

**Corryville Community Council Draft MINUTES
Tuesday, February 14th, 2006**

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

The January 10th minutes were approved as written.

Captain Schmalz explained the Cincinnati Police Department's (CPD) recent disbanding of the separate Neighborhood Police Officer Unit. He said all officers are trained and able to work with the community, and the new plan calls for three beat officers, one on each of the three shifts, to be the community contact, with a Sgt to oversee. He introduced four officers on the new team: Lisa Davis, Germaine Love, Richard Sulfsted and Bill Suiter. The officers said they are enthused about working with the community and asked for patience and support during the transition period.

Tim Riordan, Exec Dir of the Short Vine Development Corp (SVDC), questioned why Alex Hasse wasn't present. It was explained Alex is part of the new team as well, but was on vacation. Tim also questioned the process for communication between all team members. The officers said they believe the new system will provide better communication as each team will speak to the next with the shift change, and there will be a community contact available 24/7. A list of email addresses and phone numbers will be forthcoming.

Pete Mello, with the Short Vine Business Assoc, indicated Alex Hasse was very familiar with the surveillance camera system, purchased by the Business Assoc and donated to the CPD. Pete said the system was very costly and has been quite effective. He relayed the Business Assoc's concern the system not be under utilized, and suggested the plan include surveillance camera training for the new team. The officers indicated interest, and the idea will be pursued.

Officer Bill Suiter compared crime stats from '05-'06: grand and petit larcenies are down, 0 homicides, robberies and burglaries are up, felonies are up 50%, but only because they went from 2 to 3. The 22% increase in calls for service was questioned, parking and noise problems were suggested as the probable cause.

Officer Long, UC Police Dept, presented crime details showing East Campus theft continues to be the biggest problem.

There was no Treasurer's report. The CCC needs a volunteer to step forward to fill this position.

Tim Riordan gave the SVDC update. Four of the twelve Charlton Place condos have sold, three to suburban Cincinnati buyers, and one to an out-of-state buyer. A model should be open in a couple of weeks. Despite the Turner Hall wall collapse, the SVDC hopes to have the project completed by fall '06. Turner Hall will house two apartments for visiting UC professors, the Niehoff

Urban Design Center (currently located downtown), and studio space for 50-60 UC architectural students.

Tim, Officer Hasse, and several members of the Business Assoc recently met with UC's Dean of Students and Director of Orientation to express their concern about incoming students being advised to avoid Corryville. The group presented Corryville's much improved crime stats, discussed the misperception of the community, and were assured the situation would be corrected.

Pete Mello gave an update about recent UVA activity. The group worked with Schottco, owner of the Kroger's/Walgreen's parking lots, and Bogart's to improve signage warning community visitors of Schottco's strict towing policy for their lots.

There was no CCDC report.

There was UCCURC report. The last meeting was cancelled. Bill Crawford, Corryville resident, is the new community representative.

J.J. JioDucci, Consultant to Friars/Corryville Family Resource Center/Corryville Think Tank, (CFRC/CTT), addressed the issue of affordable workforce, and senior, housing in Corryville. She questioned what Corryville activity was needed to replace seventy-five owner-occupied homes lost, and provide senior housing. J.J. complemented the quality of the Stetson Square and other recent CDC developments, but suggested the perception will be 'gentrification by default' if lower priced housing is not also developed. She asked where residents are to go if they are purposely priced out, and suggested the possible use of HUD 220 and 221-d4 funds, Habitat to build infill, and modular/panel homes.

Dan Schimberg, Pres of the Corryville Community Council (CCC), regretted not having the answer. He explained he has explored low/moderate income development options with both John Henry and Keith Glaser and has been unable to come up with an economic model. He said a recent study by the Corryville Community Development Corporation (CCDC) concluded targeted re-hab might be cost effective, but otherwise the cost of assembling large amounts of land is prohibitive. He emphasized he did not want Corryville residents to think the situation was unique to their community, but rather it is a nationwide problem.

J.J. said Friars/CFRC/CTT were researching funding vehicles to help buy the land. She stressed even though the perception may not equal the reality, the issue is a problem and solutions should be aggressively addressed or it could have a negative effect on the community.

Richard Watson, newly appointed CFRC Neighborhood Development Specialist, was introduced. Richard said his focus would be with seniors and special events. He passed out information and briefly explained a property tax reduction program, the Homestead Exemption, available to some owner-occupied seniors, 65 and over, and the disabled. Richard has arranged for Regina Jackson to attend the next CTT meeting, (March 7th, 6:00 at the Rec Center), to fully explain the details of the requirements. Richard can be

contacted at: 281-2306. He extended an invitation for all to visit the new CFRC headquarters at 2644 Belleview Ave.

Pastor Gerald Bea of the New Nazarene Church, and Chairman of the CFRC/CTT, shared the concerns he is hearing from community seniors and financially pressed residents. He said the CFRC/CTT is trying to connect with people in the community who can assist with their problems.

Lisa Trzcinski, new Teen Director for the Corryville Recreation Center (CRC), was introduced. She announced a fund drive for a field trip this April to Indiana, to attend a Pacers game and visit Conner Prairie, with about 13 teens, aged 14-16. Several large and small donations were offered by CCC members. Lisa said the next outing being planned is a 5 day camping/canoeing trip.

Kay Weaks presented the following three Corryville Scholarship Program motions for CCC approval, all three motions passed unanimously.

1. The Corryville Community Council (CCC) approves a Corryville Scholarship Funds (CSFunds) Committee, with these agreements:

Committee Appointment

The CSFunds Committee will consist of two advisors and a three-person Selection Sub-Committee.

The CCC will select members of the CSFunds Committee every two years; with no term limits.

Any member of the CCC is eligible for appointment to the CSFunds Committee.

Duties

The CSFunds Committee will be responsible for an annual solicitation of funds, monitoring and acknowledging contributions, publicity and distribution of scholarship applications, and overseeing distribution of the scholarship awards.

The CSFunds Selection Sub-Committee will be responsible for review of scholarship applications, and selection of scholarship recipients.

2. The Corryville Community Council (CCC) approves administrative transfer of the Corryville Scholarship Funds (CSFunds) to the First Christian Assembly of God (FCA), with these agreements:

The CCC accepts the FCA's offer to administer the CSFunds, allowing the CSFunds to operate within the FCA's 501-C3 tax status, and thus supporting tax-deductible contributions to the CSFunds.

The CSFunds will be held by the FCA as a designated line item to be used exclusively for tuition scholarships awarded by the CSFunds Selection Sub-Committee.

A CSFunds member will advise the FCA when a tuition installment is due, and specify how much and where to send the payment. All payments will be made directly to the schools, not the scholarship recipients.

Donations to the Corryville Scholarship Funds should be made payable to:

First Christian Assembly of God

220 William Howard Taft
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

Contributors **MUST SPECIFY** their donations are for the “**Corryville Scholarship Funds**”. (The FCA sponsors more than one Scholarship Fund.)

The FCA prints an account of all funds received by the church weekly. A FCA contact will monitor the print out and be available periodically for contact by a CSFunds member regarding contributions made to the CSFunds.

3. Any significant change to the 2006 CSFunds cover letter, application form, scholarship renewal requirements, or agreements to Motions 1 & 2 will be brought forward to the CCC for approval.

(The content of the 2006 cover letter, application form, and scholarship renewal requirements have previously been approved by the CCC.)

Kay then initiated a discussion about the CCC’s 2006 Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) proposals, indicating she would like to ask for perhaps \$200 to pay mailing expenses for a Scholarship Fund Drive.

Bobi Jackson, Neighborhood Development Specialist with the Friars/CFRC/CTT, requested \$2,500 to partially fund the Corryville Family Day, tentatively scheduled for Sat., Sept. 25th.

Interest in continuation of the three 2005 NSP projects was discussed: a 2006 Corryville Clean-Up Day should occur, the Teen Employment administered by the CRC should continue, and community communication is important. Kay relayed that Brandon Wilkes said the First Christian Assembly of God could continue to send postcard meeting reminders, but would no longer be able to put the newsletter together. She questioned the possibility of distributing meeting minutes, as had been done years ago.

Kay offered to contact Dan Plofchan, interim NSP representative, for past records and assistance preparing draft 2006 NSP proposals to present to the CCC for approval at the March 14th meeting.

Florence Parker passed out ‘Early Action Suggestions’ from the Uptown Transportation Study.

Cathi Dawson announced Lamont Taylor, former CCC Pres, was recently elected Chairman of the Board for the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA).

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

As recorded by Kay Weeks

The next CCC meeting is March 14th, 6:00-7:30 pm at the Corryville Recreation Center.