Meeting Board,  
Clifton Business Association, and  
Clifton Community Fund.



# NEED HELP? GET HELP!

## MEDICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE

### METHADONE CLINICS:

Crossroads-Cincinnati 513-475-5313

Decoach Rehabilitation care 513-942-4673

Exclusive Services - (Integrated healthcare Services) 513-827-9273

Indian Comprehensive Treatment Center (several locations in Indiana) 1-812-291-1376

Hope center (Linder Center) 513-536-0050

Pinnacle Treatment Services of Cincinnati - Clinics in Clifton 513-258-0318; Western Hills (Covedale) 513-827-9044  
and Premier Care of Ohio 513-671-7117

Project Cure-(Dayton) 937-262-3500

The Central Community Health Board – Cincinnati 513-559-2056

UCMC Addictions Sciences Division 513-585-3227 private pay only at this time

### Suboxone/Subutex Clinics:

Bethesda Alcohol and Drug Treatment (Tri-Health)-Cincinnati-513-569-6116/ Blue Ash

Brightview 513-834-7063-Locations in Fairfield, Colerain, near Clifton; Utilizes Vivitrol, Subutex and Suboxone

Center for Chemical Addictions (CAT) 513-381-6672

Chrysalis House(Women and babies-Lexington, KY) 859-977-2501

Crossroads 513-475-5313

Decoach Rehabilitation care 513-942-4673

Fairbanks (Indiana) 1-800-225-4673 (some medication assistance

Gateways Recovery 513-861-0035 Oakley location/Western Hills 513-684-7977; Utilizes Suboxone, Vivitrol

Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services 354-5200 (Clermont recovery Services-Clermont County) 513-735-8100

Hope Center (Linder Center) 513-536-0050 (some medication assistance and detox)

Indian Comprehensive Treatment Center (several locations in Indiana) 1-812-291-1376

Individual care center Inc-513-774-9444 Utilizes Suboxone, Antabuse, Vivitrol, Campral, Subutex

Modern Psychiatry and Wellness 513-868-0055

Pinnacle Treatment Services of Cincinnati – Clinic Clifton area 513-258-0318; Western Hills (Covedale) 513-827-9044

Premier Care of Ohio 513-671-7117

**Prime Health Group** 513-543-6600 Utilizes Subutex, Suboxone, Zubsolv, Bunavail

**Project Cure - (Dayton)** 937-262-3500 Utilizes Subutex, Suboxone and Vivitrol

**Statieline Treatment Services-Harrison** 513-367-4444/**Hamilton** 513-738-7600/**Dayton** 1-937-262-4521

**Stepworks - (KY)** 1-800-545-9031

**Sojourner Recovery Services** 513-868-7654

**Southern Ohio Recovery Group** 513-522-7246

**Sunrise Treatment Center** 513-941-4999 Westside, Forest Park, Middletown, Dayton, Milford; utilizes Suboxone and Vivitrol

**The Health Experience** 513-616-8774- Utilizes Sunutex, Suboxone, Vivitrol

**UCMC Addictions Sciences Division** 513-585-3227(does accept some insurances)

**UMADOP of Cincinnati (Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach)** 513-541-7099 (some medication assistance)

**Woodhaven (Dayton)** 1-800-788-0440/1-937-813-1737

**Drug and Alcohol Resources**

### **INPATIENT TREATMENT W/ DETOX – may provide transportation**

**Access Hospital** 937-256-7801 Dayton, Medicaid & Medicare

**ARC (Adams Recovery Center)** 513-575-0968 Loveland & Richmond, Medicaid

**Becket Springs** 942-9500 West Chester, Private Insurance & Medicare

**Cambridge** 740-432-4906 Cambridge, OH Private insurance, Medicare

**CCAT House:** 381-6672 West End (Male and Female) No insurance required if Hamilton County Resident

**Engagement Center** (opioid only) Corryville 338-8738 – may require admission from ER- no ins required

**Ethan Crossing Recovery Center** Springfield, OH 937-912-6068 Medicaid, private, Medicare

**Genesis Recovery** (Men Only) Fairfield 513-869-0046 Medicaid

**Hotel California** 513-268-1073 Private insurance only

**Lumiere,** West Chester 513-909-2225 private, medicare

**Ridgeview** 844-203-7307 Middle Pointe OH Private Insurance

**Sojourner Recovery** 513-868-7654 (butler county resident only) no ins required

**St. Elizabeth Medical Center** 859-572-3500 all insurance

**Sun Behavioral** 859-429-5188 Erlanger KY, Medicaid (OH & KY) & private & Medicare

**The Woods at Parkside.** Columbus 614-471-5082 Private insurance

**Veteran's Administration Medical Center** – Cincinnati 513-475-6353 connected vets only

**Woodhaven-Dayton,** OH 1-937-813-1737 Medicaid

# NEED HELP? GET HELP!

## **HALFWAY HOUSES OR PROGRAMS • MUST DETOX FIRST**

Brighton Recovery Center- (women only) 859-282-9390 Newport KY  
Catholic Worker House – Halfway House downtown (Men Only)-513-381-4941  
Charlie ¾ House -513-784-1853 (men only) Mt. Auburn, HALFWAY HOUSE  
City Gospel Mission Exodus Program: (men only) 513-345-1094 No Insurance required  
Crossroads (women only) Corryville 513-475-5313, Medicaid  
Darlene Bishop Home for Life (women only) Lebanon, OH 513-423-5433  
First Step Home – (Women only) 513-961-4663  
Gateway HALFWAY HOUSE Mt Auburn, 513-421-9333  
Off the Streets – Cincinnati (Women only, trafficking) 513-378-2534  
Grateful Life Center for Men 859-359-4500  
Individual Care center Inc 513-774-9444  
Jimmy Health House 513-381-1171  
New Foundations 513-813-2787  
Oxford House Greenup 859-581-3005  
Prospect House 513-921-1613  
Recovery Hotel 513-455-5046  
Salvation Army 513-351-3467 (Men Only)  
Serenity House 513-921-1986  
Sober Living Inc 513-681-0324  
The Wilson House (men only) 513-371-9212

## **OUTPATIENT TREATMENT**

Addiction Services Council 513-281-7880/859-415-9280  
Alcoholics Anonymous 513-351-0422  
Narcotics Anonymous 513-820-2947  
Recovery Health Access Center (RHAC)-513-281-7422  
UC Addictions Sciences 513-585-8220

## **Mission of the Housing and Zoning Committee – August 3, 2020**

**The Mission of the Housing and Zoning Committee is to provide major support for the main purpose of CTM as put forth in Article II of the Bylaws (format modified for clarity, with relevant passages in blue):**

### **ARTICLE II. OBJECT**

**CTM is the residents' planning and policy organization for the community. The object of CTM is to preserve and develop the community of Clifton.**

The founders of this organization recognize that Clifton is one of Cincinnati's first suburbs and has a traditional charm; and that the unique character of Clifton should not be left to chance. On the contrary, its growth and development should be guided by actively interested residents.

CTM will concern itself with zoning regulations, housing code enforcement, traffic patterns, shopping, school and recreational facilities, attractive appearance, and other measures designed to preserve and upgrade the area known as Clifton.

To achieve these objectives CTM will:

- 1) encourage and provide informed communication between the varied interests within the community and between the community and all departments of the City government;
- 2) provide effective procedures for the identification, deliberation and resolution of problems and issues; and
- 3) implement projects and services in accordance with the adopted plans and goals of the community of Clifton....

**To support CTM's mission, the Housing and Zoning Committee will:**

- 1 Assist the Board in understanding the critical role of housing and zoning regulations in preserving, growing, and developing the community of Clifton, including their effect on "traffic patterns, shopping, school and recreational facilities, attractive appearance, and other measures designed to preserve and upgrade the area known as Clifton."
- 2 Establish and maintain lines of communication with departments of the City government on behalf of CTM and encourage and provide informed communication with the varied interests within the community.
- 3 Aid implementation of the projects and services in accordance with the adopted plans and goals of the community of Clifton.

- 4 Lead in community planning and policy making with regard to housing and zoning matters such as land use, development practices, and the "look and feel" of the neighborhood, i.e., a traditional charm and the unique character of Clifton.

**Housing and Zoning Committee**  
**For consideration by BOT 8-3-20**

**Motion Requesting City to Correct Map of Clifton Boundaries and Engage CTM**

Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) asks the City to correct its descriptions and maps of neighborhood boundaries to match those in CTM Bylaws, and to ensure that all City departments and the Planning and Parks Commissions are made aware of the need to engage CTM in planning, decision-making, and communications affecting the residents, businesses, and institutions of Clifton. This request is made in accord with *Plan Cincinnati's Big Idea to Strengthen Community Organizations* and its *Goal to Collaborate with Community Organizations*.

**Attachment -- Clifton Town Meeting Bylaws boundary description:**

**ARTICLE III. JURISDICTION**

For the purposes of this organization, the term "Clifton" shall include the land encompassed within the following boundaries: A line running from the intersection of Vine Street and Ruther Ave., south on Ruther to Jefferson Ave., across Jefferson and south along the east lines of the properties fronting on the east side of Bishop St. to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, west on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to Central Parkway, north on Central Parkway to Ludlow Ave., northwest on Ludlow Ave. to Interstate Highway I-75, northeast on I-75 to west boundary of the Vine St. Hill Cemetery, south and east on the west and south boundaries of the Cemetery to Vine St., south on Vine to Ruther.

*The President is hereby requested to communicate the above without delay to these City officials:*

*Mayor*

*City Council*

*Planning Commission*

*Director of Planning*

*Director of Buildings and Inspections*

*Parks Commission*

*Director of Parks Administration*

58 1/2"

TAYLOR JAMESON

ADVANCED  
ACADEMY

513 541 3332

At

headfirst

SALON

IN REAR OF BUILDING

48"



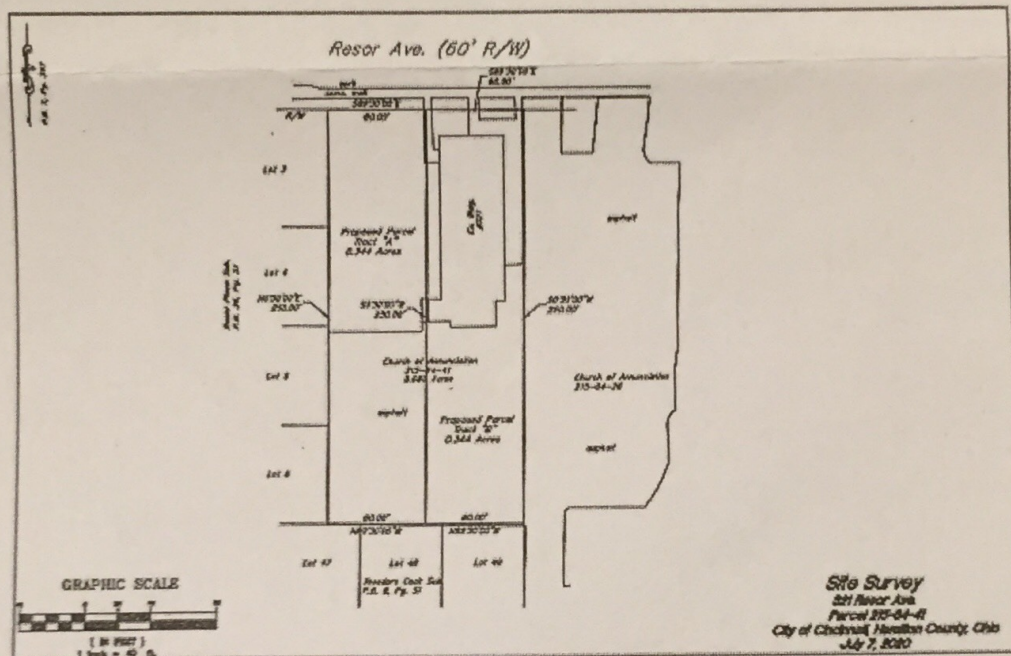


July 27, 2020

To the Adjoining Property Owners, Neighborhood Group Representatives expressing interest in this area and CTM Committee Members.

Grace Homes, LLC plans to submit a development proposal for a demolition and lot split for 321 Resor Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

*Project Description:* Demolition of existing structure and parcel split for new construction of two new single-family residential homes.



Upon recommendation with the procedures of City of Cincinnati Planning Commission, we are inviting you to discuss this proposal before the application is filed. This will be an informal meeting to give you the opportunity to review the proposed plan and discuss the proposal with the developer or his/her representative. This meeting will be held in addition to the established public meeting procedures of the Planning Commission.

The meeting to discuss this development proposal will be held **Wednesday August 5th between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. at 321 Resor Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45220**. Due to COVID-19 we are limiting the number of maximum attendees at one time to 10 people in 30-minute increments. Please comply with all safety standards, maintain social distancing and wear a mask while inside the facility.

At this meeting, the developer's representative will explain the proposal and then discuss any concerns you have. We encourage you to attend this meeting and to share your thoughts.



## Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Grant Proposal, Malcolm Montgomery - August 2020

This would be a great opportunity to complete the Plaza lights by bringing them all the way out to the sidewalk on Ludlow. That was the original intention but we didn't have enough bucks, necessitating split into two phases. The impact of phase 1 has been amazing in transforming the look and feel of the area in front of the stage, and the second phase will build on that by covering the plaza the rest of way to the sidewalk on Ludlow. This new section of lights would come on only when there's an event live on the Plaza - a signal that something exciting is happening. Unlike the existing lights, which are visible only when directly in front of the Plaza, the new ones would be noticed by people walking and driving by from one end of Ludlow to the other. KCB really liked this project and funded phase 1 (with help from KCB and Green City Ecostruction), so we have a track record of success. This should cost less than what we paid for Phase 1 because the infrastructure was planned for expansion. But since everything costs more than it should, figure ~\$6-10K.

The rendering below gives you an idea of the look of the finished phase 1+2. You can see where phase 1 stopped behind the trees.

CLIFTON PLAZA LIGHTS

CANOPY 2



CLIFTON PLAZA LIGHTS

CANOPY 2



## **Clifton Branch Library**

**8/3/2020**

### **Clifton Town Meeting Update**

#### **The Clifton Branch Library Reopened!**

- Occupancy has been set at 12 to allow for maximum air flow and social distancing
- Visits are limited to 1 hour
- All services take place in the Lobby and on the first floor
- There are 4 1-hour computers available and 1 15-minute Express Computer Station
- Masks are mandatory per the Governor's directive – if you don't have one, we have one for you!
- At this time, we cannot accommodate group visits or long stay customers
- Our porch IS open and wifi is available
- We sanitize high-touch areas frequently
- Faxing and Scanning are still free of charge
- Printouts from your computer session and photocopies are free up to 25 pages each day
- Fines will be removed when the items are returned – we quarantine all items for 4-days, but fines are removed after that 😊
- Accounts are not sent into collections at \$25.00, we raised the level to \$50.00 and it is only done if items are not returned and we have to bill someone for a replacement.

#### **Discover Summer**

Have you been reading this summer and are 18 and under?

- Come pick up an entry form and fill it out to receive a free UDF double dip cone or a free Frisch's Big Boy or Kids Meal
- Plus, filling out the form enters you into Discover Summer Prize Drawings

#### **A New Website and App are coming on August 18!**

- For more information, read our Blog post
  - <https://blog.cincinnati.org/Blog/library-website>

#### **Programs have gone Virtual**

- Because we can't meet in-person right now, the Library is trying a variety of Virtual Programs
- Mr. Eric is busy giving Virtual Storytimes for day cares in the area – No open storytimes yet!
- Our ESOL Conversation Group meets weekly on Zoom – register to receive an invite
- Our Friday Morning Book Club meets monthly on Zoom and all of the books are available on demand through our Hoopla App! – register to receive an invite