



CTM Minutes - Group: CTM Board Meeting

By Barry Gee, Secretary

Date: June 3, 2024, 7:00pm

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

Board Members Present (12): In Person: Steve Goodin, Barry Gee, Gerald Checco, Jan Checco, Tim Noonan, Leah Kottyan, Jayme Ritter, Justin Ogilby, Rachel Wells, John Whedon, Genet Singh, Nestor Melnyk

Absent (1): Mindi Rich

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

(U) below will represent a unanimous vote.

Public Attendance (14): Florence Parker, Peg Moses, Aaron Weiner, Mary Pat and Tom Lienhart, Bob Hyland, Kevin Leahey, Marcus Hughes, Owen Waller, Jeanne Strauss DeGroot, Brittany Havens, Phil Herrick, Capt. Eric Horn/Fire Dept

Virtual Attendees (1): Chuck Lohre

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

Approval of May Meeting Minutes – Barry Gee

This month there were 3 meetings that needed CTM Board of Trustees minutes created:

- May 1 Connected Communities Special Meeting minutes
- May 6 Regular CTM Board of Trustees meeting minutes

- May 14 CTM Board of Trustees Special Meeting minutes to discuss Harris apology letter and Connected Communities 6 month delay request

Motion to approve all 3 minutes introduced by Gerald Checco, seconded by Jan Checco. Passed (U)

Vote on New CTM Trustee – Steve Goodin

Pres. Goodin recommended that the CTM Board postpone the vote on a new member tonight to give any others that may be interested more time to apply. We currently have one candidate, Ben Pantoja, that has applied.

Motion to delay selecting trustee for one month proposed by Steve Goodin, Leah Kottyan second. Vote: Steve Goodin, Yes, Jan Checco, No, Gerald Checco, No, Barry Gee, Yes, Tim Noonan, No, Rachel Wells, Yes, Leah Kottyan, Yes, Jayme Ritter, Yes, Genet Singh, No, John Whedon, No, Justin Ogilby, Yes. Motion Passes.

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

We will get these reports from CPD quarterly now.

Tim Noonan gave some updates:

- The activity at the hookah bar seems to be down based on monitoring the cameras in the area.
- Dwayne Taylor has not been seen in the area since his last arrest.
- Phillip Dubose, who has been causing a lot of disturbances recently in the community, has been arrested.

Fire Report – Cincinnati Fire Dept. (CFD) Capt. Eric Horn

Capt. Horn reported that Engine 34 made 223 runs last month which was consistent with their normal volume.

The CFD focus this month is on fireworks safety.

CFD is still adding recruit classes and just added 11 recruits to the Mountain Bike team that will patrol events such as Riverfest and Taste of Cincinnati.

Capt. Horn reported that there was a small fire recently in Burnet Woods. Exact cause is unknown but there was limited damage.

Clifton Recreation Center (CRC) Report — Brittany Havens

Summer camp and Teen Camp are both underway at the CRC. The next large event will be the Back-to-School Bash coming up August 10. Part of McAlpin Ave. will be shut down for safety reasons to allow for easy access for participants.

CRC is launching a Rec at Nite program at the Lincoln and Hirsch centers for the next five weekends from 3:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Leah Kottyan thanked Brittany and the CRC for their help in putting on the Memorial Day picnic when we experienced inclement weather and had to move the event indoors. This was a great help to CTM and allowed us to carry on the tradition.

Clifton Branch Library — Jeanne Strauss-De Groote

The library has just launched their summer reading program.

Snack and craft event for little ones will run Monday through Thursdays from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

For teens there will be Girl Power Music Trivia on June 4 to celebrate women in music.

Songwriting and recording event for youth will be held on June 26 at 3:00 p.m.

Crafternoon for adults will be held June 29 at 1:30.

Treasurer Report – Gerald Checco

Gerald Checco proposed a motion to add the \$500 CTM voted to give for the painting of the crosswalk at Middleton and McAlpin to the budget and to serve as pass through fiscal agent for that project. Barry Gee seconded. Passed U.

Miscellaneous Business Updates — Steve Goodin

Diggs Plaza – Gerald stated that the ad hoc Diggs Plaza Committee has proposed a series of improvements that the \$10K from the Strader grant can be used for. The committee has recommended:

- Install two artist-designed bike racks being provided by the CCAC
- Purchase and install a bike repair station, estimated to cost less than \$1000
- Work with Cincinnati Park Board on enhanced plantings with maintenance partially provided by the community
- Purchase two concrete game tables with attached seating and place them at Diggs, estimated cost \$1500 each, \$3000 total
- Inform and seek consensus from the Corryville and CUF community councils on the proposed changes.

Gerald Checco proposed a motion to accept the findings of the Diggs Plaza Committee. Barry Gee seconded. Passed U.

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

No report this month.

Clifton Boundaries — Mary Pat Lienhart

No report this month.

Clifton Golf Outing — John Whedon

John Whedon began by thanking Aaron Weiner and the folks that ran the Clifton House Tour that was held recently and netted a \$30K profit.

John said the goal of the Golf Outing is to net \$20K profit and so far, \$15K has been committed. They currently have 12 sponsors and are looking to make that 18.

The beneficiary of this year's event (August 24) is Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. The committee is looking for ideas on how Keep Cincinnati Beautiful could use their funds in the community.

Clifton Soccer – Mindi Rich

No report this month.

Communications –

No report this month.

Events – Barry Gee

Memorial Day Parade and Picnic was held on Memorial Day, and we had to switch to an indoor event due to the threat of inclement weather. As of the Thursday before the event the forecast had 85% - 90% chance of rain for Sunday and 60% chance for Monday. We made the call to move the event indoors to give CRC time to lock in staff and for us to change our logistics to an indoor event.

The event itself was successful with the turnout slightly down from a normal event.

Barry Gee will be working on a postmortem of this year's event as well as a how-to document of how to run this event.

Governance – Open

No report this month.

Housing & Zoning – Rachel Wells

Rachel Wells reported on the latest updates on the Connected Communities initiative.

The committee conducted a survey of the community on Connected Communities. The results of that have been shared with the CTM trustees and the H&Z Committee. The results will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The Cincinnati City Council vote on the Connected Communities proposal will take place on June 6. Steve Goodin believes this will pass, probably not unanimously.

Gerald Checco asked about the status of the questions CTM received at the CTM Connected Communities meeting last month. Rachel responded that the committee answered about one half by comparing against the city's FAQ list and that the other half have been forwarded on to the City of Cincinnati for responses.

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 stated that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has given us the opportunity to postpone the extension of the current bike lane on Clifton Ave. from Ludlow Ave. to Bryant Ave. This is already funded but could be only a temporary fix with the upcoming Clifton Ave. redesign. Justin's feeling is we should move forward with the extension which will provide traffic calming along that stretch of road.

John Whedon asked if the bike lane extension would look like what is there now, and Justin responded that it will. Leah Kottyan asked if we could ask for the bike lane to be made to look nicer. Steve Goodin has also heard from neighbors that most are in favor of the bike lane but are concerned about the aesthetics. Justin responded that the DOT is open to changes provided they don't cost much and fit within their space constraints.

Bob Hyland asked if they could paint the intersection green to improve safety and said that even though the design is not aesthetically (many at the meeting referred to as "brutalist") pleasing it is preferable to having cars speed through at a high rate of speed.

Justin proposed a motion to recommend moving forward with the extension of the bike lane from Ludlow Ave. to Bryant Ave. Rachel Wells seconded. Motion passed U.

Welcome & Connect – Mindi Rich

Gerald reported on behalf of Mindi Rich. He reported that the program has two parallel initiatives. One is to welcome people to Clifton that have moved from other neighborhoods or outside of Cincinnati and the other is to welcome foreign born individuals. Clifton has the largest population of foreign-born residents in the city.

The committee is organizing an event at the Clifton Library in September that will partner with the University of Cincinnati that will provide information to newcomers such as how to obtain a driver's license and understanding renters' rights.

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 7/1.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barry Gee, Secretary

Attachments:

June 2024 CTM Agenda

Bike Lane Extension explanation

CTM Board term expirations

Ben Pantoja bio



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June Clifton Town Meeting Board Agenda

Join in-person: Clifton Recreation Center, 320 McAlpin Avenue

Join Remotely: <https://meet.google.com/qym-wjou-ncx>

Time	Topic	Topic Lead
7:00pm / 1 min	Welcome	Pres Goodin
7:01 / 2 min	Roll Call/ Approve prior month's meeting minutes	Sec. Barry Gee
7:03 / 2 min	New Board Member – Motion 1	Pres Goodin
7:05 / 4 min	Treasurer's Report – Budget Amendment Motion 2	Treas. Gerald Checco
7:09 / 21 min	Police Report	P.O. Shawn Dent
7:30 / 5 min	Safety Issues	Tim Noonan
7:35 / 5 min	Firehouse report	
7:40 / 5 min	CRC Report	Brittany Havens
7:45 / 5 min	Public Library Report	Dir. Jeanne Strauss DeGroot
7:50 / 5 min	Clifton Welcome & Connect	Gerald

7:55/ 5 min	Memorial Day	Barry Gee
8:00/ 5 min	Bike Lane Extension – Motion 3	Justin
8:05 / 10 min	Nomination Committee – Information	Pres. Goodin
8:15/ 10 min	Golf Updates	John
8:25 / 5 min	Connected Communities	Rachel Wells
8:30/ 5 min	Diggs Plaza – Motion 4	Gerald Checco
8:35 / 10 min	Trustee, Committee and Liaisons Announcements	Pres Goodin
8:45 / 15 min	Community Questions/Concerns	Pres Goodin
9:00 pm	Adjournment – Next meeting July 11	Pres Goodin

Motions

#	Sponsor	Topic
1	President	To select Ben Pantoja as a new Board Member
2	Treasurer	To confirm budget after decision previous month
3	Transportation	To approve recommendation of Transportation Chair

4	Ad-Hoc	<u>To approve recommendations of Ad-Hoc Committee</u>
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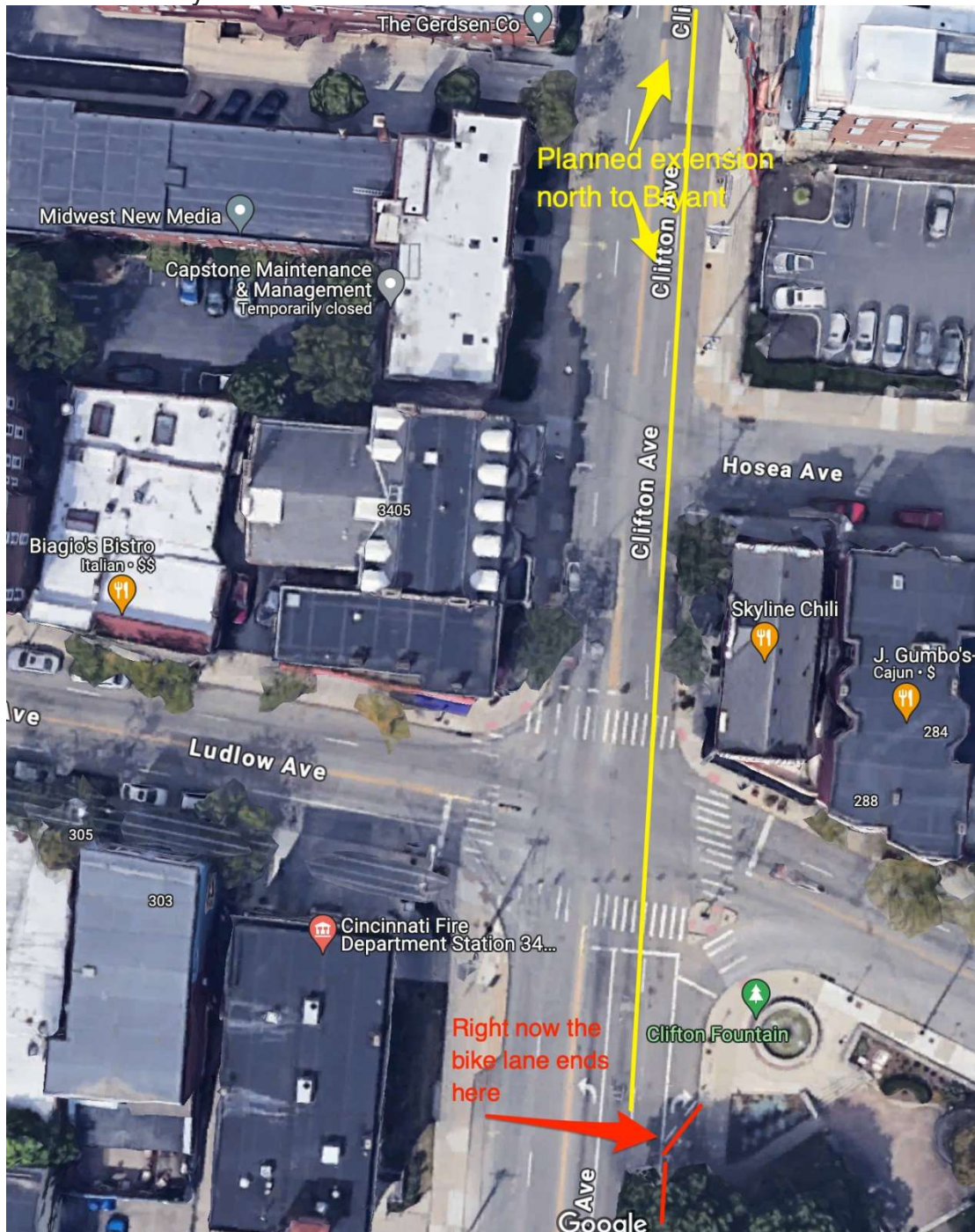
Attachments / Information

#	From	Topic
1	Nominating Committee	<u>Existing CTM Trustees Term Information</u>
2	MSD	<u>Work on Clifton Avenue</u>
3	2024 Home Tour	<u>Thank You Note</u>
4	IIN	Survey results about Connected Communities by Invest In Neighborhoods <u>Part 1</u> and <u>Part 2</u>

Memo from: Justin Ogilby Chair Transportation Committee

Back in 2022 CTM submitted a request for pedestrian safety improvements at Clifton and Ludlow. This request was awarded and funded. Yay!

DOTe's plan to satisfy this request is to extend the Clifton Ave bike lane north to terminate at Bryant. See:



Last week DOTe asked if they should begin design and construction on this extension or hold off pending the outcome of the Clifton Ave redesign planning. The Transportation Committee discussed and could not come to a unanimous decision on this. High points of our discussion:

Pros

- DOTe would construct the extension this summer, providing immediate safety benefits to bikers and people on the northbound Clifton Ave sidewalk
- A bike lane extension to Woolper is being considered for the redesign, this could be a test or proof-of-concept for that design

Cons

- The extension will be constructed out of the same materials used in the existing bike lane (concrete parking blocks and plastic bollards)
- No design details are available yet. So we do not know how the extension will get past the slip lane or interact with side-street intersections

I believe the best course of action is to continue with the original plan and construct the bike lane extension this summer. The redesign is in a very early stage and could easily be 2 years away from construction. It's a "bird in the hand is worth 2 in the bush" sort of thing.

CTM Board 2024

Terms Expiring

	Selected not Elected - Must run in 2024	Term Expired not limited
December 31, 2024		
Nestor Melnyk		X
Jan Checco		X
Jayne Ritter		X
Rachel Wells		X
Mindi Rich	X	
December 31, 2025		
Gerald Checco		
Barry Gee		
John Whedon		
Tim Noonan		
Justin Ogilby		
December 31, 2026		
Genet Singh		
Leah Kpottyan		
Steve Goodin	X	

I'm Ben Pantoja. I've lived in Clifton for 40 years. In February, I retired after 38 years in Engineering at Procter and Gamble. I was on the Board of CTM between 2010 and 2016. I served 2 years as a trustee, 2 as Vice President, and 2 as President. I would like to rejoin the Board. I would like to be considered for the vacancy for Vice President because my top priority would be to improve the preparation for Board Meetings and the efficiency of these meetings. I am also interested in Zoning and Governance.