



CTM Minutes - Group: CTM Board Meeting

By Jan Brown Checco, standing in for Secretary Barry Gee

Date: Sept 11, 2023, 7:00 pm

Location: In Person at Clifton Rec Center, Online at Meet.Google.com

<https://meet.google.com/tao-fyqq-sxn>

Board Members Present: Jan Brown Checco, Gerald Checco, Mary Pat Lienhart, Nick Gregg, Jayme Ritter, John Whedon, Logan Sand, Tim Noonan, Nestor Melnyk, late arrival Justin Ogilby (10)

Virtual Attendance: Genet Singh (1)

Absent: Rachel Wells, Mike Roller, Barry Gee, Mansee Chauhan (resigned, moved out of town) (4)

A quorum (10) is present, this meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Checco, with statement of our mission.

(U) below will represent a unanimous vote.

Public Attendance (approx. 64) : In the room were: Kevin Finn, John Bressler, Reg Dyck, Christopher Blair, Alex Hall, Michael Pamh, Isaiah Newberry, Josh Spring, Justin Jeffre, Nelson Slater, Liz Burkhart, Miranda Yardley, Rowan Hetzer, Noam Barnard, Peggy Moses, Peter Block, Allison Sears, Harry Budke, Jim Goetz, Jason Barron, Bah Te Fair, Barbara Hlias, John and Patsy Bressler, Arman Hascher, Genevieve Hascher, Jeff Wilson, Collin Fitzpatrick, Sean Delaney/WCPO, Kime Jordan, Marilyn Schwiers, Matt Klein, Stefan Nieschunk, Jasmine Le, Adam W, Fire Dept 34, Amber Wood, Susan Feldman, John Kohne, PC, Nick Roberts Becca Stone, Cynthia Duval, Alicia Rosselot, Heidi Mohan, Fr. Dwight L Dowson, Officer Shawn Dent, Lt. Lanter/Dist. 4, FD Harper, Lauren Worley, Julie/Semesters + 2, Amanda Checco, Tom Lienhart, Sgt Isaacs, Kevin Mauer, Malcolm Montgomery, Morgan Rich, Aaron Weiner, Jeanne Strauss DeGroot, Louise

Bettman, Bob Hyland, Jan Michelle Kearney.

Filming the meeting was Bretton A. Miller, 513 518 9644,
bretton.amiller@gmail.com

Attending via Zoom link were: Ziggy Zibrowski, Sophia Melnyk, Molly Gray, John Hooton, Ben Pantoja, Angel Cobb, Concerned Mom, Dan Rapp, Joyce Rich, Kevin Marsh, Sarah Acton, Tristan Everson, Leslie Mooney, Lisa Raney, Margaret Reich, Mindi Rich, Paul Muller, Anne Skove, Brendon Cull, Eugeny Mikheev, Nat Lee, HB, Dave Taylor, Kip Eagen, Tracy Schwetschenau, Alex Stanton, Kick Lee, Brian Houk, Julia Bonfield, Kim Houk, Karen Noonan, Fairview Clifton Baseball, Ioanna Paraskevopoulos, + 2 phone numbers (35)

- I. **Welcome and Meetings advice:** President Checco explains the protocol and management of online CTM meetings during the pandemic. Approval of revised agenda (U)
- II. **Moment of Silence for Remembrance of 9/11**
- III. **Roll Call: August Meeting Minutes** delayed due to illness.
- IV. **Police Reports** – Neighborhood Liaison Officer Shawn Dent.

Auto thefts Kias and Hyundai up 400% (125 stolen), encourages antitheft device. Homicide this weekend at Brookline and Hosea, the investigation is ongoing, no more details available to us. Homeless encampments, he has looked through the records for radio runs for the addresses related to the park and found none. Wants for discoveries to be reported if they are seen, there can be no help if there are no reports. The police work with Dave Boutelle (park staff) when called. When he walked in the park, Officer Dent has not seen anything. He states there is no law about sleeping in the park. Jan Checco offered the fact that Parks are closed to visitors from 10 pm to 6 am. Homeless campers are given a request to vacate. Parks staff do the cleanup, not the police. Off. Dent says that sleeping in the day is ok.

Q: Any updates on Clifton Colony? A lot of auto thefts, we can access online at the neighborhood statistics. Q: More moving vehicle violations? There are many unlicensed drivers on the roads with no insurance. When they are stopped, they are not afraid of arrest. Q: What is the connection between crime and homeless encampments? Homelessness and drug use may be connected, but not necessarily by everyone. If the person is not working, they are more inclined to steal from cars. “Kia boys” find a way to exploit

the defect in the cars' steering wheels. Thefts are generally crimes of opportunity; teens are using USBs to steal cars as a challenge on social media. In crime, there is no studied correlation between homelessness and social standing. Lt Lanter from District 4 announced that when District 5 folds into District 4, Dent will continue to be our neighborhood liaison.

- V. **Fire Report** – a flier is attached.
- VI. **Transportation Committee Report and Motion #1:** To allow the Transportation Committee to apply on behalf for CTM for a study grant concerning Clifton Ave, grantor being KCB Passes (U)
- VII. **Elections Report/Nominating Committee:** Gerald Checco. Six candidates have announced, they are Nick Gregg and Genet Singh are returning candidates, Josh Lea, FD Harper, Lea Kottyan, and Gene Smiley
- VIII. **CRC Report** – Collin Fitzpatrick thanks CTM for support of back-to-school bash, five hundred attended, we helped with sponsorship. Teen night coming up, Halloween Carnival, Carpool Cinema with “ET.”
- IX. **Clifton Library** – Jeanne Strauss de Groote. International Childrens Day, Paper making workshop, Isabelle Wilkerson at Aronoff Center, West End branch is reopening after renovation.
- X. **Kevin Finn, CEO SHE of Strategies to End Homelessness – guest presentation:** they are a coordinator of thirty organizations, and funding that is related. Big picture currently: 750 – 800 people are on the street, 85% are in shelters. The minority are sleeping rough. Twenty-five percent of the homeless population are kids, w/single parents and most are in shelters. Seventy-five percent of homeless people do not have drug or alcohol problems, 50% do not have mental health issues. The lack of affordable housing is the greatest cause of homelessness. Two-thirds of the panhandlers are not homeless. The average homeless person is embarrassed to ask for money, so is not inclined to panhandle. Presently, about twelve people have full-time employment as street outreach workers. He himself worked in Burnet Woods where people were sleeping. It is not a new issue. They want to get people connected to outreach workers to get support and help. Call the central access point SAFE, or Streetreach

(513 381 SAFE) that uses a GPS to locate encampments. They will send a worker to the location. Asks that we use this. Street outreach works best with police and outreach workers together. Police are the “stick” that tell the campers that they must move. And the “carrot” offer of help is then easier for the person to accept the option from the outreach worker. Sweeping encampments does not help because the outreach workers cannot find the people they have been working with. Q: Use of the hotline, are they safe from the police? A: Yes, they only are used within the outreach programs. Encampments are referred to outreach services, not to the police. He says that the police are good partners with the outreach workers and are trained with how to approach encampments. There are special outreach sectors for particular kinds of individuals. Unsheltered people who do not go to services have usually been to the shelters already, they may have paranoia and anxiety (so do not feel comfortable with strangers). Or if dealing with alcoholism, cannot drink in a shelter. Q: How can we look at the research that is being used? Strategiestoendhomelessness.org Mental health issues do not necessarily mean there is danger.

- XI. **Letters for approval/Request to Park Director Jason Barron** about recurring encampments at Burnet Woods and Motion #4: Gerald Checco
- Peter Block** suggests that the motion be changed to simplify the discussion. He does not think that criminalizing is helpful, suggests that the community explore more options. He sees people every day who have slept in BW. He suggests that we bring a group together. He would organize this group. Gerald suggests that we withdraw the letter and create an ad hoc committee that has the conversation. The first meeting can happen in October or earlier. The sheet for signing up is being filled by Lauren Worley who will assist Peter. Motion to create this ad hoc committee Mary Pat, seconded by Nestor (vote U)

Speakers signed up prior to meeting for this topic are:

Christopher Blair – thanked the fire dept and police, the reason for being here is because people are having trouble with the

homeless community. Wants to know where to sleep when there are rules for not being in the park. Rental properties do not employ these people. Says there are not twenty people in the woods. "There are more and if you bother them there will be bad outcomes." The cars in the neighborhood are being broken into by young kids.

Michael Panh stated that he is a doctorate candidate at UC, teaching sociology. Graduated from Walnut Hills. He has students who are privileged and immature...most of the ones living in BW are from Clifton. Says the people in the woods are a defenseless pack.

Miranda Yardley – "Sweeps" of encampments are a public health threat, she works for the VA. This causes loss of medication and ID documents. US Interagency has good advice about how to move encampments. Calling the police does not help. She understands why there is a feeling of unease when you come in contact with a homeless person.

Isaiah Newberry – Says he visits Clifton often, encouraging that there is hope at the end of the tunnel. Jobs are out there, Rumpke needs workers, the homeless need to get help immediately. Take care of yourself, if you do not work, you will not eat. Keep striving to end these problems, those who are not homeless, you need to help. For those who are, get off the street and find help now.

Lauren Worley has the sign-up sheet for the ad hoc committee, see her to give your contact info.

Liz Burkhart – Knew Duff who lived in the woods for a long time and has met many others in the woods and felt kinship. She was never afraid, though she was told to stay away. These people are her friends. Suggests that we should be funding services and having a campaign.

Kevin Moynihan – For 50+ years, there have been problems with drug addicts and sales here. His daughter and son (13) became addicts from the drugs they got in BW. His son is getting treatment, doing better, but two other friends, not so well. His sister gave money and help to a couple of heroin addicts, she let them in to her home, they stole her drugs, laptop, and camera.

There is a serious drug problem in BW. We should not be putting up with it.

Noam Barnard Coalition for Community Safety - *Thinks* the solution is already there, people in this room have the resources and passion to help. Mr. Finn's agency, Central Access is real, Josh Spring is here, Peter Block will help with getting people what they need. Do not attack people, help them.

Peggy Moses – resident since 1971, she has seen people living in BW, she sees them in morning walks. In the past there was sexual activity in restrooms. She would advise not to let children go to BW.

Becca Stone – A recent resident, she is a therapist, trained in childhood trauma. People usually do not choose to be homeless. Fear seems to be part of the problem, thinking about “the other” when you do not have context for them. Consider that some of the failure people experience as children is creating their adult experience.

Josh Spring – Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition - One in three households cannot afford their housing. We are short of homes. Some will inevitably end up living outdoors. The letter called for sending armed people into parks to remove people. His group has a lawsuit against the city for criminalizing homeless people. He does not think that Clifton wants for people to be treated badly. Asks that Peter Block know that investment in affordable housing is paramount. Shorter-term solutions involve getting to know each other better.

Cynthia Duval – Mt. Storm is also getting a lot of calls. Parks are a place of safety, shade, bathrooms. People seeking to stay in parks are happening throughout the community, not just BW.

Amber Wood – This letter came out after disputes about the dog park, bringing up prostitution and drug use in Burnet Woods...is this connected to dog park issue? Answer: no

- XII. **Bylaws Report** - Mary Pat Lienhart, Nick Gregg Motion #2: to put the Governance committee's proposed changes to our bylaws to a vote of the membership in November.

Nick: We are putting proposed changes out for discussion before asking for a vote by the full membership at the annual meeting in November. Item O was added, suggesting a 3-month pause for voting by new members. Nick reviewed the summary of changes, item by item (chart attached.) Gerald added that the proposed changes will be mailed to all members via MailChimp. After that vote, we will adjust the description of our boundaries as needed after that question is debated. Jayme wanted to know how far in advance a canceled meeting would be decided. Mary Pat said the board will decide at a meeting to cancel a future meeting (2/3 of the trustees would have to agree to cancellation.) Tim confirms that line-by-line will be voted on in November, so if any line fails, it is only that line, not the entire proposed changes. Logan disagrees with item K: allowing two trustees to be non-residents if they are property or business owners. Nestor wants to make sure that all know we are only voting today to have these proposals presented in November to the membership.

Speakers who signed up prior to meeting for this topic are:

Malcolm Montgomery - Believes that things are moving too fast, too much. He also dislikes item K, and the shrinking of the number of board members. Does not like that the president also chairs the nominating committee. Thinks that more board members should cover more tasks. Feels he has not had sufficient time to consider all the changes. Thinks the committee workers are too inexperienced to know what needs to stay the same, what needs to change. Talks about Corryville's board being more interested in development. Cancellation of meetings is a bad idea. He thinks none of the changes are necessary, everything is working well. Tim asks if Malcolm wants us to refuse everything and continue with the old bylaws for another year. What about the electronic voting change which has been problematic? Nick wants to continue to consider the suggested changes. There are changes that reflect what the conditions are now. Malcolm thinks that our vote tonight is an endorsement by the Board and does not give the membership the chance to reflect on and respond to the changes. Gerald contends that the practices were the same in

past years when Malcolm himself did this work. We value the participation of business owners on our board. Everyone will have 2 months to provide input before the vote. Mary Pat suggests that we can be open to suggestions as they come.

Bob Hyland – Per Roberts Rules of Order, he believes that presidents should not be on nominating committees. Thinks we should make a bylaw to that effect.

Gerald moves that we put all the bylaws committee's proposed changes to the membership for a vote at November's annual meeting. Second by Nick. Mary Pat suggests that at the annual meeting we vote item by item during the course of the meeting. We can continue the discussion in October. Vote roll call: 8Y, 3N, motion passes

- XIII. **Description of Clifton's Boundaries** Mary Pat Lienhart Motion #3: To create an ad hoc Boundaries Committee, including members of neighboring community councils to review the northeast and south boundaries of Clifton, to reconcile description in our bylaws with the City's recognized neighborhoods. Mary Pat suggests that she will lead with Peter Block the ongoing discussion and include members of neighboring community councils. (Y11 N 1) passes

Diggs Plaza Improvements Project ad hoc committee update: Gerald Checco (*postponed due to heavy speakers list*)

CANS report – Julia Bonfield (*postponed due to heavy speakers list*)

- XIV. **Next Meeting is 10/2/23 at 6:30 PM for Candidates Night**
Motion to adjourn: (U)

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Brown Checco, substitute Secretary

Attachments:

CTM Board Meeting September Agenda
Treasurer's Reports
Fire Dept. fliers

Proposed amendments to Bylaws

Transportation Committee motion text

Draft letter for Parks Dept re: Encampments

Public Safety Report

Two letters from public re boundaries and bylaws

List of people interested in Neighborhood Inclusion meeting.



Agenda September 11, 2023 – CTM Meeting

Clifton Town Meeting — your community council —

will hold its next monthly Board of Trustees meeting on

Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

Start	Time	Topic	Topic Lead
7:00	0	Welcome – Proposed amended agenda	President Gerald Checco
7:00	1	Moment of silence in remembrance of 9-11	
7:01	2	Roll Call/ Appr. August meeting minutes	Secretary Barry
7:03	15	Police Report	P.O. Shawn Dent
7:18	5	Fire House Report	
7:23	1	Transportation Comm. Report & Motion 1	Justin Ogilby
7:24	4	Elections - Report	Gerald
7:28	5	CRC Report	Collin Fitzpatrick
7:33	5	Clifton Library	Jeanne Strauss de Groote
7:38	10	Presentation Strategies to End Homelessness	Kevin Finn, CEO SEH
7:48	35	Letters to approval Request about recurring encampment at Burnet Woods follow up- 5 min - Motion 4	President Gerald Checco
		<u>Speakers: - expected 30 minutes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lauren Worley – resident – didn't say (DNS) • 000555000m.y@gmail.com –resident - DNS • Liz Burkhart – nonresident – DNS • ccscincy@gmail.com – nonresident -Opp • Paul Salamone – resident – Support • Jeff Wilson – resident - Support • Kevin Moynihan – resident – Support • Peggy Moses – resident – DNS • Jim Goetz – resident – Parks President Nonregistered speakers	
8:23	1	Treasurer Report	Treasurer Tim
8:24	0	Update Diggs Plaza ad hoc committee - Postponed	Gerald
8:24	0	Neighborhood School CANS Report – Back to School – Food Pantry update - Postponed	Julia Bonfield
8:35	2	Description of Boundaries Motion 3	Mary Pat
		<u>Speakers: - expected 2 to 3 minutes</u> Dan Rapp – resident – Opp	
8:37	15	Bylaws Report Motion 2	Mary Pat & Nick
		<u>Speakers: - expected 8 to 10 minutes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malcolm Montgomery – resident -0 DNS • Bob Hyland – resident- Opp 	
8:52	5	Community Questions/Concerns	President
		<u>Speakers: - expected 2 to 3 minutes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cynthia Duval – nonresident 	
8:57		Thanks- Giving	
9:00		Adjournment – Next meeting 10/2/23 at 6:30 PM – Candidates night	President

MOTIONS

#	Sponsor	
1	Transportation	To allow the Transportation Committee to apply on behalf of CTM for a study grant concerning Clifton Avenue, grantor being KCB
2	Bylaws	To put the changes of bylaws for a vote of the membership in November
3	Bylaws	To create a boundaries committee, including members of neighboring community councils to review, <u>northeast</u> and <u>south</u> boundaries of Clifton to reconcile description in bylaws and City recognized neighborhoods.
Letters		
4	President	Encampment in Burnet Woods – Follow up

Clifton Community Council
Clifton Town Meeting (Consolidated)
Income Statement
From Jan 2023 to Aug 2023

Financial Row	Amount
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
11510 - Donation	\$114.00
11520 - Interest - General Account	\$173.14
12530 - CTM Member Payment	\$1,164.00
14510 - Non-NSP Grant Income	\$10,000.00
14520 - NSP Grant	\$9,872.00
14540 - Safe Clifton Fund	\$2,850.00
15571 - Memorial Day Income	\$2,248.09
16510 - Grant from CCF	\$7,443.31
21510 - Advertising	\$16,779.00
31510 - Art Sales	\$2,376.30
31540 - Interest - Art	\$171.67
Total - Income	\$53,191.51
Gross Profit	\$53,191.51
Expense	
11110 - Administrative - General	\$1,646.00
11140 - Committee Support	\$387.50
11180 - PayPal Fees Other	\$50.43
14110 - Non-NSP Grant Exp.	(\$868.00)
14120 - NSP Grant Expense	\$8,572.00
15570 - Memorial Day Expense	\$200.00
16110 - CCF Project	\$6,675.19
21120 - Design	\$2,000.00
21130 - Mailing	\$2,483.93
21140 - Printing	\$5,214.77
31110 - Payment to Artists	\$2,794.08
31115 - Fees Square	\$32.00
Total - Expense	\$29,187.90
Net Ordinary Income	\$24,003.61
Net Income	\$24,003.61

Clifton Community Council
Clifton Town Meeting (Consolidated)
Balance Sheet
End of Aug 2023

Financial Row	Amount
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank	
1000 - Cash	
1010 - Superior - Gen	\$49,263.63
1011 - Superior - Chronicle	\$28,051.67
1012 - Superior - Art	\$9,776.65
1013 - Certificate of Deposit 4/29	\$40,978.60
1014 - Bank Membership	\$5.01
Total - 1000 - Cash	\$128,075.56
Total Bank	\$128,075.56
Other Current Asset	
3300 - Chronicle Prepaid Mailing USPS	\$2,516.57
Total Other Current Asset	\$2,516.57
Total Current Assets	\$130,592.13
Total ASSETS	\$130,592.13
Liabilities & Equity	
Equity	
3200 - Opening Balance	\$121,735.04
Retained Earnings	(\$15,146.52)
Net Income	\$24,003.61
Total Equity	\$130,592.13
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$130,592.13

August EOM

Bank - Gen		\$ 53,708.01
Book - Gen		\$ 49,510.01
CK 1209	Ohio WC	\$ (120.00)
CK 1227	Margaret Reich	\$ (221.00)
CK 1228	Verdin	\$ (2,485.00)
CK 1229	CBA	\$ (1,372.00)
<i>Out of Balance</i>		\$ -

Bank - Chronicle		\$ 28,051.67
Book - Chronicle		\$ 27,805.29
ECK	Covap	\$ (246.38)
<i>Out of Balance</i>		\$ -

Bank - Art		\$ 10,427.56
Book - Art		\$ 9,754.86
CK 1661		\$ (605.50)
CK 1662		\$ (33.60)
CK 1663		\$ (33.60)
<i>Out of Balance</i>		\$ -

Bank - Member		\$ 5.01
Book - Member		\$ 5.01
<i>Out of Balance</i>		\$ -

Bank - CD		\$ 40,978.60
Book - CD		\$ 40,978.60

Out of Balance

\$

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Clifton Community Council
Clifton Town Meeting (Consolidated)
Transaction Detail
August 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023

Type	Date	Document Number	Name	Memo	Account	C Ir	Split	Qty	Amount
Deposit	8/2/2023	DEP94		Strader Fund	Cash : Superior - Gen	F	14510 - Non-NSP Grant Income		\$10,000.00
Deposit	8/2/2023	DEP94		Stader Fund	Non-NSP Grant Income	F	1010 - Cash : Superior - Gen		(\$10,000.00)
Deposit	8/4/2023	DEP96		Chronicle Advertising	Cash : Superior - Chronicle	F	21510 - Advertising		\$422.00
Deposit	8/4/2023	DEP95		Safe Clifton Fund	Cash : Superior - Gen	F	14540 - Safe Clifton Fund		\$1,500.00
Deposit	8/4/2023	DEP95		Safe Clifton Fund	Safe Clifton Fund	F	1010 - Cash : Superior - Gen		(\$1,500.00)
Deposit	8/4/2023	DEP96		Chronicle Advertising	Advertising	F	1011 - Cash : Superior - Chronicle		(\$422.00)
Check	8/10/2023	11	Josephine Angel - Design	Chronicle Design	Cash : Superior - Gen	F	21120 - Design		(\$1,000.00)
Check	8/10/2023	11	Josephine Angel - Design	Chronicle Design	Design	F	1010 - Cash : Superior - Gen		\$1,000.00
Deposit	8/10/2023	DEP97		Chronicle Advertising	Cash : Superior - Chronicle	F	21510 - Advertising		\$112.00
Deposit	8/10/2023	DEP97			Advertising	F	1011 - Cash : Superior - Chronicle		(\$112.00)
Check	8/11/2023	12	MakeMyNewspaper - Printing	Chronicle Printing	Cash : Superior - Chronicle	F	21140 - Printing		(\$2,002.21)
Check	8/11/2023	12	MakeMyNewspaper - Printing	Chronicle Printing	Printing	F	1011 - Cash : Superior - Chronicle		\$2,002.21
Check	8/12/2023	1662	Marsha Shortt	Artist Payment	Cash : Superior - Art	F	31110 - Payment to Artists		(\$33.60)
Check	8/12/2023	1661	Kathleen Piercefeld	Artist Payment	Payment to Artists	F	1012 - Cash : Superior - Art		\$605.50
Check	8/12/2023	1661	Kathleen Piercefeld	Artist Payment	Cash : Superior - Art	F	31110 - Payment to Artists		(\$605.50)
Check	8/12/2023	1662	Marsha Shortt	Artist Payment	Payment to Artists	F	1012 - Cash : Superior - Art		\$33.60
Deposit	8/14/2023	DEP98		OLG Sales	Cash : Superior - Art	F	31510 - Art Sales		\$141.13
Deposit	8/14/2023	DEP98		OLG Sales	Art Sales	F	1012 - Cash : Superior - Art		(\$141.13)
Deposit	8/15/2023	DEP99		Chronicle Advertising	Cash : Superior - Chronicle	F	21510 - Advertising		\$68.00
Deposit	8/15/2023	DEP99		Chronicle Advertising	Advertising	F	1011 - Cash : Superior - Chronicle		(\$68.00)
Deposit	8/16/2023	DEP100		Safe Clifton Fund	Cash : Superior - Gen	F	- Split -		\$97.52
Deposit	8/16/2023	DEP100		Paypal fees	PayPal Fees Other	F	1010 - Cash : Superior - Gen		\$2.48
Deposit	8/16/2023	DEP100		Safe Clifton Fund	Safe Clifton Fund	F	1010 - Cash : Superior - Gen		(\$100.00)
Check	8/19/2023	1663	Marsha Shortt	Artist Payment	Cash : Superior - Art	F	31110 - Payment to Artists		(\$33.60)
Check	8/19/2023	1663	Marsha Shortt	Artist Payment	Payment to Artists	F	1012 - Cash : Superior - Art		\$33.60
Check	8/21/2023	15	United States Postal Service USPS	Chronicle Mailing	Cash : Superior - Chronicle	F	3300 - Chronicle Prepaid Mailing USPS		(\$2,000.00)
Check	8/21/2023	15	United States Postal Service USPS	Chronicle Mailing	Chronicle Prepaid Mailing USPS	F	1011 - Cash : Superior - Chronicle		\$2,000.00
Check	8/30/2023	1228	Verdin Company	CCF Clock Tower Project	Cash : Superior - Gen	F	16110 - CCF Project		(\$2,485.00)
Check	8/30/2023	1229	Clifton Business Association	NSP 2023	NSP Grant Expense	F	1010 - Cash : Superior - Gen		\$1,372.00
Check	8/30/2023	1229	Clifton Business Association	NSP 2023	Cash : Superior - Gen	F	14120 - NSP Grant Expense		(\$1,372.00)
Check	8/30/2023	1227	Margaret Reich	CCF Clock Tower Project	CCF Project	F	1010 - Cash : Superior - Gen		\$221.00
Check	8/30/2023	1227	Margaret Reich	CCF Clock Tower Project	Cash : Superior - Gen	F	16110 - CCF Project		(\$221.00)

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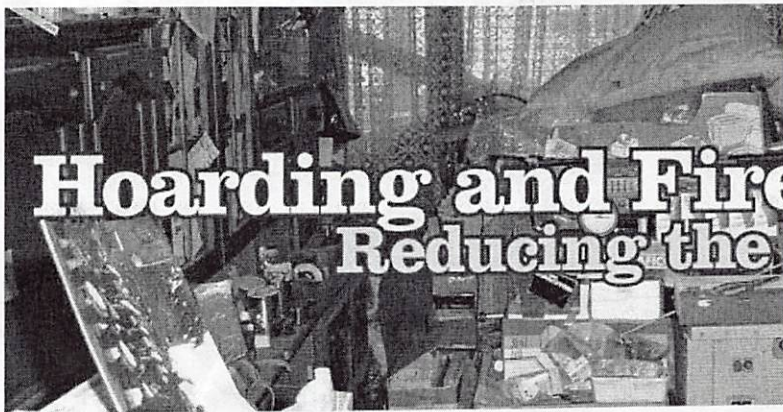
September 2023 CFD Report for Community Council

* (INSERT previous month run totals Fire/EMS)

* Discuss trend info (if applicable)

→ Downward trend of ODS for this station?

September TOPIC: Hoarding/ Fire Prevention Week



Since last Community Council Meeting

8-15 - 9/11

Ems 174

Fire 69

→ Fire Runs include:

- Fire Alarms
- Accidents
- Fumes
- Wires down
- Still /structure Alarm

This month:

Ems 53

Fire 25

Why Hoarding Increases Fire Risks

- ✦ Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- ✦ Heating units may be too close to things that can burn. They might also be placed on unstable surfaces. If a heater tips over into a pile, it can cause a fire.
- ✦ Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- ✦ Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- ✦ Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

How Can You Help Reduce the Risk of Fire Injury

- ❖ When talking to a person who hoards, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person's language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding.
- ❖ Reach out to community resources. Talk to members of the fire department to alert them of your concerns. They may be able to connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help.

Contact Cincinnati Fire Department Community Risk Reduction Coordinator at (513)357-7597 for assistance with hoarding concerns.

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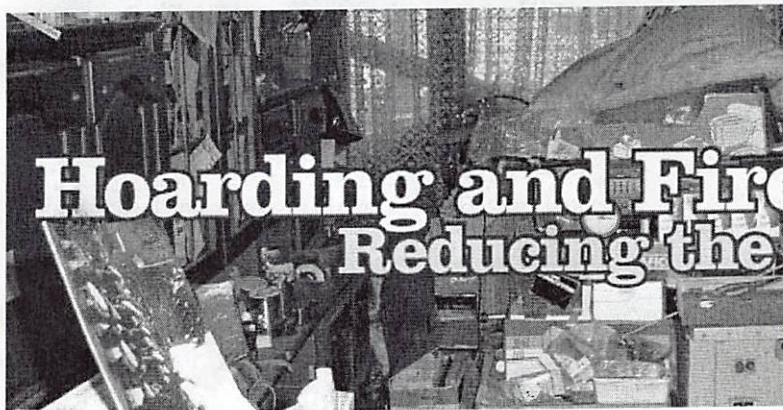
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Fire 25

Why Hoarding Increases Fire Risks

- ✦ Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- ✦ Heating units may be too close to things that can burn. They might also be placed on unstable surfaces. If a heater tips over into a pile, it can cause a fire.
- ✦ Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- ✦ Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- ✦ Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

How Can You Help Reduce the Risk of Fire Injury

- ❖ When talking to a person who hoards, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person's language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding.
- ❖ Reach out to community resources. Talk to members of the fire department to alert them of your concerns. They may be able to connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help.

Contact Cincinnati Fire Department Community Risk Reduction Coordinator at (513)357-7597 for assistance with hoarding concerns.

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Proposed Amendments to CTM Constitution and Bylaws

Article/Section	Original Paragraph	Proposed Paragraph	Rationale
Item A: Article IV/ Section 1	CTM extends full membership to all dues paying Neighborhood Residents, Neighborhood Property Owners, and Operators of Neighborhood Businesses, who are eighteen years of age or older. For purposes of membership qualification, the term “Neighborhood” is defined by the boundaries of Clifton as stated in Article III. Eligibility can be evidenced by a driver’s license, voter registration card, property deed, rental lease, rent receipt, current utility bill, housing contract, business license, or other such documentation as may be deemed acceptable by the CTM Board of Trustees.	CTM extends membership to all dues paying Neighborhood Residents, Neighborhood Property Owners, and Operators of Neighborhood Businesses, who are eighteen years of age or older. For purposes of membership qualification, the term “Neighborhood” is defined by the boundaries of Clifton as stated in Article III. Eligibility can be evidenced by a driver’s license, voter registration card, property deed, rental lease, rent receipt, current utility bill, housing contract, business license, or other such documentation as may be deemed acceptable by the CTM Board of Trustees.	Deleted the word “full” in first sentence as amendment made to ByLaws in 2021 excluded Members who are Neighborhood Property Owners and Neighborhood Businesses from being Trustees
Item B: Article IV/ Section 3	Life Membership. Any member may become a Life Member by payment of such amount as adopted by the Board of Trustees and, thereafter, there shall be no annual membership dues charge to said Life Member during this life.	Life Membership. Any member may become a Life Member by payment of such amount as adopted by the Board of Trustees and, thereafter, there shall be no annual membership dues charge to said Life Member during this life. Should said Life Member no longer qualify as a Neighborhood Resident, Neighborhood Property Owner or Operator of a Neighborhood Business than said Life Member will no longer have any voting rights pursuant to Article IV, Section 7.	Voting rights should only be extended to CTM members who actually have some physical connection with the community.
Item C: Article IV/ Section 4	CTM shall hold a general membership meeting annually, in the Fall, at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Trustees. If the Board, by a majority vote of all current Trustees, determines that circumstances warrant, the Board may designate a teleconferencing platform be included as a	CTM shall hold a general membership meeting-annually, in conjunction with the election of Trustees , at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Trustees. If the Board, by a majority vote of all current Trustees, determines that circumstances warrant, the Board	Since this is how we how we operate just thought we would make it clear that when we hold our elections is when we have our annual meeting.

	<p>“place” for the annual membership meeting. Circumstances warranting holding the annual membership meeting virtually include, but are not limited to: public health emergencies, natural catastrophes, civil or military disturbances, or similar circumstances. A quorum of the Members for purposes of meetings shall exist when twelve (12) non-Trustee members and eight (8) Trustees are present. Concerns of members requiring discussion between annual membership meetings may be presented at monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees.</p>	<p>may designate a teleconferencing platform be included as a “place” for the annual membership meeting. Circumstances warranting holding the annual membership meeting virtually include, but are not limited to: public health emergencies, natural catastrophes, civil or military disturbances, or similar circumstances. A quorum of the Members for purposes of meetings shall exist when twelve (12) non-Trustee members and eight (8) Trustees are present. Concerns of members requiring discussion between annual membership meetings may be presented at monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees.</p>	
<p>Item D:</p> <p>Article IV/ Section 8.a</p>	<p>a. Any motion being considered by the Board of Trustees that is the subject of a request from any member, (including Trustees) to refer to the membership, which request is sustained by at least a simple majority of trustees present and voting. Any request to refer a motion to the membership shall be considered by the Board of Trustees as subsidiary debatable motion. If the request to refer to the membership is sustained the main motion shall be considered by the membership at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees following notification of the membership, which notification shall be given within seven (7) days of the motion.</p>	<p>Add to the end of Section 8.a:</p> <p>Voting on said Motion shall require forty-five (45) Members (including trustees). Proxies are not allowed for either the establishment of a quorum or for the transaction of business</p>	<p>If a motion is being referred to the full membership in this situation it should require the same quorum as that for a special meeting.</p> <p>Already in Article 4 section 5</p>
<p>Item E:</p> <p>Article IV/ Section 10</p>	<p>As required by City Ordinance 220-1989 any group of at least five (5) CTM members who are also Neighborhood Residents (e.g., residents within the territorial boundaries of Clifton and within the City of Cincinnati) may present to the CTM Board of Trustees or to the President of</p>	<p>Add to the end of the paragraph:</p> <p>Voting on said petition shall require forty-five (45) Neighborhood Residents (including trustees). Proxies are not allowed for either the establishment of a</p>	<p>Requirements for bringing vote to CTM Resident Members should be consistent with a special meeting requirement.</p> <p>Already in Article 4 section 5</p>

	the CTM Board of Trustees, a petition calling for a special vote in which only CTM members who are also Neighborhood Residents may vote, to determine whether CTM members who are not neighborhood residents shall continue to be eligible to vote or to hold office in CTM. Such a special vote shall be held at the next general membership meeting after receipt of the petition or at a special meeting called for this purpose according to Section 9 above.	quorum or for the transaction of business	
Item F: Article V/ Section 1	1. Number of Trustees. The management of CTM, its affairs, finances and property shall be entrusted to a Board of 15 Trustees.	1. Number of Trustees. The management of CTM, its affairs, finances and property shall be entrusted to a Board of 11 Trustees	The number of Trustees required is far more than any other neighboring community council and it is difficult to recruit nominees every election cycle, including filling vacancies. Looking at 3 yr terms of 4/4/3. Believe we will get there through attrition. Any references in the ByLaws requiring 15 votes would have to be rewritten as well.
Item G: Article V/ Section 3	3. Filling Vacancies. When the office of trustee becomes vacant, the Board of Trustees shall have the power to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the current year until the next election. The Nominating committee shall thereafter nominate at least one additional candidate for election to fill the remainder of the unexpired term created by any such vacancy. Unexpired terms shall be assumed by elected trustees having the least amount of votes.	3. Filling Vacancies. When the office of trustee becomes vacant, the Board of Trustees shall have the power to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the current year until the next election. However, the Board may elect to not fill a vacancy if there is less than six (6) months remaining until election. The Nominating committee shall thereafter nominate at least one additional candidate for election to fill the remainder of the unexpired term created by any such vacancy. Unexpired terms shall be assumed by elected trustees having the least amount of votes.	Finding people to run for election at the same time as replacing Trustees becomes a bit difficult and distracting. Any references requiring 15 votes would be have to be rewritten.
Item H: Article V/ Section 4	Meetings of the Board of Trustees. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and provide a monthly forum for Members' concerns. Anyone who wishes to address the Board at any meeting shall contact the President at least twenty-	Meetings of the Board of Trustees. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and provide a monthly forum for Members' concerns. Anyone who wishes to address the Board at any meeting shall contact the President	Added a provision that a monthly board meeting may be canceled as long as ⅔ of the Trustees agree.

	<p>four (24) hours prior to the scheduled hour of such meeting in order to be placed on the agenda. Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held monthly at a time and place to be determined by the Members of the Board of Trustees, or on call of the President. The first monthly meeting of the annual session of the Board of Trustees shall be held in January. A schedule of monthly meetings shall be established annually by the Board of Trustees. No additional notice is required for regularly scheduled monthly meetings of the Board.</p>	<p>at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled hour of such meeting in order to be placed on the agenda. Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held monthly at a time and place to be determined by the Members of the Board of Trustees, or on call of the President. The first monthly meeting of the annual session of the Board of Trustees shall be held in January. A schedule of monthly meetings shall be established annually by the Board of Trustees. No additional notice is required for regularly scheduled monthly meetings of the Board. A monthly Board meeting may be canceled upon a vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Trustees.</p>	
<p>Item I:</p> <p>Article V/ Section 9</p>	<p>9. Voting. Board votes will be determined in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order by a simply majority of Board members voting except as otherwise required by these Bylaws. Board may be subject to community review of actions as provided in Article IV, Section 8. At regular monthly meetings and synchronous electronic meetings, votes may be cast only in person and voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Email voting may be conducted in accord with ORC 1702.25 requirement of written, unanimous consent, an affirmative vote of approval signed by all the trustees.</p>	<p>9. Voting. Board votes will be determined in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order by a simply majority of Board members voting except as otherwise required by these Bylaws. The Board may be subject to community review of actions as provided in Article IV, Section 8. At regular monthly meetings and synchronous electronic meetings, votes may be cast only in person and voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Email voting shall be conducted in accordance with the Electronic Discussion and Voting Standing Rule in effect at the time of the vote.</p>	<p>The prior reference to ORC 1702.25 is illogical, because ORC 1702.25 covers voting procedures used in two different circumstances, neither of which are present here with CTM. Moreover, ORC 1702.25 is inconsistent with the current Electronic Discussion and Voting Standing Rule. Thus, to eliminate confusion and inconsistency, this change will streamline the rule and make reference back to the Standing Rule. The Governance Committee will make a proposed revision to the Standing Rule if/when this rule is formally amended and revised.</p>
<p>Item J:</p> <p>Article VI/ Section 4</p>	<p>Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain all CTM financial records and be responsible for CTM funds, shall make reports as the Board of Trustees</p>	<p>Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain all CTM financial records and be responsible for CTM funds, shall</p>	<p>Acquiring an independent professional has been difficult and expensive, proposing in</p>

	<p>may require, and shall discharge duties incident to the office. Every two years the Treasurer will arrange for a review of CTM's accounting records by an independent professional as required by Article X. The treasurer is authorized to make deposits and file necessary local, state and federal financial and/or tax reports on behalf of the organization and to pay all budgeted expenses consistent with voting requirements of Article X, Section 1. The details of all financial transactions and correspondence are to be provided to the Board at the next monthly meeting. The Board of Trustees shall elect a Trustee to fulfill any vacancy for Treasurer.</p>	<p>make reports as the Board of Trustees may require, and shall discharge duties incident to the office. Every two years the Treasurer will arrange for a review of CTM's as required by Article X. The treasurer is authorized to make deposits and file necessary local, state and federal financial and/or tax reports on behalf of the organization and to pay all budgeted expenses consistent with voting requirements of Article X, Section 1. The details of all financial transactions and correspondence are to be provided to the Board at the next monthly meeting. The Board of Trustees shall elect a Trustee to fulfill any vacancy for Treasurer.</p>	<p>Article X a financial committee chosen from the CTM membership.</p>
<p>Item K:</p> <p>Article VIII/ Section 2</p>	<p>2. Eligibility. The position of Trustee shall be open to any CTM member who is a Neighborhood Resident regardless of race, age, gender, religion, national origin or sexual orientation.</p>	<p>2. Eligibility. The position of Trustee shall be open to any CTM member who is a Neighborhood Resident, Neighborhood Property Owner, or Neighborhood Business Owner regardless of race, age, gender, religion, national origin or sexual orientation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board shall not comprise more than two (2) Trustees who are either a Neighborhood Property Owner or Neighborhood Business Owner, and non resident</p>	<p>Revisiting allowing Neighborhood Property Owners and Neighborhood Business Owners to be on the Board but limiting the number.</p>
<p>Item L:</p> <p>Article VIII/ Section 3</p>	<p>3. Nominating Committee Report. The Nominating Committee will file a report with the Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the fall annual meeting. This report shall include at a minimum a list of those trustees with expiring</p>	<p>3. Nominating Committee Report. The Nominating Committee will file a report with the Secretary or orally report at a monthly meeting at least sixty (60) days prior to the fall annual meeting. This</p>	<p>Either way the Report is communicated to the community and recorded by the Secretary.</p>

	<p>3 year terms and trustees who are choosing to end their terms early. It shall indicate which of the trustees with expiring terms are term limited. For those who are not term limited, the report shall indicate whether the trustee plans to seek re-election. The report will indicate the number of 3 year, 2 year, and 1 year terms that must be filled via the election. Lastly, the report shall include a list of key next steps and deadlines</p>	<p>report shall include at a minimum a list of those trustees with expiring 3 year terms and trustees who are choosing to end their terms early. It shall indicate which of the trustees with expiring terms are term limited. For those who are not term limited, the report shall indicate whether the trustee plans to seek re-election. The report will indicate the number of 3 year, 2 year, and 1 year terms that must be filled via the election. Lastly, the report shall include a list of key next steps and deadlines</p>	
<p>Item M:</p> <p>Article IX/ Section 2</p>	<p>Chairpersons. Chairpersons shall be appointed annually in accordance with Article VI. Section 1 and shall thereafter serve at the pleasure of the President. Chairpersons shall be selected from among the Membership and shall have the duty to secure committee Members and project volunteers.</p>	<p>Chairpersons. Chairpersons shall be appointed annually in accordance with Article VI. Section 1 and shall thereafter serve at the pleasure of the President. Chairpersons shall be selected from among the Membership and shall have the duty to secure committee Members, including at least one (1) Trustee and project volunteers.</p>	<p>Important to have least one Trustee on a committee. Whether the Trustee is an actual chairperson or not can be debated.</p>
<p>Item N:</p> <p>Article X/ Section 4</p>	<p>Accounting Review. In odd numbered years the Treasurer in accord with a Board approved Standing Rule will arrange for a review of CTM's accounting records by an independent professional and will report the results to the Membership at the annual meeting.</p>	<p>Accounting Review. In odd numbered years the Treasurer in accord with a Board approved Standing Rule will arrange for a review of CTM's accounting records by a financial committee comprised of CTM Members and will report the results to the Membership at the annual meeting.</p>	<p>Obtaining an independent professional has been difficult and expensive. We believe proper oversight can be obtained through a committee from the CTM membership.</p>
<p>Item O:</p> <p>Article IV/ Section 1</p>	<p>Members: CTM extends full membership to all dues paying Neighborhood Residents, Neighborhood Property Owners and Operators of Neighborhood Businesses, who are eighteen years of age or older.</p>	<p>CTM extends full membership to all dues paying Neighborhood Residents, Neighborhood Property Owners and Operators of Neighborhood Businesses, who are eighteen years of age or older; provided however that voting rights pursuant to Article IV/Section 7 shall not be in effect for the first three (3) months of membership.</p>	<p>Concern about signing up large number of members just before an issue to be voted on to sway the vote.</p>

Submitted by Justin Ogilby Sept 11, 2023

Transportation Motion:

To allow the Transportation Committee to apply on behalf of CTM for a study grant concerning Clifton Avenue, grantor being KCB

Background:

You are all aware DOTE is planning a design study of Clifton Ave south of Ludlow. A design study involves hiring a design firm who will produce options for the street (think Option A/B/C surveys showing various lane configurations that you see occasionally). They will analyze the street to determine requirements and then engage the community via surveys and input sessions to find out what we want. DOTE can use the study output to solicit additional funding for construction drawings and construction.

DOTE has agreed to add studying Clifton Ave from Ludlow to Woolper as an 'alternate' to their RFP for the south portion of the street. We expect RFP to go out in October and to have a consultant selected in Nov. DOTE has committed to fund the study south of Ludlow. They will not commit to funding the study north of Ludlow, hence our grant application. We have discussed pricing with DOTE as well as outside consulting firms, and believe a \$30k grant will be sufficient to our portion of the study. We have discussed with KCB and confirmed this is an eligible use.

What will be the parameters of the study?

The primary goal is to improve safety along Clifton Ave. I expect the study to work within the existing footprint of the road. It will likely be done by the same firm doing the designs south of Ludlow, so should work seamlessly with whatever happens down there.

Why do this now?

Clifton Ave south of Ludlow is getting a lot of attention and there is momentum for change there. UC is unhappy with the street as-is. Lots of new construction. We have the best chance of getting changes made north of Ludlow by linking the segments together and leveraging their momentum.

Why not do the entire street all the way to I-75 or Spring Grove?

I would love to do this. We discussed and DOTE had several concerns:

- Extending to Woolper is approx. 30% scope increase. Extending to I-75 more than doubles the scope.
- The initial cost of the study would be larger due to increased scope
- Once we have results, the cost of performing construction would be much larger due to the additional scope
- The land use is very different, north of Woolper being primarily SF residential with few institutions and little multi-family

Will any of the options involve terrible looking flexi-posts and parking blocks?

No way



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September 4, 2023
Sent Electronically

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Subject: recurring encampments in Burnet Woods
Sent by email.

Jason,

As you know the Clifton Community has a host of concerns about Diggs Plaza in Burnet Woods as well as the issue of encampments within the park. The community has formed a working group to discuss issues of illicit behaviors in and around the plaza and how to eliminate these problems. Lou Sand is representing Parks in this working group. As we develop suggestions for enhancements at the plaza, we will bring them to the Park Board for review.

Part of the problem we have observed is that people hanging out at the plaza are also sleeping in the park, and this is not a new problem. Park users have observed homeless encampments in the park, and not only is this a violation of Park Rules, but it makes people reluctant to go into the park as they fear for their safety. We, of course, want people to be able to take advantage of Burnet Woods and its many assets, but we need to do something to make the park feel safer.

I know that homelessness is a big problem and dealing with it has many complications. As a first step in dealing with this we have a suggestion. This is that Park staff, with Police Officers, carefully walk through the park to identify encampments, post them appropriately as required by law to notify whoever is living there that their possessions will be removed, and after sufficient time has passed, remove the encampments. And this would have to be repeated several times to give people the message that camping in the park will not be permitted.

We are hopeful that such an action will make the park feel more secure and actually be safer. We are seeing related behaviors such as drug activities, fights, aggressive panhandling and public indecency. These activities are also documented and known to Park staff. This needs to be addressed head-on for the benefit of the community and for the park.

Please let me know your thoughts on these matters and if you are willing to work with us and the Police. We have not had success on our own with calling these issues to the attention of the Police. I am hopeful that between the community and the Park Board that we can make some progress with the Police and with these issues.


Gérald Checco, *President*

Sept. 11, 2023
CTM Report Public Safety

Crime is up in Clifton, mainly driven by an increase in
Auto thefts (+85 YTD, +354%)
Criminal Damaging (+34 YTD, 97%)
All Other Larceny (+9 YTD, 21%)

The CPD Report Areas for Clifton are:

344 (Clifton Colony, Central Pkwy, etc): 124 incidents, +54% over 22
343 (MLK Streets east of Morris Ave): 73 incidents, +192%
342 (approx Business District, south of Ludlow): 70 Incidents, +43%
346 (approx Business District, north of Ludlow): 38 Incidents, +12%
341 (East of Clifton, North of Jefferson): 34 Incidents, -21%

As usual, the top three CPD Report Areas are approx 60% of the reported crime in Clifton. The top five account for 72% of Clifton Crime.

Letter to CTM via email 9 11 2023
Dear CTM trustees,

It's come to my attention that there is currently an initiative in play to attempt to redistrict portions of Bishop & Jefferson Ave to be excised (i.e., no longer part of our Clifton community). As a native of Cincinnati and a resident of Clifton, I found this proposal alarming, especially when considering all the things we could be proposing or prioritizing instead. There are families (adults and children) and other community members this would impact significantly. How does one arbitrarily decide that people on these streets do not have value to our community to the point where we'd excise the streets — effectively pushing out all of them? That, among other concerns, is why this is alarming. I would not want my community voting to excise my street out of Clifton, and I'm confident the residents on these streets would feel the same. I want to express my verbal opposition to this.

I'm not happy that our local government council is even considering such a measure. What's stopping this from happening to another Clifton street... my street, my neighbors (including yours)? It's my opinion the mere premise of this should not be entered into the aether as a valid option; hence, considering this as a plausible option is alarming. It's also hubristic to think this measure would be the right call even at the worst of times. We should grow and expand our culture, not try to justify pushing valuable members out via excising.

I'd like to learn the ultimate goal here. Why do we need to excise a street at all? Carl Sagan used to say, "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence." I would need to see extraordinary evidence to convince me this would benefit Clifton and the people on those streets, the latter of which should be the primary concern. We would be losing a portion of our community. As it stands now, this initiative would push families out and not benefit Clifton as a whole.

Apart from that, this district has been part of Clifton for decades. Why would we want to remove the history and culture it brings and make our community smaller?

This measure feels very arbitrary. Why this when we could put our efforts elsewhere to improve and expand our community? Suppose we care about being a diverse, inclusive, developing & welcoming community. Suppose also that we aim to be role models for these values to the rest of the Greater Cincinnati Area on how to run a diverse and thriving community. In all cases, if we truly aim for these goals, we should be doing something other than redistricting our community and pushing out residents.

Rest assured, if you all vote this evening to allow this through, and it makes it to the ballot, my family will most certainly vote No.

I want to express my hope that you all, as voices to our community, support considering the above and shooting this measure down tonight.

Best,
Jon Kohne

Email sent to CTM Board at 6:15 pm Sept 11, 2023
From Malcolm Montgomery

I'm contacting you because you are a CTM trustee who will be voting on the 14 proposed bylaws amendments tonight, and I do not think you should vote for any of them because they have not been adequately vetted, and two of them are especially egregious. My opinion comes from the perspective of many years of experience, for I chaired the bylaws committee that authored the amendments to the CTM Constitution in 2015, 2018, and 2021, and served as a CTM vice president and trustee over a span of 30 years.

My immediate ask is that you allow me sufficient time tonight to hear why these amendments would be harmful, and to answer your questions. My foremost concerns are the reduction in the size of the board from 15 to 11, and permitting nonresidents to become trustees.

- **The significant reduction in the number of trustees diminishes engagement with the community, concentrates power where it should be distributed, reduces breadth and depth of board expertise, and increases the workload while cutting back on what can be accomplished. None of this is good.**
- **Allowing nonresidents to become trustees undermines CTM's ability to represent the particular interests of Clifton's residents. The lead sentence in our Constitution and Bylaws is foundational:**

CTM is the residents' planning and policy organization for the community.... It's growth and development should be guided by actively interested residents.
(CTM Constitution, Article 2. Object)

Business owners have their own organization, the Clifton Business Association (CBA), for which *residents are ineligible*. There is neither need or virtue in allowing nonresident business or property owners to use CTM to further their own non-residential interests. It is enough (and some would say more) that they are allowed general membership.

When I say the proposed amendments have not been adequately vetted, my opinion is based on the inadequate resources within our current Bylaws Committee. It is comprised of just two members who are attorneys and serving their first terms on the board. Legal skills are good, but the committee lacks institutional history as well as breadth and depth of experience to adequately assess the proposals. It is not their fault, of course, and I trust they did all they could with the limited resources they had. By comparison, the 2018 bylaws committee included two past presidents, two past vice presidents and a secretary, and two members. Their experience reached back over 35 years with a median of 10 years. Two advisors were also engaged, a nonprofit bylaws expert (PhD, JD) and a pro bono attorney from Taft, Stettinius, and Hollister, specializing in nonprofit law. These are the kind of resources that should be employed before making major changes in CTM's Constitution and Bylaws.

The bottom line is this: none of these amendments has received the level of scrutiny they need to move forward tonight. None of them is needed for CTM to continue to function as well as it does already. The board should reject and return them to the bylaws committee with instructions to secure the additional resources needed to vet them properly.

Thanks,
Malcolm

Malcolm Montgomery

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