



**CTM Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2015
Clifton Cultural Arts Center**

Present: Ashley Fritz, Adam Balz, Joyce Rich, Kevin Marsh, Michael Moran, Tony Sizemore, Pat Knapp, Ben Pantoja, Eric Urbas, Adam Hyland, Rama Kasturi, Mike Schur, Morgan Rich

Absent: Nicholas Hollan

A quorum is present. Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.

Police Report

Neighborhood Liaison Officer Nick Hageman shared STARS report for April. Violent crime down 80%. Property crimes (theft from autos, catalytic converter theft) are up. They have assigned a special officer to work on catalytic converter thefts, and additional patrols are running at night. Citizens on Patrol need more volunteers. See Clifton Community website for application.

Business District now has a police detail 2-3 nights a week.

June 20 – Jefferson Avenue will be closed for a giant waterslide event.

District 5 is seeking a site for a new building location for relocation. Seeking a minimum of 3.5 acres.

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

Captain James Kettler from Engine 34 reported that his company had runs, but no major structure fires in the Clifton area during the past month. Hydrant inspections have been completed. Working on building inspections now.

Will hold an open house to celebrate the retirement of Capt Campbell on May 16 from 1130am until close.

Captain Kettler can be reached at 513.352.2334; email is james.kettler@cincinnati-oh.gov; or visit the fire station on Ludlow Avenue.

Library Report

President Sizemore shared the news that the Clifton Branch is closed on May 16 as they prepare to move to their new location at 3400 Brookline Avenue. They will have a grand opening ceremony on May 28 at 5:30pm. The entire community is invited.

Recreation Center

Service Area Manager Tom Reese reported first track team meet occurred today, and it was a good experience for the kids. Summer camp slots are full, but they will take names for a waiting list. This summer CRC staff will take kids walking through the neighborhood. CRC staff will be in blue colored shirts. Active programming includes Karate, Pottery, Pickle ball, Yoga, and Listening Room. They will take the kids to the Library grand opening event on May 28.

Clifton Cultural Arts Center

CCAC Board member Fran Larkin reported May 9 from 9am-2pm will be a studio sale. All art will be \$100 or less. Paintings and photos. May 10, K-3, 2pm. May 27, Sunset Salon on the topic of bourbon with speakers and lite bites. This is the final Sunset Salon of the season. Wednesday on the Green begins June 3. Comet Bluegrass All-Stars will be first. See the schedule on the www.cliftonculturalarts.com/events/event-calendar/ website.

CBPA

No report was provided.

Minutes of the April CTM meeting were approved as written.

Ludlow 21 Working Group

Jan Checco of the Ludlow 21 Working Group (L21WG) made a presentation on results and plans of the L21WG with a specific focus on programming of events. The full presentation will be filed as an addendum to the minutes. Checco presented some of the history of how ideas for programming came about including a recent success of having an actor at the Probasco Fountain rededication ceremony in April. On May 10, there will be a Trunk Show in the Business District in conjunction with the Clifton House Tour. "Music on the Plaza": 40 nights of music this summer will be sponsored by Gaslight Property and the Clifton Plaza LLC. "Yoga on the Plaza": 3 months of one hour Sunday morning sessions will be sponsored by Gaslight Property. "Big Night Clifton": 4 events with performances or film. First one is May 22, Jazz Orchestra, Music events were sponsored by Uptown Consortium. June 12, "The Princess Bride" film, Aug 21, "Big" film. Film screening permissions has been obtained. L21WG is still seeking \$2000 for sponsorship of these film nights (\$1000 for each night).

Other initiatives: Branding of Clifton & the Business District, professional marketing of the Business District, parking improvements.

L21WG still seeking volunteers, supporters, and people with interest to contribute ideas.

Next public meeting on May 26, 6-8pm, Clifton Recreation Center big meeting room. Look for announcement will agenda details on www.cliftoncommunity.org/calendar/ and a future Clifton News email. They will also appear in the *Clifton Chronicle*.

Contact Ludlow21WG by email at Ludlow21wg@gmail.com

They are also on Facebook.

Clifton Performance Theatre

Carol Brammer, the Artistic Director, made a presentation. The organization is in their seventh year. They are the only professional store front theatre in the City. They hire

equity and non-equity actors. This allows the actors to stay local as opposed to leaving the region for other markets. They brought 600 people to their recently closed show Osage County. Three Days of Rain opens May 7 and runs through May 23. They will hold student camps for ages 5-13 from June to August – performance in musicals. This is a one week camp with a performance at the end. No auditions required. They have started doing adult classes at the CCAC.

They have been awarded their non-profit status recently so that they can now accept charitable donations and seek more grant funding.

Clifton Cooperative Market

Charles Marxen, Field Director, made a presentation on the Clifton Cooperative Market (CM). The full presentation will be included as an addendum to the minutes. He advised they have completed the purchase of the property of 319 Ludlow Avenue. CM is seeking money for funding of their Phase II of about \$3.1 million. They have successfully gotten some loans, and they will also seek money from other banks, the City, and the community. Phase II is the process of building out the property so that it can operate. Phase III is opening and operating the store.

CM will hold a public meeting on May 6 to discuss Phase II.

Store style is uptrend with healthy foods including a large selection of local products. Offerings will include ready made products also. They intend to have a focus on education as well including special shelf tags for production information (nutrition, source, etc), interactive kiosks, nutritional education programs, in-store presentations, newsletters.

CM projects that their presence as an anchor will bring 15,000 customers (11,500 transactions) to the business district each week. They intend to have 60+ new employees. Recent successful event was electronics recycle on May 2nd. They partner with other community organizations such as Slow Money Ohio and Green Umbrella.

Send questions & feedback by email to info@cliftonmarket.com
They are also on Facebook and have a website at www.cliftonmarket.com

They are planning to accept WIC and SNAP for economically disadvantaged families & people.

President Sizemore explained that CTM cannot make a specific vote on support of Clifton Market due to a majority of the Trustees being owners and/or loaners to the CM. CTM will send a letter to City Council, Mayor, and Administration reminding them of the resolution we passed last year indicating a grocery store in any form was the highest and best use of the 319 Ludlow Ave property.

Marxen advised CM is seeking money from the City that Steve Goessling had been previously seeking. Individuals can write emails to City officials on their input on this matter.

Events Committee

Chairperson Nicholas Hollan was absent. Trustee Marsh advised that apparently decision

Sizemore advised a year of planning is coming to a conclusion on May 10. 90+ volunteers and countless hours of planning. We are all set. Tickets are onsale now.

A resident asked us to consider having future House Tour events on a day other than Mother's Day.

Trustee Balz advised that May 25th is the Memorial Day Parade and Grillout. Watch for details on www.cliftoncommunity.org and email.

Executive Committee

President Sizemore reported that resolutions sent in April that were voted about during the April meeting: CCAC request for City loan, Cornell Place variance request, Increase of NSP funding, Speed limit changes, I-74 closure (actually voted upon in 2014, but never sent).

Housing & Zoning Committee

Chairperson Adam Hyland presented a draft of a proposed process for CTM Zoning and Land Use review process. The goal is to have a well defined process that clarifies expectations for applicants and CTM. Trustees were all provided a copy for review and comments to be sent back to Hyland during May. The community will be provided an opportunity to review a second draft before CTM finalizes the process with a vote.

Annexation of Ruther Avenue in Clifton neighborhood is in progress. Hyland has been seeking out Avondale neighborhood Trustees on their view.

Trash cans on Ludlow Committee

Chairperson Rama Kasturi presented an update on trash cans on Ludlow Avenue. Kasturi and 2 residents monitored the Ludlow Ave trash cans between Skyline and Middleton, around the gas station, and Brueggers for one full week. Their review indicated that there is very little trash on the street, and the trash cans are being regularly emptied. Kasturi has had discussions with Director Checco about the matter. Checco has committed to restore trash cans to areas with a documented need. A trash can has been restored at the front of Clifton Market. Checco has also advised that the City will be stepping up enforcement of business owners keeping the area around their storefronts clean. Kasturi will continue to monitor things including chatter on NextDoor of residents concern.

Trustee Hyland suggested that monitoring needs to be more long term such as over a year.

Director Checco advised that he has been monitoring the situation for 6 months, and his findings are similar to the Committee's findings.

Trustee Pantoja requested that the Committee prepare a final summary report so that it can be placed on the website for community knowledge.

Transportation Committee

Chairperson Mike Schur had a meeting with Michael Moore, Director of Department of Transportation & Engineering (DOTE). Moore wants to collaborate with Clifton to resolve issues. This would be a first as no such collaborative relationship exists with a community council. Moore will meet with his staff to setup the process.

The full Committee will meet soon after the Clifton House Tour has been completed to review the current issues list for actions & prioritization. Residents are welcome to join the Committee. Email contactctm@cliftoncommunity.org

Camp Washington community council has reached out to CTM for support on addressing the Hopple / I-75 exchange. This exchange was supposed to be fully functional by about 2016, but this is being delayed by the discussions to build a connector bridge between South Cumminsville and Central Parkway near Cincinnati State. This delay could be as long as 4 more years. The delay is impacting traffic flows in Clifton and Camp Washington. Camp Washington has lost reasonable access to I-75 North for many of their businesses.

Chronicle

Chairperson Ashley Fritz advised that the Summer Chronicle issue would be in the mail later in May.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Michael Moran reported on April results. \$9,832.12 income. Expenses \$3,064.68. Net income of \$6,767.44.

CTM has total assets/reserves of \$82,078.99 with one outstanding liability of \$1,410.47.

Trustee J. Rich moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

A resident asked if the tax liability of the Clifton Plaza has been resolved to where the property tax is zero. Moran indicated that this has not happened, but it could happen if the Clifton Plaza LLC was to obtain non-profit status.

Trustee Updates / Announcements

Golf Outing will be on Saturday, August 22 at Avon Fields. There are opportunities for Presenting Sponsors, Hole Sponsors, contributions of prizes, etc. More details are forthcoming via email and on the Clifton Community website.

Trustee Kasturi asked about a paper shredding event for the future perhaps at CliftonFest or sometime in the future. Sizemore asked that we discuss this during the June meeting.

Pantoja advised an update on noise issues from TriHealth air conditions. Pantoja met with TriHealth and some residents on April 21. TriHealth raised the speed of the fans and reduced the noise level by 3 decibels. Further trials on fan speeds will be run during a summer month such as July when it is hotter weather.

Public Q&A

Carol Crawford commended the Transportation Committee for taking on the bridge / I-74 issues.

Resident advised that the tree trimming is being done incorrectly on the trees in the Plaza. Sizemore referred the matter to the Clifton Plaza LLC Committee.

A youth, Clifton resident, and member of Boy Scout of Troup 161, is seeking ideas from the community for Eagle Scout projects.

Daniel Ames shared that the Boy Scout Troop 161 is having a mulch sale as a fundraising event. This event is already posted on the calendar at www.cliftoncommunity.org/calendar

Tom Reese advised two talent scouts have been seeking Clifton area staging for two movie filming events. The Clifton Rec Center parking lot is a potential spot. City Administration will review the request.

Adjournment/next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

The next CTM meeting is at 7 p.m., Monday, June 1, 2015, at the Clifton Recreation Center.