



CTM Minutes - Group: CTM Board Meeting

By Owen Waller, Secretary

Date: February 3, 2025, 7:00pm

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

Board Members Present (14): In Person: Steve Goodin, Gerald Checco, Jan Checco, Barry Gee, Mindi Rich, Tim Noonan, Owen Waller, Kevin Mohan, Brendan Pulte, Patrick Etter, Ben Pantoja, Justin Ogilby, Kevin Leahy, John Whedon

Absent (1): Genet Singh,

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

(U) below will represent a unanimous vote.

Public attendance in person (28)

Jeanne Strauss-deGroot, Char Lyon, Mark Jeffreys, Officer Dent, Chris Carr, Bob Hyland, Leslie Mooney, Michael Moreland, Tom Lienhart, Mary Pat Lienhart, Peggy Moses, 2 Firemen, Louise Bettman, Rachel Wells, Brittany Havens, Peter Block, Jack Parlin, Reid Bradley, Lynn Hamamoto, Sharyn LaCombe (Metro), Khaled Shammout (Metro) Michelle Burch, Jen Rosen, Paloma Garcia, Olivia Rosen, 2 unknown.

Public Attendance online (6)

Chris Pantoja, Tom Lohre, Stefan N, Cynthia Duval, Kevin Marsh, Lisa Haglund

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

Motion to Approve Agenda – Gerald Checco

Motion to approve February agenda proposed by Gerald Checco, seconded by Patrick Etter. Motion Passed (U).

Motion to Approve January Minutes – Gerald Checco

Motion to approve January minutes proposed by Gerald Checco, Ben Pantoja seconded. Motion Passed (U).

Fire Report – Cincinnati Fire Dept. (CFD)

Reported run volume of 339, slight increase due to weather.

New recruit class started for CFD.

Audience asked whether staffing issues were present in CFD due to retirees. CFD stated that new recruits were being trained accordingly and those retiring would be replaced with equivalent numbers.

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

Reported on multiple instances of B&Es on Evanswood, it is currently suspected to be kids, not an organized group. Dent answered audience members' questions on the topic

Officer Dent discussed a robbery at Whitfield and Ludlow. Board members pressed for more information regarding the incident presenting their knowledge on the situation. Officer Dent then warned of credit card scams, and how information can be taken quickly.

Board members talked to Officer Dent about suspected crimes at the Hookah bar. After extensive deliberation on the issue, the discussion concluded highlighting difficulties of making arrests and the complexities of the laws around neighborhood nuisances.

Clifton Branch Library update - Jeanne Strauss de Groot

Jeanne presented programming from the Clifton Branch Library including a weekly park walk in Burnet Woods and a Winter Checkout Challenge. More information can be found here: <https://chpl.org/locations/cl/>

Clifton Recreation Center update - Brittany Havens

Brittany gave details of both exercise classes currently being offered by the CRC and details on the upcoming summer camps. More information can be found on their [website](#).

CANS Clifton Area Pantry - Michelle Burch

Michelle explained how the Clifton area pantry was started and how it is run. Additionally, she described the need for community partnerships and how those interested can contribute.

For more information, email CliftonAreaPantry@gmail.com, support their amazon wishlist, or offer a tax-deductible donation.

Motion 1: Approve New Committee Chairs - Ben Pantoja

Ben read and proposed the motion. It was seconded by Tim and unanimously passed (U).

Note: Motion 1 included at the end of the minutes as an attachment.

Cincinnati Council Member Mark Jefferys, various topics - Mark Jefferys

Mark Jefferys discussed the difficulties of enforcing no loitering at regular bus stations as they are not raised off the public right-of-way. Conversations between Councilmember Jefferys, the board, and the audience continued until the topic was cut short due to being behind on the agenda.

Motion 2 - Ben Pantoja

A motion to send a letter to the city emphasizing the need to pass an ordinance prohibit loitering at bus stops. The letter was read, the motion was seconded.

Discussion was limited to board members due to the amount of time behind schedule in the meeting. After discussion, the motion passed 10-4.

Note: Motion 2 included at the end of the minutes as an attachments

CCAC Update and CliftonFest funding request - Leslie Mooney

Leslie Mooney described efforts to bring back CliftonFest after a hiatus since 2020. She explained it for those who had not attended before and requested \$2,500 of funding from CTM to assist in the event.

The board will vote to approve the funding request at the March meeting due to a bylaws requirement.

Clifton Plan Update – Gerald Checco

The Clifton Plan steering committee, working with a city planner for the City of Cincinnati, had their first meeting on January 25th. The steering committee has 45 members, and are planning 4-5 engagement sessions with the public.

Conflict of Interest Form Collection - Owen Waller

Owen explained that a conflict of interest form from each board member must be signed yearly, and that he had distributed and collected the forms from all board members present at CRC.

Motion 5 Letter about Hyde Park Square - Ben Pantoja

The board did not reach this point in the agenda, the motion was not made this meeting and will be addressed in the March general meeting.

Treasurer Report – Tim Noonan

No report this month.

Committee Roll Call

Arts & Culture – Mindi Rich

No report this month.

Caretaking/Beautification – Gerald Checco

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

No report this month.

Clifton Soccer – Mindi Rich

No report this month.

Communications – Ben Pantoja

No report this month.

Events – Mindi Rich

No report this month.

Governance – Ben Pantoja

No report this month.

Housing & Zoning – Owen Waller

No report this month.

Membership & Nominating – Barry Gee

No report this month.

Neighborhood Support Program – Gerald Checco

No report this month.

Public Safety – Steve Goodin

No report this month.

Transportation – Justin Ogilby

Justin presented Motion 3 to the board, to submit two intersections, (Ludlow Ave and Ormond Ave + Vine St and Woolper Ave) to the city of Cincinnati for their street calming candidate program. Justin proposed the motion, Jan seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved (U).

Justin presented motion 4, to approve the construction of the Clifton Ave bike lane extension city DOTE with standard materials. Jan motioned to postpone motion 4 until next meeting in consideration of the temporary parking currently instated where the bike lane is planned to be built. This delay intends to include the churches who had requested the temporary parking in the conversation about the bike lane extension. After discussion, this substitute motion was approved 9-5 by the board.

Note: Motions 3 and 4, transportation motions, are included as a single page and included at the end of the minutes as an attachment.

Welcome & Connect – Mindi Rich

No report this month.

Liaison Roll Call

Uptown Consortium – Steve Goodin

No report this month.

Invest in Neighborhoods – Barry Gee

No report this month.

Clifton Community Fund – Gerald Checco

No report this month.

Clifton Business Association – Jan Checco and Genet Singh

No report this month.

Neighborhoods of Uptown – Tim Noonan

No report this month.

Community Questions/Concerns:

None to report.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn called by Jan, seconded by Ben and was unanimously approved (U).

Next CTM Board Meeting 3/3.

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Waller, Secretary

Attachments:

CTM Meeting Agenda Feb 3 2025
2025_02_Motion_1_New_Committee_Chairs
2025.02_Motion_2_Loitering_Ordinance
2025.02_Motion_3_4_Transportation
CANS pantry flier NEW

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

Start Time	Topic	Topic Lead
7:00	1 Welcome	President Pantoja
	3 Roll Call/ Approve agenda/Approve minutes	Secretary Waller
	5 Fire Report	
	5 Police Report	
7:14	5 Clifton Library	Jeanne Strauss de Groote
	5 CRC Report	Brittany Havens
	5 CANS Clifton Area Pantry	Michelle Burch
	1 New Committee Chairs– Motion 1	Pantoja
7:30	15 Council Member Mark Jeffreys on Safety, Parks, Metro station loitering, snow removal, Hookah Bar	Mark Jeffreys
	5 Prohibit loitering at bus stations - Motion 2	Pantoja
	5 CCAC update/Cliftonfest funding request	Leslie Mooney
	5 March budget changes or NSP for Cliftonfest and Clifton Soccer	Tim Noonan
	1 Conflict of Interest Form	Owen Waller
	10 Clifton Plan update	Gerald Checco
8:10	15 Transportation requests Motions 3 & 4	Justin Ogilby
	10 Transportation update on Clifton Avenue Redesign and Bus Rapid Transit	Justin Ogilby
	5 Hyde Park Square Motion 5	President
	5 Committees Roll Call	President
	10 Community Questions/Concerns	President
8:55	Adjournment – Next meeting 3/3/2025	President

2025_02 Motion 1 New Committee Chairs

Confirm Steve Goodin as 2025 Public Safety Chair and Barry Gee as 2025 Nominations Chair.

Motion 2 No Loitering Ordinance at Bus Stations

Motion is to send the following letter to City Council, City Manager, and Mayor Aftab and then forward the letter to other community councils to see if they want to share with the city their support for the ordinance.

- Whereas there is already an ordinance prohibiting loitering for Streetcar Stations.
- And whereas there is expected to be a similar ordinance for BRT Stations.
- And whereas the bus station on Clifton Avenue at the Shell Gas Station has become a focal point for drug and alcohol abuse and drug dealing.
- And whereas the purpose of a Metro Station is to be used by Metro bus riders, but many of these riders say they are scared to use the Shell bus station.
- And whereas someone knocked a woman unconscious and robbed her on 1/26/25 at the bus station at Whitfield and Ludlow

Clifton Town Meeting has passed a motion urging City Council to pass an ordinance prohibiting loitering at Metro Bus Stations.

For discussion during Feb CTM general meeting

Motions

1. That Clifton's 2026 traffic calming / safety request locations are Ludlow Ave at Ormond Ave and Vine St at Woolper Ave
 - a. Ludlow Ave at Ormond is a high traffic, high pedestrian, frequent crash area
 - b. Vine St at Woolper Ave was our 2025 safety request and almost scored high enough for funding
2. That DOTE install the Clifton Ave Ludlow to Bryant bike lane extension using standard materials.
 - a. Previously CTM approved using "enhanced" materials, the same as were used in the bike lane in College Hill. DOTE has performed a study of those materials and determined they are no longer approved for use.

CLIFTON AREA PANTRY

About Us

The Clifton Area Pantry was opened in Spring 2024 thanks to the work of dedicated Clifton parents and community leaders. The pantry is located on the campus of the Clifton Area Neighborhood School (CANS)

Who do we serve?

The CANS community is comprised of 350 students grades Pre-K through grade 6. We strive to provide basic food and hygiene items to anyone who needs them.

What's next?

Thus far we have maintained the pantry thanks to the generous support of individual donors within the Clifton community. As we look ahead, we strive to grow our community partnerships to ensure the long-term sustainability of the food pantry.



How can I help?

Contact us at CliftonAreaPantry@gmail.com

Support our Amazon Wishlist

Donate to the CANS PTO (it's tax deductible!)
Please indicate that the funds are for the pantry.

