

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 12th, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The June and Special July meeting minutes were approved as written.

Police & Safety Report:

Officer Wiley Ross distributed crime stats and reported the following incidents:

- Aug 10th, 10:24 pm, a robbery which began on WH Taft, ended in a homicide in the Taco Bell parking lot at Highland and McMillan. A suspect is in mind, and witnesses are being asked to step forward with information.
- Aug 4th, 11:15 pm, a 5th/3rd ATM customer was robbed at gunpoint. Surveillance camera footage is being examined.
- A July 24th Vice Unit raid on Club DZire at Short Vine and Charlton, resulted in four arrests for indecency, prostitution, and drug dealing. Liquor Patrol has cited the Club, and scheduled a hearing in Columbus.
- The landlord and tenant of 2800 Euclid reported vagrants have once again broken into the vacant house at 2802 Euclid. Building Inspector Dave Lockhorn noted the building has been boarded up twice and was scheduled for demolition, however the building recently changed hands, and the new owner filed a temporary restraining order to block the demolition. Discussion about having the building declared a public nuisance followed.
- Kay Weaks questioned the recent incident near the Corinthian restaurant at Jefferson and Ruther, which resulted in a death and a seriously wounded victim, noting that was in Corryville. Officer Ross said Dist 5 handles that area. She questioned what effect those stats not being recorded in the Corryville 'area' might have on selection for the Neighborhood Enhancement Program, and no one knew.

Officer Ross introduced CPOP (Community Problem Oriented Policing) Officer Charles Houston. Charles explained that he is working with Rec Center Director Bryan Servizzi, the CPD, and city officials on a safety initiative for the area around the Rec Center playground, and encouraged community participation.

- Kay Weaks expressed frustration for the position of the two community representatives Council recruited to participate in these meetings. One who lives in the Rec Center block, and for a year has diligently reported problems at CCC meetings, is moving out of the neighborhood due to lack of progress resolving the situation. The other who has re-arranged her schedule to attend meetings, and did so on Aug 5th for a meeting which did not materialize, has said she is no longer willing to invest her time and energy to the effort.
- Charles explained the group's next step had been to talk to Erin Napier about the use of Asset Forfeiture Funds, but several recent meetings were cancelled due to working around all the participant's summer vacation schedules.
- Dan Plofchan noted that the communities' frustration with lack of progress resolving the situation is long standing. He asked if CPOP or the CPD could provide the community with a timeline and milestones for the initiative.
- Capt. Isaac, Sgt. Johnson, and Officer Ross supported the initiative, and said developing a timeline would not be possible. They expressed frustration with the communities' expectation that policing alone could solve the problem.
- A lengthy discussion expressing the frustration of all involved ensued.
- _____, a representative from UC, suggested contacting the College of Education's Criminal Justice Department to explore the WIN program.

UC Officer Dave Henson reported crime stats are down, and a recent robbery at the Shoemaker ATM was proven to be a false claim. Students will begin to move in Aug 23rd-24th, fall classes begin the 24th.

Lt. Steve Kathman reported Ladder Company 19 is out trimming weeds within 4 ft of hydrants on Sundays. He asked the community to report cars illegally parked within 10 ft of a hydrant. He noted response to fire alarms has been cut to one truck, and they recently had trouble gaining access to a vacant building at Oak and Highland. He also noted fire regulations for Club DZire limit first floor attendance to 132, and no one is allowed on the second floor.

Treasurers & Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) Report:

- Dan Plofchan reported a balance of \$4, 444.
- Kay Weaks reported that both the 'Youth & Teen Employment Program' amendment and 'Gateway' proposal were approved unanimously by the NSP review committee on Aug 7th. She said the committee expressed great interest in sustainability aspect of the gateway proposal, and concern for the theft potential of the lighting.

Vine St Community Urban ReDev Corp (VCURC) & University Village Business Assoc (UVA) Report:

No report given.

Corryville Community Dev Corp (CCDC) Report:

Dan Luther reported that leasing of the retail space at King Highland is being pursued, and discussion about the sale of blocks I and J to Great Traditions continues.

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

Corryville Recreation Center (CRC) Report:

Bryan Servizzi reported a 4' x 6' sign with moveable text is to be installed at the corner of Eden and University. He said the fall schedule of programs will begin soon, and while the Rec Center has always been associated with its recreation and day care activities, they will also be moving toward becoming more of a 'Community' Center. He expressed his appreciation to Officer Houston for the CPOP/Rec Center safety initiative, and encouraged the community to participate. The meeting schedule is 10:00am each first Tuesday, and 5:00 pm each third Tuesday of the month.

Old Business:

- Kay Weaks reported working with a UC Niehoff Design Center student volunteer who is designing the format for the www.Corryville.org site. Kay said the site is envisioned eventually to be for the entire community, but at this time she is only prepared to tackle the CCC page. She distributed the draft CCC page, and asked for the communities' suggestions.
- Kay also reported that Corryville Scholarship Funds recipients John-Mark Thomas and Courtnee Madaris-Grier have thoroughly enjoyed their experiences. She noted none of the three students awarded partial funding for individual Suzuki lessons were able to arrange scheduling, and the revised Jacobs Family Partnership Fund balance is \$7,856.

Announcements:

Jackie Lewis, with the Obama for President campaign, was introduced and welcomed. Jackie explained she is responsible for the Corryville area, and encouraged anyone interested in helping to phone her at 253-7604, or email JLewis@Ohio.Change.com.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. As recorded by Kay Weaks

Please see www.Corryville.org the communities' new website, and encourage your Corryville neighbors and associates to sign up for the CCC's electronic mailing list by sending an email with their name, street address, and phone number to CorryvilleCC@hotmail.com.