

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 14, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm.

Guest: Laure Quinlivan was welcomed. Laure is a former WCPO I-Team investigative reporter, noted for her award winning documentary “Visions of Vine Street”. She announced her “Cleaner, Greener, and Smarter campaign” as candidate for Cincinnati City Council, seeking endorsement from the Democratic Party. She attended the meeting to learn about issues in Corryville. See: www.LQReportingtoYou.com.

Police & Safety Report:

- Officer Wiley Ross distributed crime stats, and noted a spike in robberies. He reported arrangements for a CPD sub-station at 2606 Short Vine are almost complete.

Uptown Consortium/Towne-Uptown Partners Presentation:

Franz Stansbury, director of real estate development with the Uptown Consortium, and Graham Kalbli, architect with CR architecture + design gave the Towne-Uptown Partner’s final report on their University Village ‘vision for the future’. Franz noted other team members were Kinzelman Kline Gossman, Bayer Becker, Turner Construction, and Transformance Realty. He explained the group was brought together to explore an overall concept for the development potential for the Short Vine business district, and they have produced a final report in four forms: an interactive flash drive program, a 300 pg printed document, an executive summary, and a brief brochure. They demonstrated and explained how the report addresses potential for each of the Short Vine redevelopment zones: Market Place, Entertainment, Civic, and Hospitality, as well as potential for individual neighborhood blocks.

- Kay Weaks reported that at a Corryville Revitalization Team (CORT) meeting the previous day called to preview the final report, she had noted the preview was interesting, and wanted the opportunity to examine all the information. However, based only on the brochure she was sent prior to the meeting had expressed several concerns:

* The wording of Conclusion 3, (b) once again ignores the context and contingencies of the community’s approval: “*Market District and Hampton Inn plans were ‘vetted’ in a transparent public process and approved by the community; additional support will help expedite the development process*”. She repeated the community yet anticipates a follow-up on both Anchor Properties agreement to meet with the City’s Trans & Eng Dept about not precluding a potential streetcar reconnection of Vine to Short Vine, and improvements to the Walgreen’s site.

* The brochure’s wording, “*special thanks to: The Corryville Revitalization Team*” could easily be misconstrued to indicate CORT’s endorsement of the content. She noted lack of CORT involvement, and any preliminary reports.

With a day’s reflection, she asked if the intent of the report was to propose an official revision to the 2005 University Village Urban Renewal Plan.

- It was explained the proposal was more a study of practical ways to implement the plan, and lots of ideas.
- Requests for copies of the final report and for posting on the www.corryville.org website were made.

Cincinnati Empowerment Corporation (CEC) Report:

Clyde Nowlin and Bryan Servizzi reported they would be presenting Mike Ealy and Amy Parks’ request for a \$70K Youth and Safety Initiative grant to the CEC board. The proposal involves upgrading the Rec Center playground and fencing, and youth employment.

Treasurers Report/ Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) Report:

No treasurer’s report was submitted. Kay Weaks reported attended the City Council’s Vibrant Neighborhoods Committee hearing on a NSP ordinance proposal revising Community Council by-law requirements. She reported there was almost universal objection from the city neighborhoods to the

ordinance as drafted, and that City Council members had emphasized the draft was a work in progress. The latest revision will be posted on www.corryville.org, and the community is encouraged to comment.

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

Scott Enns updated presentation of their proposed 42M redevelopment of the east side of the 2600 block of Short Vine. Jacobs Family Partnership (JFP) is the developer, and they are seeking New Market Tax Credits to finance the project. Components include an LA fitness Center a Danberry 10 screen 1st run movie theater, an 8 lane bowling alley, a Martino's sports bar, 100 units of market rate housing, and a series of parking decks. Because they do not have complete site control, the project can be done in phases. He noted they previewed the proposal with members of CORT the previous day, will post the plans on www.corryville.org website, and make an initial community wide presentation at the May 12th CCC meeting. They will ask for final approval at the June 9th CCC meeting.

Scott also said arrangements have been made for VCURC to sponsor the World Changer's project again this summer. He explained over a period of four days volunteers will complete exterior re-habs on 24 owner occupied homes.

Corryville Community Dev Corp (CCDC) Report:

Dan Luther reported that Great Traditions has closed on a condo, and is getting close to the target needed to begin Block I, (bounded by Eden/Rochelle/Gerard/Donahue).

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

Corryville Recreation Center (CRC) Report:

Bryan Servizzi reported there are still openings in the summer youth program, and the wind damaged fencing along their western boundary has been replaced.

Old Business:

- Kay Weaks reported pre-registration for the April 25th Corryville Cleanup Day event is promising, but more neighborhood volunteers would be welcome and ones with pickup trucks are especially needed. The Rec Center Youth and Teens are distributing fliers door-to-door. Local vendors have been very generous with pledges for donated and deeply discounted pizza party supplies.
- Brother Steven Gerard made an appeal for Life Peace Zones, and is looking for a community liason for his efforts. Contact: BroStevenGerard@hotmail.com.

New Business:

Kay Weaks reported not objecting to several CCC board members' request to apply for available Hazard Abatement and Neighborhood Homes Initiative (NHI) funds to demolish buildings at 245 Oak, 2710-2712 Jefferson, 213 MLK, and 222 Rochelle. The demolitions will assist new housing projects from developers Steve Houk and K&K Renovations, Dan Schimberg/Uptown Rental Properties, CCDC, and Great Traditions. She was assured any zoning issues for the new housing projects would involve asking for Community Council approval.

Approval of Minutes: The March minutes were approved as written.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

As recorded by Kay Weaks

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