

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 13, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The Nov minutes were approved with one correction requested by Tony Brown clarifying that the Uptown Consortium has taken no official position on the streetcar, including any potential routes.

Police & Safety Report:

- Officer Wiley Ross distributed crime stats showing increased arrests in 2008 compared to 2007. He noted an increase in robberies during the summer and fall of 2008.
- The outcome of discussion with the landlord of 2719-2721 Euclid was questioned. Capt Eliot Isaac said no meeting has yet been arranged, but the Mayor's office does want to meet with Mr. Elliott.
- The status of resolution to the problems associated with the Sub Galley was questioned. Officer Ross said the CPD's efforts are continuing.
- It was noted that the vacant house at 2802 Euclid, which has been on the public nuisance list, was torn down.
- In response to Dan Schimberg's request for a brief CPD assessment of Corryville crime and safety efforts, Capt Isaac noted being optimistic about:
 - clearer communication as a result of the joint Dist 4/Dist 5/UC task force,
 - installation of the surveillance cameras this spring,
 - working with a new Dist 4 Bureau Chief,
 - discussion about a possible Dist 4 sub-station on Short Vine.
- Tiyale Hayes relayed the Charlton Pl Condo Assoc's concern about a huge increase in loitering and car break-ins, and questioned what they might do to resolve the issue. Officer Ross advised scheduling a meeting with the CPD for an environmental assessment, and Sgt Johnson offered assistance to help develop a block watch group.
- Mike Ealy encouraged community attendance at the Dist 4 Safety meetings, the 4th Wed of each month, 6:30 pm, at District 4 headquarters, 4150 Reading Rd.
- Vickie Flynn noted delay in the City's replacement of Stetson streetlight bulbs, and asked for CPD assistance.

UC Officer Barb Henson distributed crime stats, and happily noted all was quiet on campus.

City's Community Development Dept:

Bill Fischer, director of the City's Business Dev Dept, and member of the CORT (Corryville Revitalization Team) was welcomed. Bill was invited to the meeting to discuss proposed use of Corryville Dist TIF revenue to fund the City's streetscape planning for the 2901 Highland development, and the developments in the 2600 & 3000 blocks of Short Vine. Bill explained streetscape planning is a lengthy process involving numerous studies, including surveys of the underground layout, and the City needs lead time to allow for timely implementation. He estimated they would need about \$100,000. Noted in the discussion that followed:

- The proposed 2901 Highland streetscape suggests an extension of the adjacent Stetson Square design.
- Kay Weeks questioned what was proposed for the Short Vine streetscape, expressing concern about the elaborate plan presented at the 8-26-08 Uptown Consortium Dev Sub-Committee meeting.
- Bill assured the City's planning would be fiscally responsible, and the process requires gathering community input.
- Amy Parks asked if the streetscape planning could include façade improvements.
- Bill said 'no', that Dist TIF revenue is federal money and restricted to use for public purposes.
- Bill and Scott Enns explained that a recent Short Vine façade improvement initiative, offering matching funds, had not been successful due to the reluctance of contractors to deal with payment from the City, but they were able to allocate the \$150,000 fund to other Short Vine efforts.
- Kay Weeks noted this meeting's presentation was intended to initiate community discussion about the issue at a meeting prior to any vote. Members were encouraged to email their suggestions about streetscaping, and the City's use of TIF funds for planning to CorryvilleCC@hotmail.com so they can be included in the CORT discussions.
- Two personnel changes in the City's Transportation Dept were noted: Michael Moore is the new interim director, and CORT advisee Jack Martin is the new supervising architect.

Treasurers & Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) Report:

No Treasurer's report was available, and there was confusion as to the status of the 2008 NSP reimbursements. A discussion followed praising Dan Plofchan's commitment and contributions to the community, but indicating that as Dan is no longer able to attend the CCC meetings, there is a need to recruit an accessibly engaged NSP coordinator, and initiate a discussion about the election of a new Treasurer or checkbook co-signer. It was noted that Dan also serves as a CCC rep to CCDC (Corryville Community Dev Corp).

- A recent NSP issue was updated. Mike Ealy attended the 1-6-09 City Council Vibrant Neighborhoods Committee (VNC) meeting addressing the City's 2009 budget proposal to cancel Invest in Neighborhoods' contract to administer the NSP program, and move the duties to the Community Dev Dept. Mike reported there was significant comment from many neighborhoods on both sides of the issue. Kay Weaks and Clyde Nowlin noted having just discussed the issue at the Neighborhoods of Uptown meeting, and reported the over riding concern was the importance of the NSP funds to all the neighborhood's Councils, and a desire for resolution to the process difficulties with no disruption to the program. Scott Enns said the issue also affects NBD (Neighborhood Business District) funds and noted a VNC meeting for further discussion was being held 1-15, 7:30pm, at Waldorf School.

- Participation in the Neighborhood Summit, Jan 24th, 7:30am-2pm, at XU's Cintas Center was encouraged.

- Kay Weaks said she would ask Council to approve proposals for the NSP Rec Center Youth & Teen Employment program, and a Corryville Great Am Cleanup event at the Feb meeting. She noted the CCC still needs to change its non-profit status from 501-C4 to 501-C3, and wondered if this might be possible with NSP funds. Dan Luther offered to look into the situation. The community was encouraged to submit other NSP proposal ideas.

Vine St Com Urban Re-Dev Corp (VCURC) & University Village Bus Assoc (UVA) Report:

Scott Enns said the report given at the 11-11-08 meeting carries over. Additionally they are exploring ways to capitalize on the traffic around the new UC practice field being erected at the NW corner of Corry and Jefferson, including closure of the 2600 block of Short Vine for tailgate parties.

Corryville Community Dev Corp (CCDC) Report: No report given.

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

Corryville Recreation Center (CRC) Report:

Lisa Thomas announced that UC Health and Science students were conducting a refitness training program, and interested participants should schedule an appointment for a free assessment.

Old Business:

- Payment of 2009 CCC memberships dues was encouraged, dues paid from 9-1-08 carry forward to 12-31-09. An application form is available on the website (see below).

The listing of CCC positions attached to the Jan meeting reminder was discussed:

- Mike Ealy indicated interest in being Vice President, and potentially a co-signer of the checkbook.

- Amy Parks indicated interest in being the Cincinnati Empowerment Corp (CEC) rep.

New Business:

A recent Cincinnati Empowerment Corp issue was updated:

- Corryville is a Empowerment Zone neighborhood, but has not been able to recruit a rep to serve on the CEC Board in some time. In mid Dec, the CCC was given a head's up to the potential availability of significant funds to each of the CEC neighborhoods, and advised to have a member attend a 1-14-09 grant writing workshop, and the 1-15-09 CEC board meeting. Amy Parks volunteered to attend both these sessions.

Announcements:

Clyde Nowlin was thanked for his efforts which resulted in a \$250 recycling award from Mayor Mallory.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 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.