



CTM Minutes - Group: CTM Board Meeting

By Barry Gee, Secretary

Date: May 6, 2024, 7:00pm

Location: Hybrid Meeting – In-person at Clifton Recreation Center. Online using Google Meets

Board Members Present (11): In Person: Steve Goodin, Barry Gee, Gerald Checco, Jan Checco, Tim Noonan, Leah Kottyan, Jayme Ritter, Justin Ogilby, Rachel Wells, Mindi Rich, John Whedon

Absent (2): Genet Singh, Nestor Melnyk

A quorum is present. Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Steve Goodin.

(U) below will represent a unanimous vote.

Public Attendance (14): Samantha Shattuck/KCB, Brittany Havens, Michael Moreland, Geoff Gelke, Florence Parker/OKI, Jake Barjunin, Kyrie Owen, Eric Urbas, Michelle Schwenker, Jane Scupham, Mary Ann Schmidt, Marcus Hughes, Erin Delaney, Eugeny Mikcheer

Virtual Attendees (12): Tony McDaniel, Chuck Lohre

Welcome to our meeting – Contact the CTM email at contactctm@cliftoncommunity.org

Approval of April Meeting Minutes – Barry Gee

Motion to approve minutes introduced by Steve Goodin, seconded by Rachel Wells. Passed (U)

Police Report – Officer Shawn Dent, Cincinnati Police Dept. (CPD)

No report this month.

Fire Report – Cincinnati Fire Dept. (CFD) Lt. Dave Owens

Lt. Owens said that the April run totals were 200, which is pretty typical for the firehouse.

He also stated that the focus area for May will be fire prevention.

Lt. Owens stated that CFD recently acquired three new fire trucks and one medic truck that are currently being outfitted for service. He said CFD is just starting a recruitment class of 50 people.

Lt. Owens informed us of the City Alert program through the City of Cincinnati website that allows citizens to sign up to receive alerts of information in their areas as well as the ability to document information helpful to the CFD such as a disabled member in the house or medical conditions that might be helpful on runs.

Clifton Recreation Center (CRC) Report — Brittany Havens

Pres. Goodin introduced Brittany Havens who just was promoted to the role of CRC director for the Clifton Recreation Center.

Ms. Havens stated that she has been working at the Clifton CRC for two and a half years. She thanked CTM for the checks received for the Back to School Bash as well as for a new pottery sink.

She mentioned the 2024 Back to School Bash to be held on August 10. The event will be from noon to 3:00 p.m.. They are looking for additional sponsors for this event.

The Buy Nothing Swap held recently was very successful and will most likely be repeated next year.

Clifton Branch Library — Jeanne Strauss-De Groot

On May 8 there will be an employment program from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. for any teenager looking for a summer job.

May 11 will be the annual Lemonade on the Lawn event from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. This is an annual outdoor Health and Wellness Fair on the Clifton library lawn. Partners from health organizations such as Caracole, and Hamilton County Public Health, will be providing resources on LGBTQIA plus related health and wellness topics for all ages and identities.

May 18 will be the second annual Plant Fest. There will be games for children and information on composting and sustainable gardening practices from the University of Cincinnati Horticulture Club and Civic Garden Center.

May 29 will be an Introduction to Tai Chi. This event (as are all the others) is free to the public.

Treasurer Report – Gerald Checco

Gerald Checco stated that the budget quarterly review was completed a couple of weeks ago. Attending were Gerald as current Treasurer, Tim Noonan as past Treasurer, John Whedon representing the Golf Outing, Mindi Rich as CTM VP, Joyce Rich representing the Off Ludlow Gallery, Jan Checco representing the Chronicle and the Treasurer of Clifton Soccer. The takeaway from the review was the need to improve procedures for Clifton Soccer payments. That process is underway.

Mr. Checco reported that we have received the Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) grant money of \$7,500. Checks have already been distributed to Clifton Cultural Arts Center for support of the Clifton House Tour and their children's programming, and to CRC.

Mr. Checco reported that Clifton Community Fund has a new project to give grants to businesses to improve their signage and help the signs conform to the

current code. Gerald presented a motion to have CTM vote on whether this new project is in the best interest of CTM. Barry Gee seconded. Passed U.

Miscellaneous Business Updates — Steve Goodin

Steve Goodin mentioned that FD Harper has resigned from the CTM board. CTM now has two openings for trustees.

Pres. Goodin also mentioned the new record store is open in the Torn Light space. Feel It Records has a well curated collection of all types of music as well as a small thrift store section and a live music space.

Clifton Area Neighborhood School — Lauren Cofrin

No report this month.

Committee Roll Call

Arts & Culture – Mindi Rich

No report this month.

Caretaking/Beautification – Jayme Ritter

No report this month.

Chronicle – Jan Checco

Jan Checco stated that a Clifton Angel has committed \$16,000 to support bringing back the Chronicle as a quarterly print publication. Michael Moreland will be the new Managing Editor of the Chronicle. Jan stated that she would spend the remaining months of her term helping to bolster the Chronicle Committee. She is currently looking for volunteers to help with proofreading and distribution.

Jan introduced Michael Moreland: Proposal attached to minutes.

Jan proposed a motion to accept Michael's proposal and target a Chronicle to be published by September. Seconded by Gerald Checco. Passed U

Clifton Boundaries — Mary Pat Lienhart

No report this month.

Clifton Golf Outing — John Whedon

John Whedon said the Golf Outing has raised over \$120,000 for various Clifton beneficiaries. The event hopes to net \$20,000 this year and the beneficiary for this year is Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. John introduced the Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) Development Director, Samantha Shattuck.

Ms. Shattuck stated that she was a Clifton resident for five years previously. She said that some of the proceeds will be used to produce signs for both Clifton and surrounding neighborhoods to help encourage proper disposal of litter. She also lauded the public art we have in Cincinnati and in particular the Cincinnati is Beautiful mural you can see as you drive by the Hopple Street exit off I-75. The mural needs some TLC, and this may be redone as part of the proceeds of the Golf Outing. Another opportunity she cited was a program called Adopt-A-Spot where community members or businesses adopt a location and agree to keep this litter free. They currently do not have any Gaslight locations in the program. John Whedon had the idea of trying to involve children in the anti-litter effort.

Gerald Checco asked if KCB has thought of partnering with Cincinnati State which has a horticultural and groundskeeping program. Ms. Shattuck responded that they are currently partnering with Cincinnati State in their Workforce Development program.

John Whedon asked for help from the CTM Board in securing sponsors for the Golf Outing.

Clifton Soccer — Mindi Rich

No report this month.

Communications –

No report this month.

Events – Barry Gee

Memorial Day Parade / Picnic is on 5/27

Governance – Open

No report this month.

Housing & Zoning – Rachel Wells

Rachel Wells reported on the Connected Communities meeting held on May 1st. She reported that there was booing and heckling at times and other behavior unbecoming of this community. We have had several trustees resign over similar behavior. She feels that it is time for CTM to draw a line on this behavior.

Rachel had shared a letter of apology to Reggie Harris. Mindi and Jan had proposed changes. Rachel proposed a motion to adopt her letter, Barry Gee seconded. After much discussion Jan Checco proposed an alternate motion to send the task of drafting back to the CTM Executive Committee for resolution. Gerald Checco seconded. Votes Yes – Gerald Checco, Jan Checco, Barry Gee, Tim Noonan, Justin Ogilby, Midi Rich, Jayme Ritter, John Whedon Votes No – Rachel Wells Abstentions – Steve Goodin, Leah Kottyan. Motion passes.

Connected Communities – Gerald Checco proposed a motion to send a letter to City Council asking for a six-month delay in the vote on Connected Communities. Seconded by Jan Checco. Votes Yes – Gerald Checco, Jan Checco, Steve Goodin, Leah Kottyan, Tim Noonan, Mindi Rich Votes No – Barry Gee, Rachel Wells, Justin Ogilby

Membership & Nominating – Tim Noonan

No report this month.

Neighborhood Support Program – Gerald Checco

No report this month.

Parks – Rachel Wells

No report this month.

Public Safety – Tim Noonan

No report this month.

Transportation – Justin Ogilby

Justin Ogilby suggested a motion to fund the Paint the Streets program with \$500. Gerald proposed the motion, Jan Checco seconded. Passed U

Another motion to have CTM act as the fiscal agent for the project will be proposed next month.

Welcome & Connect – Mindi Rich

No report this month.

Liaison Roll Call

Uptown Consortium – Steve Goodin

No report this month.

Invest in Neighborhoods – Gerald Checco

No report this month.

Clifton Community Fund – Gerald Checco

No report this month.

Clifton Business Association – Jan Checco

No report this month.

Neighborhoods of Uptown – Rachel Wells

No report this month.

Community Questions/Concerns:

None

Next CTM Board Meeting 6/3.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Goodin, Barry Gee second. (U)

Respectfully submitted,
Barry Gee, Secretary

Attachments:

May 2024 CTM Agenda

Michael Moreland Clifton Chronicle presentation

Drafted Letters of Apology to Reggie Harris

Housing and Zoning Meeting Summary



Agenda May 6, 2024 – CTM Meeting

Clifton Town Meeting — your community council —

will hold its next monthly Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

Location: Clifton Recreation Center – 320 McAlpin Ave.

Virtual Meeting Link - <https://meet.google.com/qym-wjou-ncx>

Start	Time	Topic	Topic Lead
7:00	1	Welcome	President Goodin
7:01	2	Roll Call/ Approve prior month's minutes	Secretary Barry Gee
7:03	15	Police Report	P.O. Shawn Dent
7:18	5	Fire Report	
7:23	3	New CRC Director - Welcome Brittany Havens	President Goodin
7:26	5	CRC Report	Brittany Havens
7:31	5	Clifton Library	Jeanne Strauss de Groote
7:36	5	Misc Business Updates	President Goodin
7:41	6	Treasurer - Quarterly Report/Finance Committee Quarterly Report/NSP Update	Gerald Checco
7:47	10	Clifton Golf Outing - Keep Cincinnati Beautiful - Present Options for Golf Outing Proceeds	John Whedon/Keep Cincinnati Beautiful
7:57	15	Clifton Chronicle - Managing Editor Presentation	Jan Brown Checco and Michael Moreland
8:12	10	Connected Communities - Special Meeting Follow Up	Rachel Wells
8:22	5	Diggs Plaza Update	Gerald Checco
8:27	5	Clifton Avenue Redesign - Walk Follow Up	Justin Ogilby
8:32	5	Transportation Committee - Budget Adjustment for pedestrian crossing at McAlpin and Middleton - \$500	Justin Ogilby
8:37	5	Beautification Committee - Summer Planting	Jayne Ritter
8:42	5	Memorial Day Parade	Barry Gee
8:47	3	Welcome & Connect Committee Update	Mindi Rich
8:50	3	April/May Membership Drive - Clifton Home & Garden Drawing - Up to 10 winners will be selected based on new CTM Membership or renewal of CTM Membership	Mindi Rich & Jan Brown Checco
8:53	10	Committees Roll Call	President

9:03	5	Community Questions/Concerns	President
9:08		Adjournment – Next meeting June 3, 2024	President

MOTIONS

#	Sponsor	Description
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Clifton

THE CLIFTON CHRONICLE

A proposal

introduction

Hello. I'm Michael Moreland.



Chronicle

First, thing's first.

Everyone loves the Chronicle.

What is the Clifton Chronicle?

The Clifton Chronicle is a neighborhood newspaper serving our community through the support and sponsorship of CTM. Once a simple newsletter, the Chronicle has become much more to the residents and readers who turn each page. It's a quarterly snapshot of the original suburb—an archive of the milestones, moments, and memories that can only happen here.

At a time when news is fleeting, noisy, and never ending, the Chronicle offers readers a chance to pause, slow down, and yield to the rich storytelling and curated content deserving of their time and attention. The paper is educational, informative, positive, inclusive, relevant, celebratory, earnest, and honest.

So, perhaps the Clifton Chronicle isn't a 'what' after all. It's a 'who.' And the answer is: all of us.

opportunities

- Review production process and identify ways to simplify, streamline, and divvy responsibilities
- Develop framework for content creation with greater emphasis on cohesion, organization, and consistency
- Explore refreshing the overall look, tone, and feel
- Improve page design for simpler layouts and clearer communication
- Identify core content creation team with key contributors
- Continue quarterly cadence
- Print next issue for Q3 (September 1st)

production

Ads

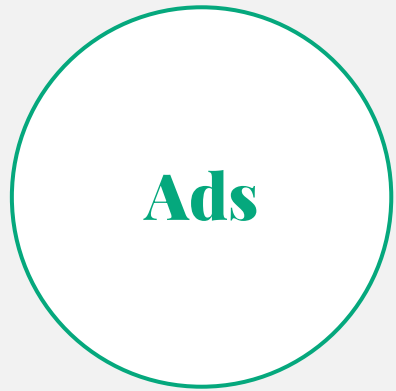
Content

**Editing
&
Design**

Printing

**Distri-
bution**

production



Jan Checco
Ad Manager



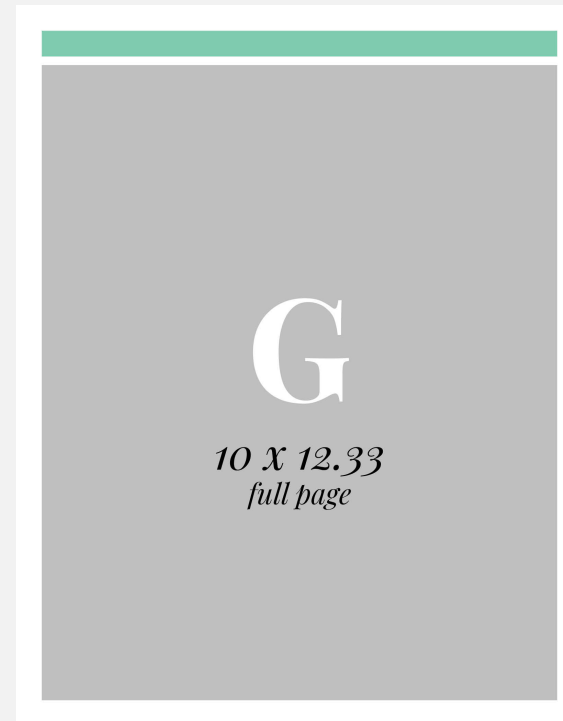
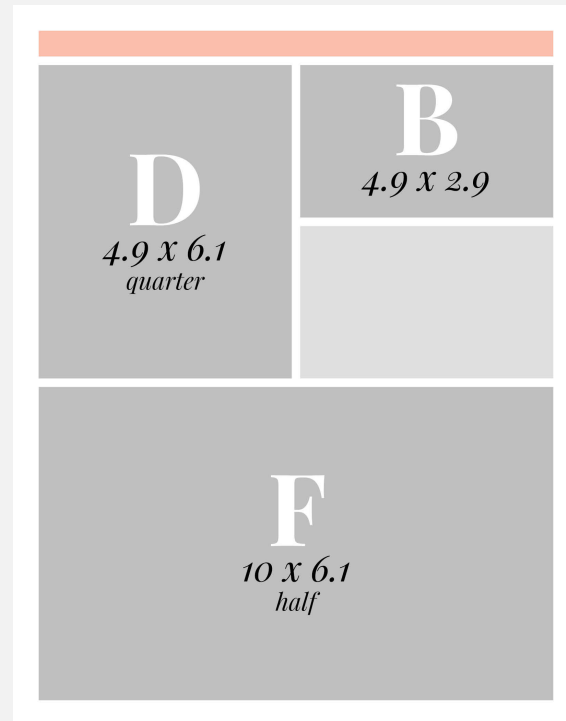
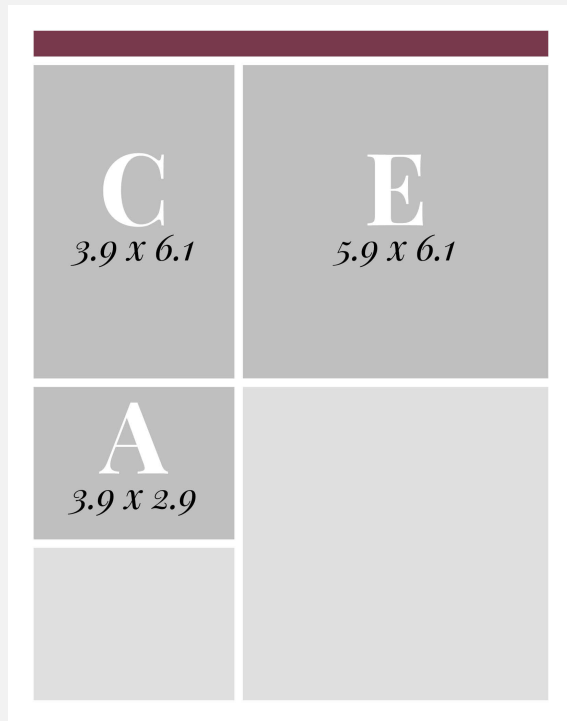
Michael Moreland
Chief Editor



CTM Board Members & Volunteers
Support



ads



With a new layout comes new ad sizes. Seven in total, these placements provide businesses a nice range of promotional opportunities, while working seamlessly with the updated design grid.

Revised pricing will be provided by our new Ad Manager, Jan Checco.

content

I believe this is the greatest strength of our paper, and the biggest opportunity as it continues to grow and evolve. The outline to the right is a high-level view of how we can begin to think about organizing and delivering substance to our readers.

With the support and collaboration of enthusiastic writers, I trust we'll be able to continue our tradition of solid storytelling and captivating content.

I. Cover Story

II. Community

III. Business

IV. Wellness

V. Feature Articles (reoccurring)

VI. About Town

VII. CTM

design

Design is fun. While I believe there are opportunities to elevate, simplify, and even optimize the overall design, I also know there's magic in the whimsy and wonder of the previous look and feel.

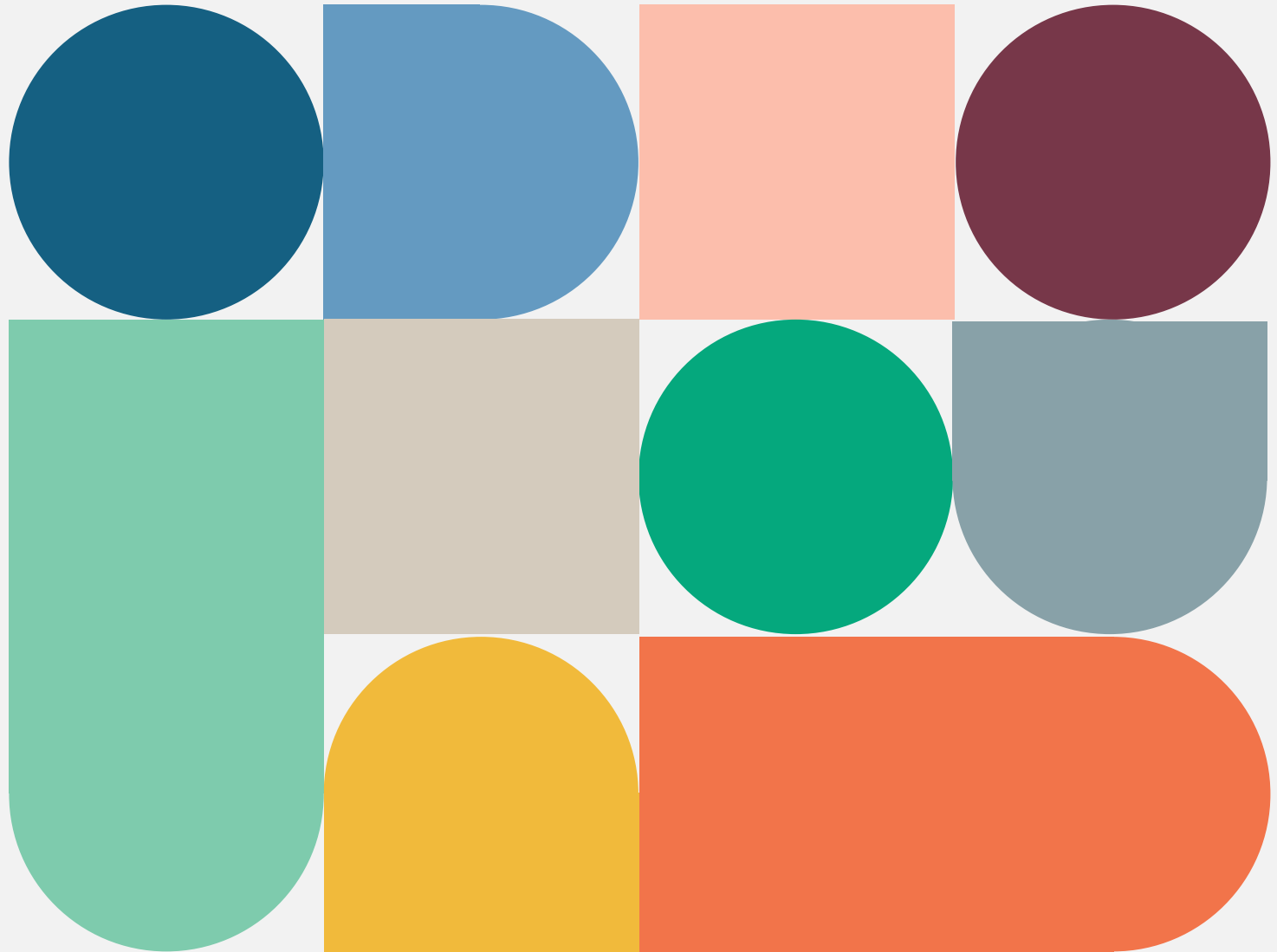
For this refresh, I plan to bring over 15 years of communication design experience to help make the paper even more magnificent, with an updated look that feels current, relevant, and, of course, fun.



color

Ask any Cliftonite, and they'll tell you one of the things they love most about the Chronicle is how colorful it is.

These chosen colors ensure the paper will continue to be vibrant and inviting, while maintaining a refined palette that feels fresh and complete.



type

Typography is a beautiful thing.
By choosing fonts that are
sophisticated and functional,
we'll ensure the paper is
effortless to read and enjoy.

Aa

imagery

If a picture is worth a thousand words,
we should make the most of it.

As part of the redesign, more efficient
layouts will provide better opportunities
for big, bold, beautiful imagery. As the
descriptors to the right suggest, I believe
imagery has the power to enrich a story,
express a feeling, even suggest the sweet
smell of a fresh pastry.

Better imagery = better content.

enticing

candid

vibrant

inviting

editorial

printing & distribution

The paper will continue to be printed through **Make My Newspaper**, with the support and oversight of Gerald Checco, CTM Treasurer.

CTM board members and volunteers will coordinate the physical distribution of the paper to predetermined locations. (Note: the Post Office will continue to deliver the paper to all mailing addresses)

contact

If you're interested in helping produce
the Clifton Chronicle, please contact:

Michael Moreland

michael.a.moreland@gmail.com

questions?

thank you

Apology letter drafted by Rachel Wells

Dear Councilmember Harris,

It is with great regret that we, the trustees of Clifton Town Meeting (CTM), write to you following the May 1, 2024 special meeting of CTM featuring the Connected Communities proposals, to formally apologize for our failure to anticipate and control certain audience members' unreasonable behaviors as you sought to answer the community's questions. The outbursts from the audience were disrespectful and unacceptable.

We intended the meeting to serve as an informational experience for the Clifton community and were grateful that you had agreed to attend to share the intent behind the proposals and highlight how they would affect Clifton. As a community council board, we value your experience and knowledge of budget, finance and housing access and affordability issues. We commend you for proactively seeking solutions and challenging the city to carefully examine how zoning and land use policies have contributed to our current housing crisis as well as ongoing disparities of outcomes in our city.

While we intend to further explore some concerns that residents have raised, we recognize that the attendees at the May 1 special meeting were not representative of our community, the majority of which rent their homes. As CTM takes a closer look at the Connected Communities policy proposals, we resolve to seek input from a more representative group of residents to better understand how we as a community can best manage change.

Through the meeting you showed enormous patience and grace, setting an example for us all. Thank you for your time, expertise and commitment to public service.

Sincerely,

Apology letter drafted by Mindi Rich

Dear Councilmember Harris,

We, the trustees of Clifton Town Meeting (CTM), write to you following the May 1, 2024 Special Meeting of CTM, featuring the Connected Communities proposals, to extend our apologies for our failure to anticipate and control certain audience members' unreasonable behaviors as you sought to answer the community's questions.

The outbursts from some audience members were disrespectful and unacceptable. We intended the meeting to serve as an informational experience for the Clifton community.

We are grateful that you agreed to attend and share the intent behind the proposals and highlight how they would affect Clifton. Thank you for your time and commitment to public service.

Sincerely,

May 13, 2024 - CTM Housing and Zoning Committee Meeting

Attendance

- Rachel Wells
- Malcolm Montgomery
- Mary Pat
- Ben
- Michele
- Peggy
- Steve Slack
- Eric Urbas

Agenda

- Other business - Good Sam - Parking Garage
 - What's the plan? Are there renderings?
 - Will there be additional signage? If so, what will that look like
 - Construction management seems to be going OK.
 - Don't want it to feel like we're entering the Good Sam neighborhood
- Updates
 - CTM - Special meeting on Tuesday
 - Apology letter
 - Delay request
 - City website - new key documents
 - Interactive map -
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/341c80f53c764e0abd4199aeeb18b2de/page/Map/>
 - FAQ -
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/341c80f53c764e0abd4199aeeb18b2de/page/FAQ/>
- Connected Communities Next Steps
 - Q&A from special meeting
 - Compare to City's FAQ - Mary Pat/Tom, Malcolm, Eric, Ben, Adam
 - Rachel assign categories to people - add column for FAQ page # if answered - 3 categories each
 - Go through questions by Sunday at noon
 - Survey
 - Ask Gerald for Mailchimp data on first send of survey
 - Schedule another Mailchimp send
 - Post on social media
 - When sharing the results with cmte and trustees, note:
 - Not a professionally designed survey
- If council delays - Ben wants a professional survey - general consensus -
- If council approves -
 - Explore possibility of a historic overlay - want to know what the rules are, how restrictive it is, what protections get put in place
 - Student Housing

