

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

5-9-06

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

The 4-11-06 minutes were approved with several corrections.

POLICE AND SAFETY REPORT

UC Police Officer Henson checked the view of Corryville on their surveillance cameras and suggested contacting NORCOM to see if the contract would allow the cameras could be lowered to include the CRC playground. He reported most UC crime stats continue to decrease. Their 'Get in the Habit' campaign to reduce theft from autos was initially quite effective, but the thefts are on the rise again, and they are now trying bait cars equipped with cameras. There were no major problems associated with the Cinco de Mayo celebration. UC's jurisdiction to supervise student behavior now extends 2600 feet off campus. Graduation is June 10th.

Sgt. Brown and Officers Hatcher and Kaeser reported most CPD crime stats continue to decrease. The Officers were requested to verify the stats for part 1 & 2 crime arrests relative to total part 1 & 2 crimes, as the numbers don't seem to make sense. A request for the phone numbers of the community contact team officers was made and it was explained they do not have phones. Call: 513-352-3576, the officers are available by email.

TREASURER'S & NSP REPORT

Dan Plofchan reported the books are balanced with an account total of \$4,722.79. There are six paid CCC memberships, registration forms can be obtained at Uptown Rentals. The NSP requests have been sent.

SHORT VINE DEV CORP REPORT

Tim Riordan updated activity:

- The Turner Hall project is back on track, and may still meet schedule.
- Seven of the twelve Charlton Place condos have sold; those remaining are 2 & 3 bdrm units in the \$240/300,000 range.
- A new business, 'Short Vine Grind', has opened.
- The Short Vine Restaurant and Bar Assoc has scheduled a digital design music festival "Go Glow" for Sat, May 6th, from @ 9pm-1:30am. This is the Assoc's first effort to link with UC's College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning (DAAP). Several bands are involved and digital screens inside and outside will showcase student work.

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY DEV CORP REPORT- no report

Chuck Darling updated Stetson Square activity:

- The streetscape will be complete and Eden Ave will re-open in mid-June.
- More than 50% of the first building has been rented.
- They have pre-leased 11 _____.
- The office/retail building will be open by the end of the year; all office space is leased, marketing of retail space should begin shortly.

-They have pre-commitments for a few City Homes.

UPTOWN CROSSINGS COMMUNITY URBAN REDEV CORP REPORT

- The last meeting was cancelled; the next meeting is June 30th.

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE ASSOCIATION REPORT

DAAP master's degree student Chris Schadler presented, for CCC consideration, two CNBDU grant proposals the UVA will make to the City.

-The first will provide \$200,000 in 50/50 matching funds for Façade Improvements in the 26, 27, and 2800 blocks of Short Vine. The project will assist the upkeep of buildings and allow for consistent design guidelines. A motion for the CCC to support the UVA's Façade Improvement Grant application passed unanimously.

-The second will provide \$30,000 to initiate the American Sign Museum Annex and Arts Coordination (ASMAC). Their first project will be the installation of a Welcome to Corryville Genie in the pocket park on the NE corner of Cory and Short Vine. A motion for the CCC to support the UVA's ASMAC Grant application passed unanimously.

CORRYVILLE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER REPORT-no report

CORRYVILLE RECREATION CENTER REPORT-no report

OLD BUSINESS

The Corryville Clean-up Day was cancelled due to lack of volunteers, and will not be re-scheduled.

The planned community discussion about the CRC playground situation was postponed to the June meeting due to inadequate attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

The Uptown Consortium's Exec Director, Tony Brown, and Director of Neighborhood Services, Dwen Chester, were introduced and welcomed. They recently held focus sessions with four groups of young professionals and four key Uptown development issues had emerged:

1. Safety is far and away the biggest issue.
2. That which currently exists in Uptown is largely unknown to this audience, from housing to places to eat.
3. These groups were very focused and interested in what was being done to limit the displacement of existing residents and to address the social service needs of the neighborhoods.
4. Transportation issues, including the light rail option, generated strong interest.

Tony reported the Consortium recently helped fund increased walking patrols. Dwen announced a residential camp for youth aged 11-13, the week of June 25th; details are available at the CRC desk. The two invited suggestions for how the Consortium might assist the community with development and several concerns were raised:

- Loitering continues to be a problem on Short Vine, as does the increased number of 'out-of-their-car' street vendors.
- Enforcement of the youth curfew is necessary.
- A process needs to be implemented to hold negligent absentee landlords accountable, including judicial enforcement.

- Abandoned cars continue to be a big problem. A sweep to identify and tow these cars would be helpful. Dave Lockhorn, City Building and Inspections, said based on past experience towing and *keeping* the cars off the streets might require a change in the auction regulations.

- Florence Parker, OKI Regional Planning, who attends ten community council meetings within her district, noted the need for greater cooperation vs the present competition among the Uptown communities.

Dwen can be contacted at 556-2742 or dchester@uptownconsortium.org.

Bob Vickery, Trans & Engineering, outlined the City's proposed improvements to MLK between Bishop and Euclid, which include widening, elevating, and adding two stop light intersections.

A new intersection at Short Vine and MLK will allow northbound access from Short Vine to Jefferson. Several concerns were raised:

- Traffic westbound on MLK will not be able to make a southbound turn to Short Vine.
- The alignment of lanes and signage on MLK is confusing; this issue is being addressed.
- The 'cross over' traffic on Vine just north of MLK, (from westbound MLK traffic turning north on Vine and then trying to get over to turn west on Nixon), is a bad situation.
- The narrowing of Vine north of Goodman/Nixon creates congestion; UCCURC has given this problem consideration.

Additionally, concerns about the Eden/Goodman detour route during construction were expressed:

- The Eden/Goodman route is already overly congested.
- Eden is only a two lane road.
- There are no stop signs on Eden between Taft and University and the excessive speed of traffic is already a problem for residents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms Farrah Jackson, proprietor of the new Ultra Serenity Lounge, opening soon in the Short Vine Firehouse, previously offered to host the June CCC meeting; however their completion date has been delayed.

The next CCC meeting will be June 13th, 6:00pm, at the Corryville Recreation Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

As recorded by Kay Weaks.