

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 14, 2008 Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm.

Approval of Minutes: With clarification that the UVA/VCURC's NBD proposal was for marketing and public safety, the Sept minutes were approved as written.

Police & Safety Report:

Officer Wiley Ross distributed crime stats and reported:

- The Sept 30th homicide at the corner of Euclid and Daniels resulted from a heroin deal gone awry.
- A robbery occurred Sept 29th, 11:00 pm, at Highland and Oak. The victim let several youth use his cell phone, the youth ran off with it, and in pursuit the victim was hit in the head with a gun and robbed of \$400. Five youth suspects and one adult have been arrested.
- A peddler near Staggerlee's at University and Short Vine has been advised her large tent blocking the sidewalk is not permitted.
- VCURC's Scott Enns said they have asked for the Vending District to be extended north to MLK.
- Dan Schimberg expressed the communities' concern about the recent spike in crime stats. He asked the CPD if the problems extending from Euclid, Van, Vine, to Glendora were associated with a significant increase in heroin users, and to hypothesize what impact a change in ownership/tenanting of the apt building on the SW corner of Euclid and Daniels might have on the communities' problems.
- Capt Elliot Issac said the CPD is aware of an increased heroin problem in the neighborhood, has increased their efforts, logged 500 man hours in overtime, and arrests are up. A violent crimes task force is being organized, and they are working with District 5 and UC to educate students on how to prevent becoming victims of crime. He indicated the problems associated with the 2719-2721 Euclid Ave apt building are largely perceived, and more a catalyst for Part 2 (lesser) crimes.
- Several nearby property owners disputed that the long standing problems associated with the apt building are largely a perception, noting their consistent observation of drug dealing and nuisance loitering. The landlord of 2800 Euclid reported vagrants are sleeping in the vacant house at 2802 Euclid, and in response to his complaint to the CPD that they are leaving their sleeping bags on that porch, he was told he would have to call when the vagrants are in the house. He objected, citing that his tenant at 2800 Euclid has moved out of the neighborhood as a result of the continued problems, and there is no one in the building to call in the evening.
- City Councilman Chris Monzel and Asst City Manager David Holmes were introduced. They attended the meeting at Council's invitation requesting the City's assistance with the communities' safety concerns.
- Kay Weak's revisited the communities' desire for the Corryville area to be considered for the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP). She explained being aware that 'areas' are selected based on stats, but explained Corryville's stats may be askew because their Uptown Crossings area is included in District 5, not District 4 stats. She gave Councilman Monzel and Asst City Manager Holmes a synopsis of 2007-2008 CCC minutes recording the severity of the problem at Euclid and Daniels, and a CCC approved map of Corryville.
- Councilman Monzel indicated the mapping issue should be addressed with the City's Community Development Dept, and said he would look into the selection of the 4 areas for the next NEP round in 2009. He also suggested the possibility for use of Clean & Safe funds, and CDB (Community Development Block) grants. He noted the City's Chronic Nuisance Ordinance is having to be revamped.
- Capt Issac invited interested community members to attend District 4's Safety meetings, each 4th Wed of the month, 6:30 pm, at the 4150 Reading Road headquarters. Officer Ross invited interested community members to attend the Rec Center Safety Initiative meetings, each 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:00 pm, at the Corryville Rec Center, 2823 Eden Ave.

UC Officer Barb Henson reported crime stats are down. She announced UC'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 be transported up to 3 blocks off campus.

CCC Membership and Voting Rights Announcement:

- Clyde Nowlin clarified that only CCC members in good standing are permitted to vote, with the exception that any Corryville resident regardless of CCC membership may vote on the use of NSP (Neighborhood

Support Program) funds. Kay Weaks reported that the Sept CCC vote to approve District TIF revenue to support the public garage for the 3000 Vine development recorded 21 votes, yet only 14 paid members were in attendance. Both encouraged CCC membership, and clarified that dues paid from Sept 1, 2007 are valid until Dec 31, 2008, and those paid from Sept 1, 2008 are valid until Dec 31, 2009.

Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens Zone Change Request:

Dave Jenike presented a site plan and gave an update on the new Vine/Erkenbrecher entrance. He then presented a map outlining currently held Zoo property and asked Council's approval for the RMX zoned parcels to IR, explaining it is necessary to allow shared parking in the lots at Vine/Erkenbrecher.

- A motion to approve the zone change passed with 15 in favor.

Ballot Issue #8:

Dan Zavon advocated a 'yes' vote for Issue #8 which provides election of City Council members by proportional representation. Please see www.BetterBallotCincinnati.com for more information, or email info@betterballotcincinnati.com.

Treasurers & Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) Report:

No report given, but it was noted that Peter Dryer has been fully reimbursed for his University/Burnet gateway restoration expenses.

Vine St Com Urban Re-Dev Corp (VCURC) & University Village Bus Assoc (UVA) Report: No report given.

Corryville Community Dev Corp (CCDC) Report:

Mike Ealy reported the Chipotle restaurant in the retail space at King Highland is scheduled to open by the first of the year, and a recent Stetson Village Homecoming event was a success.

Uptown Crossings Community Urban Re-Dev Corp (UCCURC) Report: No report given.

Corryville Recreation Center (CRC) Report:

Bryan Servizzi discussed their fall listing of programs and events. Call 221-0888 for more information.

Old Business:

- Dan Schimberg presented revised renderings for a proposed office building at 2901 Highland, between Rochelle and Donahue. He explained due to the current economic climate the proposal has been reduced to a 2 story/36,000 sq ft building, with 2 ½ story/200+ space parking garage. He explained the project has been fully leased by the Veteran's Administration, and he hopes to break ground in January. He asked Council to approve the necessary zone change from RMX to IR, and a variance allowing reduced buffering zone setbacks on Rochelle and Highland.

- Clyde Nowlin and Kay Weaks noted that Dan has acquired PNC Bank held New Market Tax Credits, and will be asking for District TIF revenue for streetscapes at some point.

- Dan said he probably would like the streetscapes be similar to those in the Stetson complex.

- A motion to approve the zone change and the variance passed with 15 in favor.

Nathan Ruggles explained he requested time on the Sept, and then the Oct CCC agenda for UC's Urban Planning Professor Menelaos Triantafillou to give a presentation on redevelopment, and was advised due to anticipated time constraints his requests could not be accommodated. He asked that time be allotted on the Nov agenda. Council approved a 15 minute presentation on the Nov agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

As recorded by Kay Weaks

Please encourage your Corryville neighbors and associates to visit the communities' new www.Corryville.org website, and sign up for the CCC's CorryvilleCC@hotmail.com electronic mailing list.