

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 13th, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm.

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

Police & Safety Report:

Neighborhood CPD Officer Wiley Ross introduced Dist 4 Sgt, Julie Johnson. Officer Ross distributed crime stats which show decline across the board. He reported two masked men committed an armed robbery at Papa John's Oct 21st, 10:30 pm. The CPD stopped two cars matching the description, brought all passengers back for possible identification, but employees were not able to make any.

UC Officer Dave Henson distributed crime stats which are down overall. He reported that UC Capt Karen Patterson and CPD Officers are jointly conducting a campaign on Dec 1st, from 10am-2pm, distributing door hangers in the CUF and Corryville neighborhoods with personal safety and crime prevention tips.

Treasurers & Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) Report:

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

Scott Enns reported a purchase agreement has been signed with the Uptown Consortium for the property held by VCURC.

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:

- The status of the house at 2619 Eden Ave. was reported. At the Sept 21st hearing, despite the CCC's support for demolition, Judge Nadel issued another stay. As soon as the final order is issued, the City plans to go through the appellate process again.
- Kay Weaks presented the Corryville Scholarship Fund Committee's proposal for revised scholarship criteria. A motion to approve the proposal passed without objection. Kay reported that Committee member April Cummings has moved to Westwood, and Corryville resident Sharon Doering had been recruited to take her place. A motion to approve the appointment passed without objection.

New Business:

Steve Hemberger and Mike Ricke with Anchor Properties were introduced. Anchor Properties is under contract to purchase the University Plaza (UP) site from the Schottco estate. Steve explained they are exploring the possibilities to re-develop the site, but it is important to note that since both Kroger's and Walgreen's have long term leases, the implementation of any plans will require their approval. Mike presented their initial Conceptual Urban Design Plan for the CCC's consideration, explaining the plan involves:

- Vine will be re-connected to Short Vine diagonally from SW to NE through the UP site, creating two UP blocks, one to the east and one to the west.

- Two “Gateways” are planned, one at the Vine/Jefferson/Taft/Calhoun intersection, the other at the Jefferson/Corry intersection.
- Euclid will be vacated and eliminated between Corry and Taft, (Euclid will terminate at Corry, Auburn will terminate at Taft).
- The site will be enlarged further by absorbing the Auburn Triangle Park, and possibly other property, to the NE of the Auburn/Euclid/Taft intersection.
- Kroger’s will be enlarged (from 35,000 to 64,000 sq ft) and sit in the eastern UP block, facing west, with entrance off Vine.
- Walgreen’s will sit in the western UP block, facing south, with entrance off Vine.
- Two additional mixed use retail structures are contemplated, one in the SW corner of the eastern UP block, one in the NE corner of the western UP block.
- Traffic south bound from Short Vine will only be able to turn north at the Vine/Jefferson/Taft/Calhoun intersection.

Discussion that followed included:

- A property owner questioned if the traffic had been counted at the Auburn /Euclid/Taft intersection. It was explained Anchor Properties and ODOT have taken traffic counts at 15 sites, analyzed how traffic would move in various configurations, and determined the proposed plan would work.
- Several residents expressed concerns about the round-about route necessary to get in and out of residential Corryville as a result of the vacation/elimination of Euclid between Taft and Corry.
- A resident questioned why the multi-level Kroger site proposed in the Corryville Urban Renewal Plan, which takes advantage of the topography, had been nixed. It was explained primarily because of cost, but also studies had shown that the footprint wasn’t feasible in the neighborhood.
- A resident expressed concern about the neighborhood view and truck noise resulting from the positioning of the Kroger’s loading dock at Euclid and Corry. It was explained that though screening was planned, some trade-offs are necessary with development.
- A suggestion was made that cross section views of the site would be helpful for visualization of the Plan.
- The development is projected to take two years to complete, and does involve closing Kroger’s and Walgreen’s for a period of time.

Announcements:

Danielle Williams, manager of the club D’zire, was introduced. Mike Ealy explained he invited her to discuss the loitering at the corner of Short Vine and Charleton. She said the club is aware of the situation, is working with the police details, and explained how they are minding their clientele. As they are unable to control what happens on the street, she said they would welcome any suggestions as to what else they could do. Clyde Nowlin said the community regretted not having the answers, was searching for solutions, and thanked her for attending the meeting and her cooperation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

As recorded by Kay Weaks

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