

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 10, 2006

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm

Approval of Minutes

The September minutes were approved as written.

Police & Safety Report

CPD Capt Richard Schmalz introduced Lt Gary Brown with the investigative unit. Officers Lisa Sutter, Germaine Love, and Don Brown presented the September crime stats which showed a decrease in Part I and II crimes. The walking details appear to be having a positive impact.

UC's Officer Henson reported an increase in theft 'crimes of opportunity'. UC's 'night walk' program has resumed, any UC student can call 558-WALK (9255) to get a certified 2-person escort ride from campus to their off-campus home or from home to campus, between 7 pm to 1 am.

Treasurer's & Neighborhood Support Program Report

Dan Plofchan reported a balance of \$3,710.49. Receipts for the Teen Program and Family Day have been sent to NSP for reimbursement. A motion was made and approved to apply for an Annual Interest Grant (AIG) and use the money for the Teen Program. A decision will need to be made at the November meeting about use/transfer of an estimated \$400 left in the Newsletter project.

Short Vine Dev Corp Report

Clyde Nowlin reported Monica Rimai, UC's General Counsel and Senior VP of Finance, attended the last meeting to address concerns about the future of the Corryville's Dev Corps. An 8% cut in funding should not adversely affect activity. Discussion about a merger of three non-profit Dev Corps continues.

Corryville Community Dev Corp Report

A Grand Opening celebration for Stetson Square was held on Oct 3rd.

The CCDC board had spring and summer retreats to discuss potential next projects, no decisions have yet been made.

Uptown Crossings Community Urban Re-Dev Corp: no report given

University Village Association Report: no report given

Corryville Family Resource Center Report

J.J. Johnson-JioDucci introduced newly hired Neighborhood Development Specialist, Dennis Garza-Mattes. They announced the CFRC will become the Uptown Faith Based Community Development Group (UFBCDG) at the end of the year. Participants are from the Mt Auburn, Corryville, and CUF (Clifton/University Heights/Fairview) communities. The Pastors in the Alliance have teamed with the Uptown Consortium to secure a line of credit, and are in the process of identifying properties appropriate for development of moderate price housing. The group intends to train and employ convicted felons, 18-30 years old, for construction.

Sterling Homes has been consulted about developing senior housing.

The Uptown/Corryville Family Day 2006 was a tremendous success despite inclement weather, and all expectations were exceeded. The event raised \$15,000.

J.J. said they are hearing from folks who are living in sub-standard housing and are afraid to report the problems. She asked for the Community Council's support to address the issue.

Corryville Recreation Center

Margaret Ahlrichs announced two new programs: a Polynesian dance class and a new Salsa dance class. The 3rd Annual Halloween Parade will begin Tues, Oct 31st, @ 4:30 at the Rec Center. Community participation is encouraged; costumes are required.

New Business

Mike Shyrock, a concerned citizen, lobbied in opposition to Issue 12 which proposes an increase to the sales tax to build a new jail. He said the jail is full of people who do not need to be there: the mentally ill, the addicted, and those awaiting trial. He advocated allocation of funds to prevent the causes of crime by creating jobs, ending poverty, keeping kids in school, and counseling families and individuals. For more information contact: nojailtax@yahoo.com or www.nojailtax.org.

Tim Hof, resident homeowner of 2714 Eden Ave, explained he and his wife have been unable to find parking spaces on the street and would like to construct a parking pad in their front yard. Tim consulted the City zoning department and was advised he needed the Community Council's approval for a variance. Council requested a site drawing, and suggested Tim explore options for a more visually pleasing driveway. Dan Schimberg suggested he speak to his neighbors about a possible easement or shared driveway and cost.

Florence Parker invited the community to the final Public Open House for the Uptown Transportation Study, Oct 17th, 4 -7 pm, at the Cincinnati Junior Academy, 3798 Clifton Ave.

Xavier students Nick Costaras and Isaac Hapanowicz presented the results of a study conducted by Invest in Neighborhoods/Seasongood to increase dialogue between communities and City Council members. They stressed the importance of increasing the number of registered voters and the percentage of those actually voting. Last year there were 2500 registered Corryville voters, 1400 actually voted. To date this year there are 2236 registered Corryville voters, Council was given a list of their addresses.

Shirley Dunham, Administrative Asst to City Councilmember David Crowley, attended the meeting to let Corryville know that Councilman Crowley was interested in the neighborhood and would welcome any opportunity to assist the community.

Old Business

Dan Plofchan reported at the Sept meeting a motion was made and approved to nominate the following slate of officers: President, Dan Schimberg; Vice President, Clyde Nowlin; Treasurer, Dan Plofchan; NSP rep, Kyle Ciminillo; Secretary, Kay Weak. He asked if there were any further nominations; there were none. A motion was made and approved to close the nominations. A motion was made and approved to allow an oral vote. The slate of officers was submitted for a vote, and passed unanimously.

Announcements

Dan Schimberg announced the demolition of a house at 249 E University had lessened some problems in the area.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

As recorded by Kay Weak