

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 11, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Police & Safety Report:

- CPD Officer Wiley Ross distributed crime stats, and reported the perpetrator of a June 27 aggravated robbery in the 2900 block of Gerard was apprehended.
- UC Officer Doug Barge distributed crime stats, and reported the perpetrator of an Aug 10 aggravated robbery near the DAAP building was apprehended.
- Ladder Co 19 Commander Capt Klosterman updated the status of City Council's budgetary brown-outs in the Fire Dept. He explained their understanding is the brown-outs will occur in designated Fire Houses only when insufficient personnel report to work. He said Corryville's Ladder Co 19 was originally #1 on the designated list, but has been lowered to #4.
 - It was noted that a letter from the CEOs of all Uptown Consortium institutions, and one from all Community Council presidents in the neighborhoods of Uptown had been sent to City officials stating their safety concerns in opposition to brown-out of Ladder Co 19.

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

- Clyde Nowlin announced that Dan Plofchan has officially resigned his treasurer's duties, and that administration will be turned over to Amy Parks.
- Amy Parks reported a balance of \$4,440.37 (with 119.50 in outstanding checks), and noted with expected NSP and AIG reimbursements the balance will be \$6,200.87
- Concern was expressed that so little of the CCC's '09 NSP funds have been spent. There was agreement the issue needs to be addressed, and several suggestions were made including hiring a landscaper.

Cincinnati Empowerment Corporation (CEC) Report:

- Amy Parks and Clyde Nowlin reported the CCC was awarded a ceremonial \$70,000 check for their Youth and Safety Program grant proposal at a CEC event on July 24, but distribution of any funds yet requires HUD approval. The deadline to spend the funds has officially been extended from Dec '09 to June '10.

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

- Jacquie Anguilli reported that VCURC submitted two NBDIP grant proposals, a \$150,000 request for Parking Lot Improvements, and a \$30,000 request for Signage and Lighting Improvements.
- Kay Weeks explained that because the grant proposals were due July 19 (and there was no July CCC meeting) the CCC Board sent a letter of support, indicating confidence that membership would concur.
- Jacquie delayed asking for a vote until the September meeting when more information would be available. She also reported being contacted by a UC volunteer group offering cleanup assistance for Short Vine, and said they are exploring a Fall Festival.

Corryville Community Dev Corp (CCDC) Report:

Dan Luther reported that 3-4 condo closings are expected shortly, and efforts to attract additional retail to the MLK/Highland building continues.

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

Corryville Recreation Center (CRC) Report:

Bryan Servizzi distributed CRC comment cards, which are available at the Rec Center desk, and encouraged broad community response. He reported a teen recycling program will begin shortly. He noted recent City budget reductions have affected some part-time, but no full-time staff.

New Business:

- Kevin Flynn with Cincinnatians for Progress promoted opposition to the Anti-Rail Charter Amendment in the Nov election. He explained the Charter is the City's constitution, outlining a representative form of government, and this ballot initiative is an attempt to hijack the process for specific issues. He warned if the amendment were approved, the City's ability to deal with issues in a timely fashion would be severely restricted, and subjected to frequent \$400,000 special elections.

- In discussion members also voiced opposition, and urged promoting defeat of the Charter Amendment.

- Caroline Kellam, Senior City Planner presented a summary for development of a new Comprehensive Plan. She explained the current Coordinated City Plan is 30 years old, and the new Plan will include recommendations in each of the following areas: Housing and Neighborhood Development, Economic Development and Business Retention, Transportation and Transit, Health, Environment, and Open Space, Land Use, Historic Preservation, Urban Design, Utilities and Infrastructure, Institutions, Intergovernmental Cooperation and Fiscal. They envision a process to engage people from all parts of the City's community, from residents/property owners to representatives of large corporations/institutions, and will hold 4 'same-format' City-wide meetings as opportunities to encourage community participation. The 1st of these informational sessions is to be held at the Corryville Recreation Center, 2823 Eden Ave, Sept 30, 6-8 pm. For more information please see: www.PlanCincinnati.org.

Old Business:

- Clyde Nowlin displayed the restored University and Burnet Gateway welcome sign, and thanked Bryan Servizzi for repairing and repainting it. A rededication ceremony is being planned.

- Kay Weaks updated the World Changer's project. She thanked Clyde Nowlin for successfully soliciting the donations necessary to purchase supplies, and they thanked the following donors for their generosity: **Buckingham Management at Stetson \$1,500, Great Traditions (Developer for Stetson) \$500, CCDC \$500, VCURC \$500.** The CCC donated \$1,000. Over a 4 day period in late June/early July, 3 World Changer teams volunteered labor for exterior repairs to three owner-occupied Corryville houses. Kay also expressed appreciation to the numerous volunteer organizations involved, and especially to Oliver Hawkins with the Baptist Ministries of Greater Cincinnati for stepping in at the last minute to lead coordination of the Corryville projects. She noted he also arranged for People Working Co-operatively to assist several other Corryville homeowners with repairs. A community volunteer is needed to solicit donations and coordinate next year's Corryville projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 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.