

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
JUNE 13, 2006

Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm. Officers Dan Schimberg, Dan Plofchan, Clyde Nowlin and Carla Manning were present.

The 5-9-06 minutes were approved with no corrections.

POLICE AND SAFETY REPORTS

CPD REPORT

- Officer Josh Fehrman passed out YTD crime stats and stats from April and May of 2006. Calls for service were up. There has been 1 homicide in Corryville for 2006. Felonious assaults (serious injury or with weapon) are down. Rapes, robberies, burglaries and larcenies are down. Total Part 1 and Part 2 crimes are down.
- At the April meeting concern was expressed about drug dealing and a gun incident around the CRC basketball courts. Officer Fehrman asked if there were any recent problems, none were reported. It was noted Police cruisers were recently stationed on Daniels, and there was some undercover surveillance. Police had only witnessed CD selling.
- A suggestion was made that the problem may have moved several blocks to the east, on Oak. Several complaints of incidents in that area were made. Safety concerns have had a negative impact on apartment leases in that area. A complaint about a potential crack house in another area was made. There has been a fire at this address and lots of activity day and night. Police will follow-up. Officer Fehrman asked for community help to resolve problems with specific descriptions of people, cars and activities.
- Officer Eric Franz said from his experience a fence around the CRC playground would be an effective deterrent to the problem. It was explained the community has discussed fencing numerous times, to be funded with the 'disputed \$60,000' Tot Lot proceeds. CPD said that if pressure is put on City Council it might happen.
- Those living in the community need to exercise caution with windows, doors and watch their surroundings.
- A request for the email addresses of the community liaison officers was made, in order they receive the draft CCC minutes and be prepared to discuss any issues of concern from the previous meeting. Their email addresses are available at: www.cincinnati-oh.gov.
- April Cummings, formerly with Public Allies and newly hired representative of the Community Police Partnering Center was unable to attend the meeting, but asked an announcement be made that she is forming a CPOP (Community Problem Oriented Policing) team in Corryville around the issue of open air drugs and loitering on Oak between Highland and Bellevue. Anyone interested in helping to create effective strategies to deter (and hopefully prevent) this type of crime is asked to contact April at: aprilcummings@gcul.org or 513-373-5902.

UC REPORT

UC Police Officer Henson reported a repeat of the hand-out 'Get in the Habit' campaign to reduce theft from autos had been successful. The bait cars with cameras were installed but not yet broken into.

In discussion, it was agreed the UVA will work with UC to adjust the NORCAM surveillance cameras to include the CRC playground.

When asked to explain the extent of UC's jurisdiction within 2600 feet off campus, Officer Henson said it was essentially the same as that of the CPD.

UPTOWN REPORT- no report.

TREASURER'S & NSP REPORT

Dan Plofchan reported he met with NSP officials. Three proposals were approved: CRC teen employment, CFRC Corryville Family Day, and Community Communication. The \$300 proposed to fund the Corryville Clean-Up Day, which did not occur due to lack of volunteers, was added to the CRC teen employment program.

SHORT VINE DEV CORP & CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY DEV CORP REPORT

- Tim Riordan, recently appointed to The Banks board of directors, will continue as Exec Dir of the SVDC, Kathy Schwab is to be appointed Asst Dir.
- Contrary to the 5-1-06 Cinti Enquirer article, UC will not be pulling their reps off the nonprofit boards.
- The full 75 million UC allocation for CDC loans has been made. No additional funds are available, however as the loans are repaid those monies will be re-allocated for additional loans.

There has been preliminary discussion about merging all the Corryville CDCs into a single Corryville Dev Corp. Members of the CCC were asked to approve further consideration of this idea. Discussion followed:

- There are too many meetings for the number of Corryville volunteer participants involved.
- Should the CDCs be combined, the current 'balance of power' outlined in the Urban Renewal Plan is intended to remain the same.
- Consideration has been given to applying for 501-c3 status for the new CDC in order to accommodate the Scholarship Funds and the CRC lunch program.
- Whether consideration has been given to the Pastor's Alliance CDC was questioned; it has been discussed.

A motion for the CCC to approve further consideration of a merger passed unanimously, with the understanding the final proposal will be brought to the CCC for approval.

UPTOWN CROSSINGS COMMUNITY URBAN REDEV CORP REPORT

Dan Schimberg reported at the last meeting a proposed street grid was discussed. Newly appointed UCCURC rep, Bill Crawford, questioned the intent of the grid. It was explained as an attempt to allow maximum land use by increasing use of the 'dead' space of the deep lots. They are looking for ways to connect the various surrounding areas and control egress routes around the zoo with minimum adverse impact on Glendora and the surrounding neighborhood. This process is slow moving.

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE ASSOCIATION REPORT

Marty Angiulli and Al Porkolab reported two CNBDU grant proposals (for Façade Improvement and ASMAC) were made, but no decision yet rendered.

CORRYVILLE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER - no report.

CORRYVILLE RECREATION CENTER REPORT

- Margaret Alhrichs thanked the CCC for funding the teen employment program, and said they hired two full time youth supervisors. A motion to insure the \$1,000 NSP money for these two salaries be set aside passed unanimously.
- The Summer School Lunch Program has begun with free lunch at 12:15; recipients have to eat on the premises. Day camp is full. There is drop in activities from 1-4 pm. On Tuesday all go swimming. Teens go on outings. Thursday there is a Narcotics Anonymous meeting at 6:30 pm. There is a marathon program for enrichment for kids on 6-14-06.
- The Manager of the Corryville Kroger's contacted her to see what they could provide the CRC with part of the \$100,000 they are to receive from a recent \$2M+ winning lottery ticket. She indicated a van would be useful.

OLD BUSINESS

CORRYVILLE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

- Jeff Jacobs made the second (of five) \$1,000 contributions in early May. He is sincerely thanked.
- There was only one 2006 scholarship applicant, and the student was ineligible because he lives in Avondale.
- The 2005 recipient, Tiffany Collins, is expected to apply for renewal of her scholarship.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Schaff with JFP Properties, and a couple with a Taco Bell franchise, presented two proposed zone changes for the eastern corners of McMillan and Highland. They asked the CCC for a letter of support.

Dave said there was a history of crime infestation in this area and since demolition there has been a decrease in the incidents of crime. The following are the rezoning requests:

- On the SE corner, re-zone one parcel from RMX to CC-P to permit construction of a 4-5 story housing development with 30 units in the \$130-150,000 range, and parking under the building.
- On the NE corner, re-zone from CC-P to CC-M to permit construction of a drive thru Taco Bell. They will be able to hire 14 year olds and plan to use kids from the community. The restaurant will be set back. There will be a state of the art security system.

JFP held an informal open house and no opposition was voiced. There will be public meeting on June 22. JFP did a traffic study 2 years ago to make sure area can handle the traffic.

In open discussion the following concerns were raised:

- Since the area in question is in Mt Auburn, a member questioned why Corryville was being asked for support, saying it should be up to Mt Auburn. It was explained the proposals were going to be presented to the Mt Auburn Community Council directly following the CCC meeting.
- Another member said it seemed appropriate for adjacent communities to be given an opportunity to voice concerns.
- Further, it was noted the official Corryville boundary used to be the north side of McMillan, but is now described as the north side of Taft. The official Corryville boundaries have shrunk over the years without explanation. At one time they used to extend to the east side of Clifton and include UC and Burnet Woods as well.

- Traffic issues were of concern as the McMillan and Highland intersection is heavily traveled and McMillan is one-way.
- It was suggested the Taco Bell lighting and noise issues might be of concern to adjacent apt buildings.
- A member noted losing a 25 ft parcel of RMX is not insignificant to those living in nearby RMX, every parcel of RMX counts.

All concerned have the opportunity to take part in the City's zone change process.

A motion for Corryville to support the two zone changes passed with 8 in favor and 3 abstentions.

The CCC elections are scheduled for the September 12th meeting; nominations for officers are due at the August 13th meeting. Because no one has indicated any interest in running for President or Vice President and there is a need for the CCC to address concerns and provide representation for ongoing city and development issues, Dan Schimberg proposed the possibility for the CCC to approve a continuation of the present officers. Kay Weaks is interested in the Secretary and NSP positions. This item will be on the August agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The UC Child Care Center is currently enrolling youth aged 3-5 years for the Fall 2006 Head Start Program. For information call: 961-2825

Kay Weaks would like to improve the CCC communication. She assembled the postal mailing list used by First Christian Assembly according to street address and found it to be dated and incomplete. She was given an ok to assemble a new Corryville mailing list, and an email list, plus open an email address to facilitate the process.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Minutes prepared by Carla Manning and Kay Weaks