

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 14th, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

The June minutes were approved as written.

Police & Safety Report:

Neighborhood CPD Officer Wiley Ross reported:

- Most crime stats are down.
- The Uptown Consortium cancelled the extra details they were funding in Uptown; they are expecting to resume them by Dec. (They are continuing to fund the detail working on Short Vine.)
- There continue to be issues around the Rec Center playfield. There was a shooting three weeks ago, but the victim is not cooperating.
- Officers have questioned a car wash operating in the parking lot on the SE corner of Euclid and Daniels. The proprietors say they have the property owner's permission.

Officer Ross was asked about two other serious assaults in the 2700 block of Euclid in the last several months. He was not aware of them, and said he would check the records.

A property owner in the 2800 block of Euclid expressed extreme frustration that despite his numerous complaints to the CPD about the loitering on his property, nothing is being done. (He has even found people sleeping on his porch.) He said the problem is affecting his ability to rent the property. One of his tenants said she endures constant problems, and has called the CPD many times to report shots fired. She is very concerned for the safety of her small children.

It was further reported that an appraiser photographing the VCURC property on Daniels, between Euclid and Short Vine, was run off by the loiterers. Some of the loiterers are known to live in the apt complex on the SW corner of Euclid and Daniels. Officer Ross suggested CPD contact with that property owner was in order.

Residents are encouraged to call District 4 to report all incidents at 569-8000. Officer Ross can be reached at 569-8654. *(Many residents are understandably fearful should they report trouble to the police. Please know that when you call, your call will be given more credibility if you give your name, address, and phone number. However, after you give that information, you may request to remain anonymous, and your request will be honored.)*

Officer Ross was asked if there were any stats for reports of shots fired in Corryville. He said he would check.

A request was made for the CPD to cruise the Stetson Village pool area around 3 am, as they are having problems with trespassers.

There was no UC Police report.

Treasurers & Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) Report:

Dan Plofchan was not able to attend the meeting but reported the books are balanced. He will shortly be paying the NSP teen employment program funds to the Rec Center. No action has been taken on the NSP funded CCC meeting reminder signage. Kay Weak's offered to work with Dan Schimberg's intern to get the project going.

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

Scott Enns reported the 'World Changers' re-hab project was a huge success. Over a four day period, 300 high school and college student volunteers, led by skilled carpenter crew chiefs, completed re-habs on 23 owner-occupied properties in Corryville. The crews painted houses, re-built porches, and made various other exterior improvements. One project is ongoing with more extensive interior renovation to accommodate an elderly handicapped gentleman. Scott expressed great appreciation to World-Changers and to People Working Cooperatively, American Scaffolding, Home-Depot, and Rumpke for their tremendous assistance. (Home Depot even funded several scholarships for local youth to join the teams.) He also thanked several area churches for their support. The project was funded by VCURC and CCDC, and cost less than \$16,000. He said the World-Changers were extremely impressed with the owners they helped. The project will be repeated for the next two summers.

Scott was asked to provide the CCC with a list of the names, addresses, and email (if available) of those helped so they might be invited to attend the CCC meetings.

Corryville Community Dev Corp (CCDC) Report:

Clyde Nowlin reported Brueger's Bagels, Starbucks, and Noble Roman's have indicated interest in the retail space at MLK and Highland. He said Mayor Mallory wants to enter 'Great Traditions/The Village at Stetson Square', in the *national* Home Builder's of America competition for "Best Planned Community of the Year".

Vicki Flynn, Stetson Square Condo Sales Manager, reported sales are brisk:

- 38 condos have been sold,
- 20 of 21 town homes have been sold,
- with 4 pre-sales, 6 condos in block G are under-roof,
- following 4 more G block sales, construction of condos in block I will begin.

Corryville Recreation Center (CRC) Report:

Director Margaret Ahlrichs announced her retirement will be official on Sept 8th. She said the Rec Center had a great summer, and 30 neighborhood youth were among the 100 attending the pre-registered day camp. She thanked the CCC for funding the teen employment program. She also reported the Rec Center was very pleased with the grant they received from the City to employ and additional 6 youth. She said those funds had previously come through CCY, and this approach was much more efficient.

Clyde expressed the community's appreciation to Margaret for her lengthy and dedicated service.

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

Old Business:

Kay Weaks reported the Corryville Scholarship Funds Committee was in the process of revising their criteria from college scholarships, to awards for summer, extra-curricular, educational opportunities for Corryville youth, age 18 and younger. The eligibility criteria and application form are being drafted and will be presented to the CCC for approval.

New Business:

Jeff Jacobs presented the JFP Group's proposal for development of the 3000 block of Short Vine, and asked for the CCC's approval of the required zone change, from RMX to _____. He distributed a preliminary plan for the development which includes:

- a 110-130 room, 6-story, Hampton Inn, with a pool,

- a 24-hour iHop restaurant,
- a US Bank, with drive-thru,
- surface parking for 70 +,
- an underground parking structure, with entry off Ahrens St.

Jeff was asked about the need for a hotel across the street from the Marriott. He responded the Hampton Inn is a limited service hotel, with substantially lower rates (in the \$100/night range), and there had been significant interest expressed both by UC and the hospitals.

He was asked if they had already acquired all the property necessary, he said they had not. He was asked if there had been any reaction from the neighbors, he said he had not heard any. It was noted that adjacent neighbors have not yet received notification from the City about the proposed zone change.

A motion was made for the CCC to support the zone change from RMX to _____. It was approved unanimously.

Jeff indicated they would like to be open by the 4th quarter of 2008.

Clyde Nowlin reported that Dan Plofchan resigned as one of the three CCC representatives to the CCDC board. He nominated Corryville resident Mike Ealy for the position, and asked if there were any other nominations. When there were none, he called for a vote, and the appointment was approved unanimously.

Announcements:

Kay Weaks and Bruce Dornette attended a Public Forum on Proposed Reforms to the NSP Ordinance. The Forum was presented by Councilwoman Laketa Cole's Community Council Working Group. They reported the Working Group presented a model set of by-laws for Community Councils to use in order to receive NSP funds, and members of numerous communities gave their reaction. The Working Group has since recommended 'not pursuing the proposed NSP ordinance revision, because technical and policy issues make the current ordinance proposal infeasible'. The two thought the Working Group's effort was admirable, but agreed the proposal would complicate the situation of Community Councils like Corryville which struggle to generate the number of volunteers necessary to adhere to their current by-laws.

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 new electronic mailing list by sending an email with their name and street address to:

CorryvilleCC@hotmail.com.

Troy Brumley, resident Corryville homeowner, has made space available on his website to post community information. He is adding content and would welcome community suggestions.

Please see: <http://homepage.mac.com/tbrumley/ccc.html>.