

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 12, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

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

Police & Safety Report:

- UC Officer Barb Henson reported graduation is June 13th, a pajama run is planned for June 17th, and fall quarter enrollment is up 15%.
- Officer Harley distributed CPD crime stats, and took note of several attendee concerns:
 - continuous illegal parking at Stetson and Bellevue,
 - possible drug dealing in the Euclid-Eden alley,
 - a potential abandoned car at 2609 Glendora,
 - problematic panhandling along the north section of Jefferson, and at Jefferson and MLK.

New Business:

- Dan Schimberg presented a site map and explained he is applying for a zone change from RMX to RM 1.2 for the southern portion of the block bounded by Jefferson/Charlton/Glendora (2700-2717 Jefferson, 20-22 W. Charlton, and 2707 Glendora). He requested CCC approval noting RMX allows a 3-family on every parcel, and the change to RM1.2 will permit development of 2, 6-unit buildings on 3 parcels. They will be 3-story buildings, 4 bedrooms in each unit, and parking underneath (with one-way entry from Charlton, exiting at Jefferson); additional parking is planned for a vacant lot on Glendora.
 - A motion for a CCC letter supporting the zone change passed unanimously with 16 in favor.
- Dan also proposed the community consider a “toxic building-strict code enforcement” initiative which has proved effective in East Walnut Hills. He explained the program involves identifying 10-15 of the ‘worst’ buildings in the neighborhood, then working with Ed Cunningham in the City’s building dept to eliminate the blight/hazards. Dan offered to coordinate the effort if there were support. Noted in discussion:
 - Phil Rotte asked why not require the strict code enforcement of all buildings in the neighborhood. It was explained the City does not have sufficient funds to do that.
 - The selection process was questioned, with concern for those financially unable to comply. It was explained that most of the problems are due to absentee landlords. Safi Safi suggested the program include an action plan to provide guidance to those in need of available assistance.
 - City building inspector Dave Lockhorn indicated the timing was opportune as an expected second round of stimulus funds is allocated at 10% for demo and 90% for re-hab.
 - It was agreed to continue the discussion, and consider CCC support at the June meeting. Dan will begin to assemble a list of potential buildings, and the community is encouraged to respond as well.

Treasurers Report/ Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) Report:

Amy Parks noted the treasurers/NSP rep transition with Dan Plofchan is almost complete. She reported the recent NSP funded flier distribution was disappointing compared to last year, and several items were being addressed. Delivery costs increased dramatically, and will be corrected with project budgeting involving less youth. Community response was minimal at best, probably the result of too much content, and future flier vs. newsletter content and distribution is being considered.

Cincinnati Empowerment Corporation (CEC) Report:

- Mike Ealy reported a decision on the CCC’s Youth and Safety Program grant proposal was expected around May 1st. He noted knowing several applicants had received ‘rejection’ letters, and viewed the CCC’s non-receipt as a positive sign.

- Kay Weaks noted the CCC is without representation on the CEC board because CEC executives advised Amy Parks to resign her position citing a potential conflict of interest with husband Mike Ealy's grant proposal.

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

- Clyde Nowlin noted there will be an on-site Hampton Inn ribbon cutting ceremony on June 10th at 10 am. He said presentation of the 2600 Vine East Block concept had been postponed due to a development delay.

- Kay Weaks asked that any revised proposal and rescheduled presentation allow ample opportunity for community input, noting there is no regularly scheduled July CCC meeting. She reported having a discussion with Dan Plofchan about several previously stated community concerns in need of address: interest in preserving the architectural character of business district per the 2005 Urban Renewal Plan, and no interest in a 'big box' LA Fitness Center.

- UC's Gerry Siegert said he understood the developers' intend to be attentive to the community.

Corryville Community Dev Corp (CCDC) Report:

Dan Luther reported the house at 213 MLK will be torn down soon, and the area will be 'greened'. Adam Martin reported Stetson is 98% occupied. Vickie Flynn reported closing on 1 condo, with 8 still available. Mike Ealy announced the second annual community festival at Stetson is June 5th, 5:30-8:30 pm.

Uptown Crossings Community Urban Re-Dev Corp (UCCURC) Report:

The news reports about the May 16th opening ceremony for the Zoo's "Historic Vine Street Village" entrance were noted.

Corryville Recreation Center (CRC) Report:

Bryan Servizzi announced two new programs: Spanish lessons and a zumba dance class. He said there are still openings in the summer day camp, and vouchers are available.

Old Business:

- Kay Weaks reported the Cleanup Day event was a success thanks to great weather, all the volunteers, and the extremely generous pizza party donations from **Martino's, LaRosa's, Papa John's, Walgreen's, and Kroger**. She and co-chair Clyde Nowlin noted the pile of collected trash has continued to diminish, and suggested next year's event might concentrate more on beautification efforts.

Announcements:

Ladder 19 will be distributing smoke detectors and batteries between 7-9 pm on the following dates and locations, or you can stop by the firehouse.

6/16 3200 Glendora, Nixon

6/17 3100, 3200 Bishop

6/18 2700, 2800, 3000 Bishop

8/25 3000 Euclid, Rochelle, Ahrens

8/26 Bellevue, Oak

8/27 2600, 2700 Eden, Charlton

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 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.