

## **CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**February 19th, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** The January minutes were approved as written.

### ***Police & Safety Report:***

Neighborhood CPD Officer Wiley Ross distributed crime stats showing decline across the board.

Investigative Supervisor Guillford reported that the victim of a shooting, transported to the hospital from the corner of Euclid and Daniels on Feb 14th shortly before 9:45 pm, appears to have been the subject of a random robbery. The shooting may have occurred in another location, and the victim has been unable to supply information on the suspect. Officer Ross said the CPD is planning to make a targeted effort to reduce the problems at the corner of Euclid and Daniels. He also reported Club D'Zire has changed ownership again, and the new owner has requested a meeting with the CPD to address an unruly Friday night crowd situation.

UC Officer Dave Henson distributed crime stats. He reported the death of a young woman on Sanders Hall dock the night of Feb 13th was accidental, and probably the result of an inebriated, disoriented fall.

### ***Treasurers & Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) Report:***

Dan Plofchan reported the account is in order with a \$3,300 balance, and he is scheduled to meet with NSP officials soon to wrap up last year's funding. He explained that Invest In Neighborhoods allots each of the city's 52 neighborhoods up to \$7,000/yr in NSP funds for community projects. Over the past several years Corryville's projects have included: Teen Employment administered by the Rec Center, a community Clean-Up Day event in conjunction with Keep American Beautiful, postal meeting reminders and a newsletter (which became cost-prohibitive), CCC meeting reminder signage, a Family Day event, and a web site (which was never developed).

-A resident's motion for the CCC to approve a NSP proposal for the 2008 Clean-Up Day event passed. Her suggestion to have teens distribute flyers announcing the Clean-Up and encouraging community participation will be discussed with Rec Center staff. Her second motion for the CCC to approve a NSP proposal for Teen Employment passed. The community was invited to submit additional NSP proposals for consideration.

- It was noted that Kyle Ciminillo, the CCC's NSP rep, is no longer part of the community, and Dan Plofchan has assumed the responsibility.

### ***Short Vine Community Urban Re-Dev Corp (VCURC) & University Village Business Association (UVA) Report:*** No report was given.

- It was noted Clyde Nowlin has replaced Kyle Ciminillo as the CCC's rep on the VCURC board.

A new attendee questioned the allocation of federal money from the Cincinnati Empowerment Corp for the development of the 3000 block of Short Vine. He suggested it might be a misuse of the funds to enrich out of town companies. He asked if the CCC approved the project. Noted in the discussion that followed:

- The CCC did approve the Jacob's Family Partnership (JFP) proposal for re-development of the 3000 block of Short Vine following a presentation at the 8-14-07 CCC meeting. Community concerns about traffic issues, and the lack of prior adjacent neighbors' zone change notification were raised. Despite subsequent query, it is still unclear what zone change is required.

- Clyde Nowlin explained the money could have come from the Uptown Consortium, but the Cincinnati Empowerment Corp was eager to fund the project.

- It was noted the original proposal did not include a Starbuck's, at the time it was understood Starbuck's was slated to occupy retail space in Stetson at MLK and Highland.

- It was explained Starbuck's preferred a drive-through.

- Dan Plofchan indicated the CCC's approval of the proposed development can be re-visited should there be significant changes to the plans that were presented.

An attendee asked if members knew that Stetson Square was listing itself in 'Clifton'. She re-visited her objection that many other Corryville businesses are doing the same thing.

- Dan Plofchan said he had not known, noting that as a CCDC board member he had been instrumental in having Stetson branded as 'in historic Corryville'. He and other CCC officers agreed with the attendee that they regret the inaccurate listings, and direct their efforts to improving the image of Corryville in order for it to become a preferred listing. They explained the CCC needs additional volunteers to help with the effort, and made an appeal for broad, sustained, informed, and committed community participation.
- An attendee requested a listing of all CCC volunteer positions.

Discussion about the CCC's ability to positively influence re-development continued. It was noted a handful of residents and dozens of stakeholders attended last month's Charrette, hosted by the Uptown Consortium's development specialist Towne Properties. The session involved presentations/discussions about numerous aspects of Short Vine re-development. A resident voiced concerns about aspects of the re-development process: lack of community consultation early on, all too often requests for the CCC's approval immediately following an initial presentation, requests for the CCC's approval of zone changes prior to the city's adjacent neighbors' notification, and warnings that if rapid approval is not given nothing will happen. Several residents spoke to the University Plaza re-development plans presented by Anchor Properties at the 11-11-07 CCC meeting, voicing disappointment that the proposed site is not of an urban footprint, per the vision approved in the University Village Urban Renewal Plan, and stating that the resultant vacation/elimination of Euclid between Corry and Taft, as well as the closure of Auburn Triangle Park, were unacceptable. Additionally, it was noted that several CCC members have volunteered to participate in a forum hosted by the Uptown Consortium and UC on Feb 25th, "Improving Community Engagement, Developing Trust and Achieving Measurable Results", conducted by Dr. Stephen Covey.

***Corryville Community Dev Corp (CCDC) Report:***

The CCDC anticipates development of Stetson Village Blocks I and J soon. When asked if the CCDC were involved in any developments other than Stetson Village at this time, the response was they are not.

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

***Corryville Recreation Center (CRC) Report:***

Lisa Thomas reported that Ken Slater has not heard from Scott Enns about help to replace stolen uniforms. Clyde Nowlin said he would contact Scott.

***New Business:***

- Jessie Dunbar, campaign manager for the Cincinnati Zoo distributed information about their world class facility, and asked the community to support the Zoo levy on Mar 4th.
- A resident of the 2600 block of Bellevue expressed concern about a vacant house overrun with raccoons. Clyde Nowlin explained ownership status of the house has been held up in court, and said he would contact the building inspector.

***Old Business:***

The status of the Corryville Revitalization Court, announced by Dan Schimberg at the last meeting, and CCC's representation was questioned. No one had any information.

***Announcements:***

- Kay Weaks said she would bring information about the Neighborhood Enhancement Program, and the community selection process to the March meeting. The program concentrates city services in targeted neighborhoods for 90 days.
- Brother Steven Gerard distributed information about a Life Peace Zone Table Talk, and asked anyone interested contact him at: [brotherstevengerard@hotmail.com](mailto:brotherstevengerard@hotmail.com).

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 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](mailto:CorryvilleCC@hotmail.com).