

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 8th, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm.

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

Police & Safety Report:

Neighborhood CPD Officer Wiley Ross distributed crime stats, and reported:

- CVS was robbed at gunpoint twice, on Christmas Eve and again last week. Surveillance video indicates both crimes were committed by the same two individuals, but as the men were masked, identifications have not been made. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at 352-3040.
- Based on numerous incidents over the last year, the CPD is considering objecting to the Sub Galley's liquor license renewal this June.
- Problematic loitering situations outside Staggerlee's and in the Kinko's plaza are being addressed. Stetson Square's Vicki Flynn told Officer Ross about continuing problems with copper theft in Block G, and asked for resumed patrols.

UC Officer Dave Henson said UC had also experienced a copper theft of two air conditioning units at Central Receiving on McMillan. He further reported:

- Winter quarter classes, and the Night-Walk program, resumed Jan 7th.
- A recent robbery was drug-related.

Treasurers & Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) Report:

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

Scott Enns reported:

- The 2008 World Changer's re-hab project is being organized. Last summer 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. Those interested in participating in this summer's project were asked to email: Scott.Enns@fuse.net, or call: 919-5229.
- VCURC purchased their 2606 Short Vine office building from Bruce Goetzman.
- The Uptown Consortium has hired Towne Properties to be their Development Specialist, at a fee of one million dollars.
- Bonds and financing have been approved for the JFP development in the 3000 block of Short Vine. The proposal includes a Hampton Inn, iHop, Starbuck's, and US Bank.

Corryville Community Dev Corp (CCDC) Report:

Clyde Nowlin and Mike Ealy reported:

- The board is anxious to begin Block I (bounded by Eden/Rochelle/Gerard/Donahue) and the parking garage, but developer Great Traditions is waiting to see how sales proceed. Stetson Square's Vicki Flynn announced two mission homes sold in December, despite a stalled market.
 - A board decision about whether or not to study the renewal of Buckingham Management's contract has become a hot topic. Clyde and Mike explained that unless Buckingham is given notice 90 days in advance, their contract will renew automatically on May 1st. Both have been advocating sending the notice in order to allow time to resolve some issues of concern, and expressed disappointment that the CCC's third representative, Roger Wells, did not agree.
- Discussion about the representation of the CCC's interests on the CCDC board was briefly revisited. The board is composed of five members, three from the CCC, one from the UVA, and one from UC. It was explained that the CCC suffers from a lack of community participation, and has struggled to fill all its volunteer positions. As a non-resident developer who does not attend CCC meetings, Roger Wells' ability to represent the communities' interests has previously been questioned.

In consideration of the timing for the 90 day notice, a motion was made “to ask Roger Wells to resign from the CCDC board”; the motion passed. A second motion was made “to send Buckingham Management a notice stating their contract will not be renewed without further review and discussion”; the motion passed. Because there was a question about the status of the second motion, in the event Roger refused to resign, a motion was made to revise the first motion “to demand Roger Wells resign from the CCDC board; the motion passed.

Uptown Crossings Community Urban Re-Dev Corp (UCCURC) Report:

Dan Schimberg outlined recent activity with the Jefferson Ave property held by UCCURC. Following UC’s withdrawal of funding, and facing significant debt, the board attempted to sell the property to the Uptown Consortium. The Uptown Consortium was not interested. The board then considered two development proposals, and selected the one from Mitch Painter for a mixed use retail/office complex. They are in the process of putting the details together.

Scott Enns questioned why there was no Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Dan didn’t have an answer. Scott also asked who the other CCC rep on the board is, and was told Bill Crawford.

Dan announced that in response to a request from Anchor Properties and Towne Properties for a ‘one-stop’ community advisory group, he has agreed to chair a Corryville Revitalization Court responsible for reviewing development plans and acting as liaison with the numerous community groups. Dan said he volunteered because he wanted the process to be transparent, and was particularly interested in seeing that the vision proposed in the Urban Renewal Plan is used a reference guide in the various developments. The group will be composed of Jeff Jacobs, Marty Angiulli, one member each from Towne Properties, UC, CVP Re-development, and two CCC members. (CVP Re-development is an Uptown Consortium’s limited liability corp, perhaps an acronym for Corporation of Vine St Properties.)

Scott Enns noted this idea had not been presented to the VCURC board, and questioned how we would know if the interests of Corryville ‘for the good of the greater whole vs. simply those of the developers’ would be represented. Dan said the Court would act in an advisory capacity, and would not have a ‘vote’. A resident asked if the proposed University Plaza plans, which Anchor Properties presented at the Nov CCC meeting, were ‘set in stone’ or if there were still an opportunity to voice considered concern. Dan indicated the latter was the case, but explained that because Kroger’s and Walgreen’s have two, ten-year lease extensions they have the right to approve the plans.

Dan and Clyde announced an open to the public ‘Charrette’ is being held Thursday, January 17th, from 9 am-noon, at Turner Hall (2728 Short Vine) to discuss the proposed developments along the Short Vine corridor. The community was highly encouraged to attend.

Corryville Recreation Center (CRC) Report:

Interim Director Lisa Thomas, who has been on staff since 1999, was introduced. She explained that the teens under the direction of Lisa Trazinsky are looking for fund raising opportunities, and would appreciate community support or employment.

Lisa introduced Ken Slater, the volunteer teen and adult basketball coach. Ken reported that two sets of team uniforms were stolen from his van. He asked for community help to replace them, and estimated the total cost to be between \$800 and \$1,000. Scott Enns said he would make a few calls to see what he could do.

Announcements:

With sadness it was announced that New Nazarene Baptist Church Pastor, Gerald Bea, died on Christmas Eve.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 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.