

## **CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**March 11th, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm.

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

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

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

- CVS was robbed last week, for a third time since late Dec, by the same perpetrator. The CPD has advised CVS to hire an off-duty police officer for the time being.
- The CPD met with the owners of Club D'Zire, and has advised them to hire a police detail to deal with an unruly crowd situation on Saturday nights after closing.
- The CPD is planning to target the problems at the corner of Euclid and Daniels, and along the Daniels perimeter of the Rec Center playground, throughout the spring and summer.
- A property owner asked if the landlord of the apt building on the SW corner of Euclid and Daniels were co-operating with the CPD. Officer Ross said the landlord continues to maintain the problems are not the result of his residents.
- A property owner reported recurrent problems with street lights being shot out at Glendora and Daniels. Officer Ross made note of the problem, and suggested she call the City's 'hotline' at 591-6000.

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

Dan Plofchan reported a balance of \$3,300. He introduced Rick Dieringer, Exec Director of Invest In Neighborhoods, the group who administers the NSP. The two explained they had discovered that, due to a lapse in the community's NSP representation, the paperwork necessary to receive funding for some of last year's projects had not been filed properly. Rick explained it is critical the community recruit two dedicated NSP volunteers, and encouraged their attendance at a training workshop on March 20th, 7:00 pm, 315 W. Court St. Rick also expressed concern the UVA had not applied for the \$9,000 allotment to neighborhood business districts. No representative from the UVA was in attendance to explain. The lapse also jeopardized funding for the 2008 Cleanup Day event, but Rick indicated if Dan filed the paperwork by Mar 25th, funding could be approved by Apr 3rd.

- Kay Weaks announced the 2008 Corryville Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th, 9 am until noon. She met with the Rec Center's Lisa Thomas and Lisa Trzcinski, and reported the Corryville youth and teens are co-sponsoring this year's event. The teens are working on a flier which will be emailed shortly, and they plan to distribute throughout the neighborhood. The community was asked to actively recruit volunteers. It was stressed the event is being organized as an opportunity for the neighborhood to come together to emphasize the need for the community as a whole to be more consistently diligent about eliminating litter and unsightly blight.
- As a solution to the significant litter problem created by non-residents parking in the neighborhood, a resident questioned the possibility for Corryville to apply for historic designation. It was explained this would allow residents to obtain permits for street parking, and all others would be towed. City building inspector Dave Lockhorn said the legislation is in place, however it has proven extremely difficult for a community to enact, and does require a merchant to manage the program.

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

Clyde Nowlin announced Towne Properties has been named the preferred developer for the Short Vine business district.

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

Mike Ealy reported development of Stetson Village Blocks I and J continue to be anticipated soon, and the board is in the process of resolving the issues of concern with Stetson's management.

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

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

Lisa Thomas reported the teens are still looking for employment opportunities to fund a field trip. She also announced several Life-Line screenings will be available at discounted rates on April 2nd, and the Rec Center is hosting a Family Service class on Wed evenings April 2nd through May 21st.

***Old Business:***

-Clyde Nowlin reported that Anchor Properties postponed presentation of their follow-up proposal for the University Plaza redevelopment until the April meeting. A resident questioned whether anyone knew if the follow-up proposal would still include vacation/elimination of Euclid between Corry and Taft. No one knew. Several residents noted they were aware the city had been ‘underwhelmed’ with the original proposal.

-A resident expressed concerns that the Uptown Consortium appears to be by passing the CCC, and that the Corryville Revitalization Court, proposed by Dan Schimberg at the Jan meeting, continues to be a question mark. It was noted that neither the Uptown Consortium, nor Dan Schimberg attended the Feb, or this CCC meeting. It was further noted that the Uptown Consortium’s “University Village Transportation Hub” proposal, recently submitted to the Hamilton County Commissioner’s for funding consideration, was never presented to the CCC. Members agreed the CCC should send City, County, and Uptown Consortium officials a letter to advise them of the community’s concerns and request remedial action.

- Kay Weaks announced that if there were no scholarship applications received by the announced March 15th deadline, the Committee was considering extending the deadline to May 15th.

***New Business:***

- Frank Russell, Director of UC’s Niehoff Urban Studio was introduced. He invited the community to attend an end of the quarter student exhibit and open house, ‘UPTOWN/The Just City, Reading Uptown and the future Burnet Ave’, on Mar 19th, 5:30-8:30 pm, in the Turner Center, 2728 Vine St.

- Clifton resident Jane Allan announced that the Zoo recently approached nearby residents for community support of a “City Barn Community Garden Project”, an effort to landscape and beautify a Zoo owned parcel of land located on Vine, south of the City Barn, at the intersection of Ruther, Glenmary and Vine. Project coordinators are applying for a Mini-Grant through Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB), and will be registered as a non-profit through the Clifton Towne Meeting (CTM). They obtained a letter of support from the Avondale Community Council, and asked for the same from the CCC. A letter of support will be sent. For more information contact: [jallan@apexc.com](mailto:jallan@apexc.com).

- Kay Weaks reported she spoke to KCB’s Linda Holterhoff about the Neighborhood Enhancement Program, which concentrates city services in targeted neighborhoods for 90 days. She was told communities are not able to ‘apply’ for selection, but rather areas are ‘selected’ according to the stats of a blight index.

- Nathan Ruggles invited the community to a meeting he has organized to discuss development in Corryville to be held at the Corryville Public Library, Mar 25th, 6:30 pm. For more information contact: [care4corryville@yahoo.com](mailto:care4corryville@yahoo.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).