

DRAFT CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 23, 2010 Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

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

Police & Safety Report: Neither CPD nor UC officers were able to attend due to the meeting reschedule.

Old Business:

An **election to fill the vacancies of President and Vice President** until the Sept annual meeting was held.

- Mike Ealy was the sole nominee for President. A motion to elect Mike Ealy as President passed with 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

- Safi Safi, Andres Sanchez, and Dan Luther had been nominated for Vice President. A revisit to questioning Dan's (in)eligibility was made, but decided unnecessary because he had voluntarily bowed out. Andres offered that with further consideration he would prefer to serve in a communications capacity, and threw support to Safi. A motion to elect Safi Safi as Vice President passed with 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Mike Ealy and Amy Parks gave an **update on discussions to improve the institutional/community relationship with Children's Hospital**. They reported a meeting with Community Relations Dir Tracey Mahoney resulted in the following suggestions for support: assistance with grant writing, sponsorship of events, postings for community volunteers, mutual lobbying, and CCC newsletter printing/mailing. They are working on an agreement.

Amy Parks reported the **Governance Committee is progressing with draft CCC Code revisions**, and would present their proposals to Council in sections over the next several meetings. She noted the Committee's proposed Articles I: Name and Purpose, and II: Boundaries were sent out for review, and indicated Council would be asked to approve those sections at the March meeting.

Amy Parks detailed four quotes received to **file application for the CCC's 501-(c) 3 non-profit status**, and following consideration of the costs, the field was narrowed to two. A motion to engage Sonya Jindal of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister was approved with 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

New Business:

City reps, Bill Fischer, Jack Martin, Matthew Andrews, and Mike Sundrup presented renderings and an **update on the Corryville Revitalization Team (CORT) Streetscape Committee's recommendations:**

- The design/engineering plans for the streetscape in the Highland/Rochelle area are complete. As previously discussed, the streetscape is essentially a continuation of that in the adjacent Stetson Village. The CCC's approval of further district TIF is now needed for implementation of the plans.
- Improvements to the Glendora/Charlton and Glendora/Corry parking lots funded by VCURC's \$150,000 Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program (NBDIP) grant will begin soon, and includes: new lighting, striping, well-lit canopied pay & display stations, terracing, and landscaping.
- NBDIP funds previously available for Sht Vine façade improvements were reprogrammed for improvements to the arches and lighting, including arch flagpole hardware for large event banners.
- The current scope for Sht Vine streetscape planning includes the 2600/2700 blocks of Sht Vine, the Corry, Charlton, and Daniels side streets from Sht Vine to Jefferson, and pedestrian crossings at Jefferson. The current design concept is to create a 'festival street' in the 2600/2700 blocks of Sht Vine, described as a street capable of being blocked off for tailgate or vehicle-less events. It was noted this plan will not allow accommodation of the streetcar on Sht Vine. The plan also involves:
 - change from angled to parallel parking (a loss of 16 spaces),
 - widening the sidewalks to allow for outdoor dining, art, or other,
 - curbless pervious pavement and decorative 'ballard' sidewalk/street separation,

- reasonable possibility for stakeholder by-in to allow utilities to be relocated underground. The team noted Police and Fire have been consulted, and are approving. See a 'festival street' video example at: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-5542119783855712755#>

- Plans to enlarge the Van St parking lot behind the east 2600 block continue to be explored.

Kay Weaks explained the Committee's concept was at a stage requiring a decision to proceed, and this presentation was intended to elicit input from the community prior to a meeting for a vote. In discussion:

- Phil Rotte questioned the scope, asking why not all blocks of Short Vine, and all side streets leading to Jefferson. Limited resources and uncertain development plans were cited as the rationale. Phil also noted the need to improve lighting for safety, and was assured this aspect is being addressed.
- Dave Lockhorn encouraged addressing the 'black hole' effect at the north end of Sht Vine/MLK and Procter Hall with additional lighting. It was noted UC is being consulted about a variety of adjacent improvements.
- Andres Sanchez suggested increased event signage at the side street gateways, and decorative street closure elements.
- Amy Parks suggested streetside banners.
- Kay Weaks said though she was disappointed there was not current support for any vehicular reconnection of Vine to Sht Vine through the Plaza per the approved 2005 Urban Renewal Plan, nor the streetcar on Sht Vine as the previously advocated by the CCC, she was warming to this concept having the potential to be unique and appropriate. She noted having been particularly encouraged that the presentation at the CORT meeting also proposed re-hab vs. demo of the structures on the east side of the 2600 block of Short Vine, retaining its historic character and neighborly scale. She noted the adjacent neighborhood will need assurance of effective control should there be any disruptive traffic, behavior, or noise associated with a festival street. It was noted those concerns were being addressed.

Additional community suggestions were welcomed, and three votes were scheduled for the March meeting:

1. Approval of district TIF for the Highland/Rochelle streetscape implementation.
2. Approval to update the 2005 University Village Urban Renewal Plan.
3. Approval for the direction of the Short Vine streetscape concept.

Andres Sanchez briefly reported on **Uptown Access proposals** for a new I-71/MLK interchange, and possible revisions to the interchange at Taft/I-71. Community input is encouraged. See: <http://www.uptownaccessstudy.com>

Andres also reported having made progress **redesigning the www.Corryville.org website**. It was agreed registration and administration of the site should be transferred from Al Porkolab to the CCC.

Kay Weaks submitted three minor **2010 Corryville Scholarship Funds revisions**. A motion to approve the changes passed with 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

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

Amy Parks submitted the treasurer's report (Addendum 1) showing an adjusted balance of \$5,447.02. She reported the City approved an ordinance to return administration of the NSP to Invest In Neighborhoods, but until the details are arranged all neighborhood proposals are on hold.

Cincinnati Empowerment Corporation (CEC) Report:

Amy Parks reported CEC officials finally agreed to a meeting with her and Mike Ealy to discuss the status of Corryville's \$60,000 EZ grant for a Youth and Safety Program. She said the situation is disturbing, as the meeting did not result in any commitment for when the funds will be available, and noted this past summer significant funds were spent through NSP and the Rec Center even though the CEC refused to meet to clarify the reimbursement procedure.

Neighborhoods of Uptown (NOU) Report:

Kay Weaks reported discussion topics included: Uptown neighborhood boundaries, brainstorming benefits to Uptown institutions to hire Uptown residents, status of the CEC and NSP, and Uptown promotion of Taft Elementary.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Report: No report given.

Vine St Com Urban Re-Dev Corp (VCURC) & University Village Bus Assoc (UVA) Report: Jacquie Angiulli noted nothing pressing to report.

Corryville Community Dev Corp (CCDC) Report: Dan Luther noted nothing pressing to report.

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

Gerry Siegert wasn't able to stay, but Kay Weaks gave the written report he prepared:

- Two properties on Glendora between Jefferson and Vine have been sold to Bill Crawford.
- As a result of an open RFP process, negotiations have begun with a preferred developer.
- Hallmark University Housing has tentatively proposed a by-the-bed student housing project with parking (268 beds/241 parking spaces) for the site on Jefferson across the street from the Corinthian restaurant.
- The exact nature and design of the project will depend on the ability of the developer to acquire adjacent parcels currently controlled by Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati.

Dan Schimberg indicated development plans are in very preliminary stages.

Corryville Recreation Center (CRC) Report:

Bryan Servizzi noted delivery of a Hammer Strength leg press, and the Teen Lounge pool table.

Announcements:

Martino's on Vine was congratulated for being a finalist in the "Best Wings", and "Best Sports Bar" categories of a recent Metromix contest.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

As recorded by Kay Weaks

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.