

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 9, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

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

Police & Safety Report:

- UC Officer Barb Henson reported graduation ceremonies will be held June 12 and 13.
- CPD Officer Wiley Ross distributed crime stats and noted a May 25 robbery at the Cincy Deli on Jefferson. He said in response to the complaint about illegal parking at Stetson and Bellevue numerous citations have been written and a new no parking sign will be installed. He asked for clarification about the abandoned car at 2609 Glendora. Capt Eliot Isaac reported the arrest of a 17 year old who has admitted to committing 43 burglaries in Corryville and CUF. Ken Tully questioned the CPD response to his recent calls about an unruly crowd and shots fired at 29 E University. Officer Ross asked for more detail, and said he would consult with the officers involved.

Treasurer's Report/ Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) Report:

Amy Parks distributed the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$6,215.87. She noted the CCC will be required to spend \$225 of their \$7,000 NSP funds for liability insurance. A motion to allocate the remaining unallocated \$675 to the Cleanup program for beautification efforts passed with 9 in favor.

Cincinnati Empowerment Corporation (CEC) Report:

- Amy Parks reported the grant decision process is more than a month behind schedule, but the CCC has received unofficial notification that their \$70,000 Youth and Safety Program proposal has been approved. The program will fund fencing around the Rec Center and initiation of a Youth Patrol.
- Kay Weeks updated complications with the World Changer's program. UC has withdrawn funding for VCURC (who previously funded) and Ex Dir Scott Enns (who previously coordinated) the World Changer's program. The Empowerment Corp did not fund the grant proposal. Oliver Hawkins with the Baptist Assoc of Greater Cincinnati has taken the lead, and enlisted People Working Cooperatively to assist those who qualify. The program has volunteers, but lacks funding for supplies. As a result Corryville's projects have been cut from 24 to 2, and include further work for an elderly disabled homeowner because the windows to be installed had previously been purchased, and a house painting for owners who already offered to buy the paint. Clyde Nowlin had suggested trying to solicit the \$15,000 necessary for supplies from various Corryville businesses, but Oliver Hawkins was consulted and regretted that the timing is too short to regroup. He thought at best they might be able to add a siding project for one homeowner, at a cost of \$2,500-\$3,000, if they knew the funds were in place within the next several days.
- A motion for the CCC to approve a \$1,000 contribution, if the remaining \$1,500-\$2,000 could be solicited passed with 9 in favor.

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

Jacque Anguilli was introduced. Jacque explained she has stepped in to lead VCURC, and reported:

- submitting a CNBDU (Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United) grant proposal for safety,
- exploring wireless for all Corryville Short Vine businesses,
- continuing the Short Vine beautification efforts,
- participating in recent CORT (Corryville Revitalization Team) Streetscape Committee planning meetings.

Corryville Community Dev Corp (CCDC) Report:

- Vickie Flynn reported that development of Stetson's Block I will begin as soon as 2 more condos sell.
- Mike Ealy reported the second annual summer festival held at Stetson on June 5 was very successful.

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

Corryville Recreation Center (CRC) Report:

Bryan Servizzi reported the summer day camp and drop in programs have begun, with 75 and 17 youth respectively; spaces are still available. He said he wants to plan a community event such as a 5K run or golf tournament, and would welcome community ideas.

- Dan Schimberg offered to contact the Zoo about free passes for a youth field trip.

Old Business:

- Dan Schimberg presented renderings for his student housing project between Jefferson and Glendora at Charlton. Dan explained the project is LEED certified, and will receive a tax abatement. Each of the 4 bedroom units will rent for \$2000-2400, (\$500-600 per person). He explained why he was requesting several variances of the handicapped accessibility requirements. He noted having finally been able to schedule a meeting with the adjacent Jefferson homeowner. Presentation to the City's Planning Commission is scheduled on June 19.

- Update on the University and Burnet gateway: The Welcome sign was stolen in April. Mayfield Clinic's Cindy Starr enlisted help from Enquirer reporter Alex Shebar. He interviewed Clyde Nowlin who made a plea for the signs return. Nick CaJacob discovered it had been returned, and took it home for safekeeping. Nick is arranging for the sign to be repaired and repainted. Peter Dryer has the solar lights. A rededication ceremony will be planned.

- Kay Weeks announced recipients of the 2009 Corryville scholarship awards, funded by the Jacobs Family Partnership:

- Hannah Aukerman: UC's R.E.C. camp, \$800 (80% of the \$1000 request)
- John Mark Thomas: Landmark Eagle's football program, \$400
- Cody and Joey Plofchan: private Suzuki lessons, \$150 each.

The account balance is \$6,456, with an additional \$10,000 pledged. The Committee was pleased to assist these commendable youth. At the same time they were extremely disappointed that the flier distributed throughout the community didn't generate the increased response anticipated. The Committee will meet to review the criteria, and develop a strategy to improve community awareness and increase applications.

- Amy Parks suggested coordination with the proposed Youth Patrol block captains.

New Business:

Ray Hils, Director of Facilities & Security, reported the Hamilton County Public Library is in the midst of their best ever year with a very high national rating. He explained state funding has dropped dramatically, and unless they secure adequate funding they may be forced to close as many as half of the library's 40 branches. They are proposing a 1 mill property tax levy (through 2014) in the November election. Support from the community was encouraged.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

As recorded by Kay Weeks

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