

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 9th, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The September minutes were approved as written.

Police & Safety Report:

Neighborhood CPD Officer Wiley Ross distributed crime stats and reported:

- Two arrests were made for the Aug 25th assault on a postman in the 2700 block of Euclid Ave.
- Officers recently needed to quiet a large party at 108 Daniels.
- Several UC students were robbed behind the Sub Gallery.
- There is concern about a nighttime loitering situation at Charleton and Short Vine. The loiterers congregate outside Goodfellow's and Desire, though they are not patrons of either establishment.
- Two weekend police details have been assigned to Short Vine: 8pm-midnight, and 11pm-3am.

A resident also noted news reports about an armed robbery of two UC students in the 2900 block of Euclid.

A resident concerned by the number of recently reported problems in the 2700 block of Euclid, asked "is there a plan?" to address these problems which are long-standing in the block.

Noted in the discussion that followed:

- Many of the problems appear to be related to *some* of the residents in the Section 8 apt building on the SW corner of Euclid and Daniels.
- VCURC explored the possibility for the Uptown Consortium to provide the gap financing necessary to buy the building, then sell it to a local developer to renovate and re-rent. However, the Consortium doesn't have a mechanism in place which allows them to be involved in rental property.
- VCURC has applied for "Clean & Safe" grants to fund more officers on the street.
- The new camera surveillance system, focused on Short Vine and 'hot spots', should be up by Jan or Feb.
- As previously reported, Officer Ross said he has discussed the situation with the apt owner, who says the loiterers are not his residents, but is working with the CPD to address the problem. Officer Ross emphasized it would be a mistake to associate the problems with *all* of the residents of the apt building, as there are hard-working, upstanding ones in the building.
- A resident suggested sending the property owner a letter inviting him to attend the next CCC meeting to discuss how he is working with the CPD. Officer Ross noted the property owner has indicated he is not comfortable with the Community Council forum.

UC Officer Dave Henson distributed stats which are down overall, and reported:

- There were two campus robberies, one was a false claim, and the other was in a garage.
- UC police are working with the CPD District 4 & 5 task forces.
- Whenever one of their students is involved in a crime, the UC police are called to be there.
- UC Student Govt's 'Nightwalk' escort service has resumed, operating from 8pm to 12:30am Sun through Wed, and 8pm to 2:30am Thurs through Sat. Students can call 558-WALK during the times listed and will be taken up to 3 blocks off campus. UC is also running a shuttle service to Newport on the Levee, Hyde Park, and Kenwood.
- All incoming students were given a Bearcat Reminder card with safety tips.

A resident complained that students parking on Corryville streets are completely ignoring the warning to put all items in their trunks, and are thereby inviting crimes of opportunity in the neighborhood. He asked if UC could distribute another reminder, and Officer Henson said he would check. Officer Ross said if UC were unable, perhaps the CPD could place flyers on the windshields.

Treasurers & Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) Report:

Dan Plofchan reported the Rec Center has been paid for the NSP teen employment program, leaving a balance of \$3,503. Attendees were asked to submit NSP proposals for next year's projects at the November meeting. All residents are permitted to vote on NSP proposals, whether or not they are members of the CCC. On other issues, only paid CCC members may vote. A resident asked how many paid CCC members there were. Dan will report at next meeting.

Short Vine Community Urban Re-Dev Corp (VCURC) & University Village Business Association (UVA):

Scott Enns reported:

- The transfer of property held by VCURC to the Uptown Consortium is expected to be complete by Nov 30th.
 - Towne Properties is advising the Consortium, a preferred developer will be named soon.
 - There will be no further funding from UC.
 - The city owns all the surface parking lots, and has been leasing them to the Business Community for \$1.00/yr. This has provided revenue to the Business Community.
 - VCURC has submitted proposals for \$10,000 in 'Clean & Safe' business association funds, (though the 2008 budget is not known).
 - A merge of VCURC and UVA is being considered.
 - Anchor Properties bought the Schottco property, (the block NE of Jefferson and W H Taft), and expects to present a development plan by March. The plan is anticipated to propose the reconnection of Vine to Short Vine, and include a 67,000 sq ft 'Urban' Kroger's similar to the new one in Price Hill.
 - In the coming months, the community should expect to receive proposals asking for approval of TIF (Tax Increment Financing) funds, and needs to be prepared to establish their priorities.
- A resident, noting the Consortium's 'lack of a mechanism which allows them to be involved in rental property', asked what would happen to the residential holdings in the VCURC portfolio. Scott said they will be boarded up, or torn down.

Corryville Community Dev Corp (CCDC) Report:

Corryville Recreation Center (CRC) Report:

A complete listing of Rec Center programs is available at: <http://www.cincyrec.org>

Old Business:

Dan Plofchan attended the latest hearing, on Oct 5th, about the status of the house at 2619 Eden Ave. He explained the house has been vacant for twenty years and in derelict condition for eight. The city has condemned it. The owner is opposing the condemnation, and wants a permanent building maintenance license. Judge Nadel insists the problem is a personality conflict between the owner and the building inspector. A motion was made and unanimously approved for the Community Council to write a letter indicating their support for the demolition.

New Business:

Aaron Wright and Rose Sweeney, representing the non-profit coffee house TAZA, asked the CCC to approve their request for a "not withstanding ordinance" zone change. It was explained TAZA bought the building on the NE corner of Jefferson and University, formerly occupied by The Buzz. When the zoning code was updated city-wide several years ago the property was changed from commercial to residential, and the commercial zoning was grandfathered for The Buzz. In order for TAZA to operate there they must apply for a zone change. A motion in favor of the "not withstanding ordinance" zone change was made and unanimously approved.

Announcements:

Jennifer Turner with the Kingsgate Marriott was introduced. She said the Marriott has enjoyed being in Corryville, is excited about all the development, and knows many of their employees appreciate being able to walk to work.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

As recorded by Kay Weeks

Please encourage your Corryville neighbors and associates to sign up for the CCC's new electronic mailing list by sending an email with their name and street address to: CorryvilleCC@hotmail.com.