



**CTM Meeting Minutes
October 1, 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, Eric Urbas

Absent: none

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

Police Report

D5 Captain Doug Wiesman advised that Sgt Voelkerding has been promoted to Lieutenant and has transferred to District 4. Our new Sergeant is Denica Gilmer.

Denica.gilmer@cincinnati-oh.gov 513-569-8605 / cell 513-368-1346.

Crime is up 18% YTD. Violent crime is down 52% YTD. Burglary is up 148% YTD (89 in the past month) 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.

City hours for Halloween are 6-8pm.

Capt Wiesman recommended everyone look at the Cincy Insights crime reporting website to look at Clifton as well as other neighborhood crimes.

What should we do about the off ride motorcycles and 4 wheelers that are riding up Woolper and into the lawns of the schools? It's happening regularly every evening between 7-9pm. Will CPD pursue such motorcycles? Capt Wiesman requests we call 911 or the non-emergency line when it is observed. Vehicles are not pursued for traffic incidents, but they do use radios and other methods to track such vehicles down.

What about the BIRD scooters that are sidewalks? New City law is that they are not allowed on sidewalks, but CPD does not chase them down. CPD has been leaving notices on BIRDS reminding people about the new law.

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

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

This past Saturday was the practice ACT test and 15 teenagers showed up. This is a very successful turnout. They plan to hold more of these events in the future. Highlights for October:

Dr. Who Cupcake Decorating – for all ages. Sunday, Oct 7.

Oct 27 – Haunted Mansion Halloween Party with Mr. Eric – for young children.

Architectural Walks continue. Clifton Armchair tour on Oct 9, “Fraternity and Sorority Houses that are no longer standing.” Sat, Oct 20, “Avoiding Online Scams / How to secure your devices.”

They are holding a Sock / Hat / Glove drive in coordination with Coalition to End Homelessness.

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

Recreation Center

No report this month.

Online Rec Center Calendar is at

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

CCAC

No report this month.

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 they are working to gather ideas for programming on Clifton Plaza. They intend to send out a Request for Information from vendors.

Clifton Market

Tom Dwyer & Ed Skintik of the Clifton Market Board shared various updates.

Clifton Market will participate in CliftonFest in the form of a grill out.

Sales are still down. They have not ramped up like last year when the Univ of Cincinnati students returned. Cash is extremely tight, and this causes inability to buy more stock. They are working on cost savings projects. A small layoff occurred today. Marketing will be less, but not zero – it will be handled through some local Clifton volunteers. Total ideas implemented so far saves about \$20,000 per month.

The Board continues to look at selling the building. A commercial real estate broker has been engaged for this.

Dwyer is skeptical of the future, and he wants people to shop. They must shop for the market to succeed. Dwyer asked if CTM could share news about Clifton Market. K. Marsh asked the Clifton Market Board to provide content for whatever message they want to get out through CTM emails.

Montgomery shared an idea for everyone to buy a gift card for their next month's grocery purchases, and this would supply cash for the market to restock the shelves. Dwyer said this idea would require some negotiation with Laurel Foods – their main supplier.

Bylaws Committee

Chairperson Malcolm Montgomery advised that they are continuing to work on 3 Standing Rules to accompany the proposed Bylaws changes. All of these are expected to be ready for voting in November.

Montgomery noted an open question from the Sept meeting is how to make the membership vote happen in December – all 7 Bylaw changes as a package or as individual voting matters.

Montgomery moved to put all 7 changes as a package before the membership.

Goose asked what the other Trustee members of the Committee thought about voting on the 7 changes separately versus as a package.

Hawse – supportive

Balz – was originally not supportive and now is supportive.

K. Marsh – this is a risk assessment. There is no right answer. These changes are not interwoven or connected.

Motion passes.

Community Budget Requests

Treasurer Buddy Goose shared a presentation regarding the three Community Budget Requests that the Board voting upon in Sept for submission. This presentation is included at the end of the minutes as an addendum.

Goose made a motion to submit 3 ideas that were outlined in the presentation for submission as the Clifton Community Budget requests for the 2020 City Fiscal Year: Neighborhood plan, existing Gateways plan, and a Traffic Calming Plan for Ludlow Ave, Clifton Ave, and McAlpin Ave.

Motion passed.

NSP Final Report

Treasurer Buddy Goose shared the NSP Final Report for previously approved projects.

NSP Approved Projects	Total Approved Budget*	Year-to-Date Expenses	Balance
1. Insurance	\$552	\$602	\$(50)
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Overall we look okay, but individual components are over or under.

Trustee Urbas indicated we should be able to go back to middle of last year since the City fiscal year is what drives the process.

Goose advised that our process for selecting NSP projects has been historically focused on a December vote to select projects, and this puts us out of synch with City fiscal budget cycle which begins in July each year. We have to spend the NSP funds during the City fiscal year, not CTM's fiscal year which calendar year.

Goose requested everyone put together ideas for NSP projects.

Candidates Forum

Trustee Borders advised the Candidates Forum event will be held on Tues, Oct 16, 7-9pm at Clifton Rec Center. All candidates have been invited – at least 10 have advised they will attend, and more responses are expected. The event will also include non partisan presentations on ballot issues.

Street Naming Contest

President Celsor shared the input collected over the past few months on the Street Naming Contest.

Name and explanation
Doreen Quinn Way for the connector road. Doreen was a well-known activist for civic and human rights causes in Clifton and Cincinnati. Doreen was active in many civic organizations, and gave of her time and her much of her treasure to them. She lived on Evanswood Place in Clifton, and died in 2016.
"Castle." I have not always lived in Clifton. I have lived all around the city growing up. But one thing I know for sure is that there has always been a white castle restaurant on that corner, at least in my life. I feel by calling the street "Castle," it makes sense and gives a good indicator as to where the street is located, that street behind the white castle!
Bearcat Connector. No additional details provided.
Hopple Debacle. Significance: Honoring the absurd roadway design
Moat Street. Because it goes around the Castle...
Slider Curve. No additional details provided.
"Otto Warmbier Way" in honor of him and his parents, who are former Clifton property owners. Naming of this street for Otto would achieve worldwide publicity for Clifton and Cincinnati and help ease his parent's and the community's pain over his untimely death.
White Castle Express. A tribute to this long-standing landmark.
"Shortcut Way." Came to mind whereas a child growing up in Clifton always took the shortcuts!
Cenhopple. It's a connector street, this is just a made up word from the two streets that are connected.
Skipnajump. Just a fun loving suggestion!
Brandon Carl, the name of the man who died in the Hopple street bridge collapse. https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2015/01/19/bridge-collapse-75-south/22031429/
Hannaford Way. No additional details provided.
Miami Erie Way. This name would recognize the historical connection with the Miami Erie Canal which used to be where Central Parkway is.
McMicken Court. Part of the connector road used to be the end of McMicken Avenue until it was severed from the rest of the street.
Harriet Tubman Street. To honor the history of the underground railroad in Cincinnati. Alternatively, any name that honors this history I would support.
Lower Dixmyth Avenue. To remember when Dixmyth was a much longer street.
St Clair Ave. Before MLK there was St Clair Ave. In general St Clair was an important person

too.

“Slider Pass”
“Slider Way”
“Slider Drive”
“Slider Street”
“Slider Road”

When looking at the connector, not only does it look like a curvy “slide”, it sits behind White Castle which refers to its burger as a “slider”. This White Castle has been there forever and would be a nice tribute. There are NO roads called “Slider” in Hamilton County.

Gaslight Bend Road. This is a good name because it honors the fact that Clifton is "Cincinnati's Unique Gaslight Neighborhood" and the shape of the connector road is an arch or "bend". On a personal note, I grew up coming to Clifton on a weekly basis for dance classes, fell in love with the neighborhood and vowed to live here one day. Since I lived on North Bend Road as a child, I'm partial to Gaslight Bend for sentimental reasons as well.

K. Marsh advised that a resident asked via email if the road was even in Clifton neighborhood, and he reminded the Board that City DOTE asked us to suggest a name and the City Administration actually decides names of streets. He recommended we proceed with that in mind.

Suggestion from attendees: Levi Coffin – the conductor of the Underground Railroad. The suggester advised there is nothing that recognizes Mr. Coffin in Cincinnati.

From the various discussion Doreen Quinn Way was a highly valued name. Discussion also included concerns that naming a street after a deceased person would need to be reviewed with that person’s family/relatives. We assumed City DOTE would take such actions.

After the various discussions, Celsor moved that CTM submit three suggestions to City DOTE towards their request in order of priority:

1. Doreen Quinn Way
2. Brandon Way
3. Levi Coffin Way

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.

Holidays on Ludlow

Trustee Brad Hawse advised an update on the planning for this event.

Will be held on Dec 7, 6-9pm.

Carriage rides are hired. There will be music. Story read by Mr. Eric.

Will activate Clifton Plaza.

Seeking a place for a holiday pop up shop.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Buddy Goose reported on monthly results from September. There was no income. The \$14,500 pass through income from August for the restricted grant regarding the NBDIP Façade Improvement Program did flow out as a Sept expense.

CTM has total assets/reserves of \$95,376.48 with no outstanding liabilities. This balance is down from last month as previously advised in Sept due to the large amount of façade improvement money passed through.

Discussion: None.

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

CliftonFest Booth Planning

Goose advised that the leftover soft drinks and water from Memorial Day should be sold at the booth. He also advised that Clifton Market was selling some drinks and that price setting should be well coordinated with General Manager Keith Brock.

After much discussion, it was determined that no planning had been done towards this event.

Rich moved that we donate the leftover drinks to Clifton Market so that they can sell them and keep the profit and that CTM have no booth.

Motion passed.

Minutes August 31 CTM teleconference were approved with one correction – Trustee Hawse did not attend, and the September meeting were approved as submitted.

Trustee Updates / Announcements

Fritz – Chronicle deadline is Oct 24 for editorial content and Oct 17 for advertising. It should arrive the week prior to Holidays on Ludlow.

Block – Arts & Culture Committee is meeting with ArtsWave to discussion mural possibilities

Goose – There is a light up event on Ludlow Avenue on Thursday

Montgomery – Plaza lighting project is proceeding with timing still for completion by Holidays on Ludlow.

Kasturi – Nov 3 and 17 – 9am – 1pm – Honeysuckle Hit Squad at Burnet Woods. Meet at Trailside . 60+ volunteers with worked this past weekend in Burnet Woods to remove a ton of vines and some invasive plants.

Montgomery – City Council will now have one per month evening meeting at 6pm at City Hall.

Balz – Lantern Walk will be Sunday, Nov 11. Permits are secured. Fairview choir will perform. Hot chocolate & popcorn & drinks. Clifton Rec Center will be open. Gather at 5:30pm. Walk starts at 6:30pm. He will need volunteers to put up luminaries along the path.

K. Marsh – attended training on Cincy Insights along with Trustee Montgomery and this allow Marsh to imbed daily updated Clifton crime stats on cliftoncommunity.org website public safety page.

Public Q&A

Cynthia Duvall – shared some information Preserve Burnet Woods events. Turnout was great this weekend. Boats were on the lake, cleanup happened, More than 80 people attended Sept bird walks. During Oct, bird walks will continue. Also, there will be various walks on Sunday:. Golden Ticket Exhibit will be held at Trailside Nature Center. CliftonFest 5K and Bearcat Dash & Bash are two events that you can attend & cheer on the participants. See PreserveBurnetWoods.org for all events.

Adjournment/next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. The next CTM meeting is at 7 p.m., Monday November 5, 2018, at the Clifton Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Marsh, CTM Secretary.



Community Budget Requests & NSP Final Report

Three Project Requests

1. Neighborhood Plan

In cooperation with City Planning develop a comprehensive Neighborhood Plan that encompasses current needs while maintaining the Historic and Unique character of our neighborhood.

2. Traffic Calming Plan

In cooperation with City Transportation develop a comprehensive Traffic Calming Plan that addresses the current unsafe pedestrian atmosphere.

3. Neighborhood Gateways

This project would consist of location determinations, design and construction of a primary gateway and totem type gateway(s) that would identify the entrance(s) to Clifton's Neighborhood Business District.



Traffic Calming Plan

- Areas requested for studies
 - Our neighborhood business district, Ludlow Avenue from Brookline west to Whitfield Avenue
 - Ludlow Avenue from Whitfield Avenue west to Central Parkway
 - Clifton Avenue from Ludlow Avenue north to Lafayette Avenue
 - Woolper Avenue from Vine Street west to Clifton Avenue
 - McAlpin Avenue from Clifton Avenue west to Ludlow Avenue



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MONTHLY ACTIVITY

September 2018

	TOTAL	
	SEP 2018	AUG 2-31, 2018 (PP)
Revenue		
Clifton Chronicle Income		962.50
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
Total Grants		14,500.00
Memberships		34.00
Unmatched PayPal Income		1,710.00
Total Revenue	\$0.00	\$25,979.91
GROSS PROFIT	\$0.00	\$25,979.91
Expenditures		
Clifton Chronicle Expenses		2,097.70
Event Expenses		
Clifton House Tour Expenses		32.89
CliftonFest Expenses		3,000.00
Total Event Expenses		3,032.89
Restricted Grant Spending	14,500.00	
Transaction Fees		
PayPal Fees		41.83
Total Transaction Fees		41.83
Total Expenditures	\$14,500.00	\$5,172.42
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -14,500.00	\$20,807.49
NET REVENUE	\$ -14,500.00	\$20,807.49

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BALANCE SHEET

As of September 30, 2018

	SEP 2018		
	CURRENT	AS OF AUG 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	34,500.53	40,523.53	-14.86 %
PayPal Bank	56.52	1,956.52	-97.11 %
Prepaid Postage	80.01	80.01	0.00 %
Total Bank Accounts	\$87,376.48	\$95,299.48	-8.31 %
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	0.00	6,577.00	-100.00 %
Total Other Current Assets	\$8,000.00	\$14,577.00	-45.12 %
Total Current Assets	\$95,376.48	\$109,876.48	-13.20 %
TOTAL ASSETS	\$95,376.48	\$109,876.48	-13.20 %
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	24,195.53	38,695.53	-37.47 %
Total Equity	\$95,376.48	\$109,876.48	-13.20 %
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$95,376.48	\$109,876.48	-13.20 %