

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

4-11-06

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm. Officers Dan Schimberg, Clyde Nowlin, and Dan Plofchan were present.

The minutes from the 3-14-06 meeting were approved as written.

POLICE AND SAFETY REPORT

Captain Schmalz and three community contact team officers: Germaine Love, Josh Fehrman, and Vince Taylor, presented CPD crime stats. All categories except burglaries continue on a downward slope. Walking beats have begun in the Short Vine Business District. The Cinco de Mayo celebration is May 5th, and in the two weeks prior aggressive control of student party disturbances will be made.

Margaret Ahlrichs, Director of the CRC (Corryville Recreation Center) expressed outrage that gunshots were fired on the playground the previous day, and said it wasn't the first time. She requested an officer be assigned to the playground, or officers routinely patrol the area. Captain Schmalz said he did not have that ability; authorization would have to come from the Uptown Consortium. Discussion of the situation followed:

- The problem appears to involve individuals who are spectators to the activity on the basketball courts, and are selling drugs along Daniels between Eden and Euclid.
- Margaret has asked for security fencing around the park numerous times, to be funded with the disputed \$60,000 Tot Lot money.
- A suggestion to remove the basketball apparatus and reconfigure the area with four squares was made, saying basketball players could use the indoor court, with perhaps extended hours.
- Removal of outdoor basketball was questioned, asking if it would actually eliminate the problem, and indicating reaction would likely be emotionally charged.
- The closing hour of the park (dusk or 10 pm) was questioned, signage needs to be posted and strictly enforced. Nighttime caps on the baskets were suggested.
- There are no surveillance cameras on the area.

It was agreed a community discussion/action plan will be on the agenda of the May 9th CCC meeting.

Pete Mello, a UVA (University Village Association) board member, manages the old Frisch's/Benchmark parking lot. He explained having to ask 'out-of-their-car' vendors not to operate on the lot, and said they now set up on the sidewalk. He said last Fri evening at Staggerle's Carry Out, which is adjacent to this parking lot, he was told many of their customers reported being offered crack cocaine by these vendors. The community contact team officers noted the details.

UC Police Officer Henson, explained UC's surveillance cameras have superior abilities to those installed on Short Vine, as they record directly into the communication center on campus, and can be rotated 360* as needed. Cincinnati police have access to recordings if necessary. He

reported crime stats are down, 37% over same time last year. They continue to increase safety education to students. They are overlapping shifts from 10:30pm-midnight.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Dan Plofchan said there was nothing new to report.

-Members need to pay dues. A registration form can be obtained at Uptown Rentals.

NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT PROGRAM REPORT- Dan Plofchan said there was nothing new to report.

SHORT VINE DEV CORP REPORT- no report

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY DEV CORP REPORT- no report

Chuck Darling reported for Stetson Square:

- Eden Ave will be closed until mid-June.
- The large apartment building will be available mid June; retail space is on schedule.
- There has been interest in 1 and 2 BR homes called City Homes.

UPTOWN CROSSINGS COMMUNITY URBAN REDEV CORP REPORT

- Bill Crawford and Dan Schimberg attended the last meeting and said there was nothing new to report.

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE ASSOCIATION REPORT

The last meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for 4-18-06 at 2pm at Martino's.

CORRYVILLE RECREATION CENTER REPORT

Margaret Ahlrichs announced:

- There is an upcoming Senior Expo at Coney Island.
- Day camp starts June 12th and there are a couple of slots left.
- Ballroom dancing classes will start soon for 13 to 30 year olds. It will be held on Sat and is 100.00/couple.
- There will be a Men's basketball league on Sat afternoons, looking for 6 teams.
- This summer there will be Reds Rookie League, Junior tennis, and Hershey Track. Lots of youth opportunities available.
- The teen field trip to Conner Prairie was a success and an eye opening experience.

CORRYVILLE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER REPORT

Bobi Jackson reported the CFRC is exploring ideas for youth activities. They are looking to local organizations to see what exists for youth in the areas of sports, fitness, mentoring, teen employment, youth leadership, etc. The Friar's Club is closing June 30th. Richard Watson is working with the Friar's to relocate the tenants who will be displaced, and is looking for affordable housing.

NEW BUSINESS

-Nate Lett outlined the many services available from the Community Action Agency, including: ABLE/GED Classes, Apprenticeship/Trade Linkage, Birth Certificate Assistance, Business Loan/Business Capitol, Child Care Services, Computer Training, Credit Counseling/Budgeting,

Emergency Assistance Linkage, Entrepreneurial Training, Fatherhood Training/Counseling, Food Voucher Assistance, Fresh Start Re-Entry for Ex-Offenders, Head Start, HEAP/Utilities Assistance, Homeownership Program, Job Readiness & Job Placement, Police Check Service, Post-Secondary Scholarship Assistance, Prescription Eyeglasses Assistance, Prescription Medication Assistance, Rent/Mortgage Assistance, Resume Writing Services, Senior Services, State ID Assistance, Telephone Bill Assistance, Transitional Housing, Transportation Assistance, Weatherization, Youth Training Program. For more information call: 569-1840
The HEAP program is extended thru April 30, 2006.

- CCC elections will occur at the September meeting. There is no meeting in July, nominations are due in August. Dan Schimberg and Clyde Nowlin have 3 months left and are term limited. No one has indicated any interest in running, but there needs to be a community contact for the city.

- The Great American Cleanup is April 22nd. Volunteers will gather at the CRC at 8am.

- Ms Jackson, proprietor of the new Ultra Serenity Lounge, opening soon in the Short Vine Firehouse, offered to host the June CCC meeting at the Lounge on Sunday, June 11 from 6 to 10pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Minutes prepared by Carla Manning and Kay Weaks.