



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

October, 2015

Next monthly meeting:

October 20, 2015

Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level, Straight Street

Take a Hike!

Back when I was acting City Architect for Cincinnati, as the head of the Division of Transportation Planning and Urban Design, I was involved in Plan Cincinnati (published November 2012). During my work on the urban design component of the plan I came across the website www.walkscore.com.

Walk Score evaluates cities and neighborhoods by how walkable they are – proximity to the goods and services that we need every day. Cincinnati's overall Walk Score is 50 – slightly better than the average of 47 for all North American cities of 200,000 or more residents. New York City leads the way at 88. While they aren't cities of more than 200,000, Norwood's score is 61 and Covington's score is 42. Here are the rankings for the TOP FIVE most walkable neighborhoods in Cincinnati:

| Neighborhood | Walk Score | Transit Score | Bike Score | Population |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Central Business District | 91 | 77 | 54 | 5,586 |
| 2 Over-The Rhine | 90 | 69 | 53 | 6,262 |
| 3 Corryville | 83 | 54 | 55 | 3,370 |
| 4 CUF | 80 | 53 | 50 | 6,078 |
| 5 West End | 77 | 62 | 59 | 6,521 |

Breaking CUF down more specifically, I've looked up the following CUF intersections:

- Warner and Ohio – 88 (tied with NYC!)
- Warner and Chickasaw – 86
- Warner and Fairview – 59
- Ravine and Straight – 82
- Stratford and Joselin – 78
- Marshall and Probasco – 54

In addition to providing Walk Scores, the website also provides a Transit Score and a

Bike Score for most cities/neighborhoods. This is a great tool for people looking for the best place to live when moving to a new community. Proximity to where one works or goes to school is one important factor, but being close to all of the other things we need is at least that important. A good fit between where we live and how we like to transport ourselves helps to elevate our overall quality of life.

When Block 1 – Vine/Calhoun/Scioto/McMillan - gets developed, it will automatically inherit a Walk Score of 93 (Walker's Paradise), a transit Score of 58 (Good Transit), and a Bike Score of 54 (Bikeable) – all parenthetical terms provided by Walk Score.

Referring back to the neighborhood ranking chart above, it's not a coincidence that the most popular and developing neighborhoods are also the most walkable. CUF's walkability, bikeability and access to transit are tools we need to use to sell ourselves to prospective permanent residents. Once you're here, it's hard to walk away.

Thanks! – Jack Martin

CUF Neighborhood Association General Meeting September 15, 2015 Deaconess Cafeteria

Meeting Commenced at 7:43 p.m.
Safety Updates:

Captain Bardua, Sgt Voelkerding, Ofc Hageman CPD District 5 spoke at length about taxpayer dollars and CPD manpower resources spent to police University of Cincinnati students drunken and disorderly behavior. A recent WKRC News 12 Debra Dixon story aired. UC hierarchy stated in the video that reforms would be made with reference to fraternity, sorority, and house parties. However, the weekend following the report saw a large number of house parties and resulted in multiple calls to service from angry residents. Residents feel that UC needs to keep their public promise. CUF Citizens On Patrol went out Saturday September 12 from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.. Eleven addresses hosting large house parties were reported to the District. Lt Danse of CFD Engine 19 Corryville reports that the Heroin epidemic continues locally. Campus calls for EMS due to alcohol abuse are up. Reports are being made by RA's and Greek life house supervisors. These violations are reported as required by law to the State of Ohio against UC. Half of the 25 fire runs in August were responses to arson of vacant properties in Cincinnati's urban neighborhoods.

Guest Speakers:

1) Chris Moran from League of Women Voters Cincinnati Area

There are six issues on the November Ballot impacting voters in the City of Cincinnati. Three are State Issues: Issue #1 Issue #2 Issue #3. Three are local City Issues: Issue #22 Issue #23 Issue #24.

To verify your voter registration, polling place, and download a sample ballot go to Hamilton County Board of Elections <http://boe.hamilton-co.org>

2) Chris Watkins spoke pro issue 22. A number of attendees walked out while he was speaking.

3) Leigh Duckworth, Clean-up Cincinnati, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday October 3rd
Contact duckwolh@mail.uc.edu

President Linda Ziegler gave Board of Trustees update:

2016 NSP proposal completed. Scheduled for City presentation and review on September 30th.

University Area Impact Solutions Committee: meets 6-8 pm Wednesday September 16th at Niehoff Studios on Short Vine. Info was published with link to public survey in August Newsletter. This study was implemented by Mayor Cranley and the University. CUFNA will be sending representatives. All residents are welcome. Parking & Zoning workgroup is a Collaboration of Neighborhoods of Uptown, Uptown Consortium, CHCURC, and several other neighborhoods. It began as a study group for the Land

Development Code. Ziegler attended for CUFNA. She reported that parking was discussed for the historic Pendleton neighborhood.

No reply from CHCURC regarding to our letter sent on August 4 requesting safety improvements or shutdown of illegal graveled parking lot at 105 Calhoun. CHCURC was given 90 days to reply. Ziegler has a meeting September 17th with the City plans examiner.

New Business:

Matt Bourgeois, CHCURC Director reported to Ziegler that a developer has been found for Block 1 (the previous McDonald's site). He has invited the developer to attend the October 7 CHCURC meeting.

Member Sandra Wilson brought up issue of Hookah Café falsifying a building permit. Applicant for Hookah Café stated that they had four permanent parking spaces for clients at the illegally purposed gravel lot at 105 Calhoun. Ms Wilson asked that the Board of Trustees take action. Gambino's Coffee, new business at McMicken and Marshall. Owners were invited but did not attend.

Next General Meeting: October 20, 2015. Confirmed guest speaker is Tim Mara against Issue 22.

Meeting ended at 9:25 p.m.

Recorded by C. Wallpe

Treasurer's Report Sept. 2015

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| Balance on Sept 1, 2015 | \$14,765.62 |
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Income:

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| Dues | 18.00 |
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| Total | 18.00 |
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Expenses:

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| Fed Ex--newsletter | 250.44 |
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| web hosting | 30.00 |
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| Roundup | 218.00 |
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| soaker hose | 76.98 |
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| Total | 575.42 |
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| Balance on Sept 30, 2015 | \$14,208.20 |
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Hughes wins grant !

Kathy D. Wright, Principal, announced that Hughes STEM High School has won \$101,000 towards the re-purposing of the Kreuck pool area! The demolition of the area has begun; and the concrete is scheduled to be poured by Nov. 2nd. When complete, the area will be used as a multi-purpose space for athletics and as a sensory classroom for students with disabilities.

The community will also be able to rent the space for different needs. It is a great win for the Hughes community, and she expressed appreciation of the work of ABC, CPS facilities and the Grants departments for helping with all aspects of the process.

When the space is complete the community will be invited to a grand opening.



Marketing help

The Voice of Your Customer is a minority owned marketing firm that assists clients to penetrate niche markets using survey research, focus groups, secret shopping, business training, and media campaigns. Located in a federally qualified HUB Zone in Cincinnati, Ohio, The Voice of Your Customer holds the following certifications: 8(A), MBE, WBE, SBE and DBE.

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Fall Show at Krohn

Chrysanthemums, pumpkins, and gourds, oh my! Come to Krohn, take a seat, and relax at one of the picnic tables dressed with a beautiful centerpiece inspired by the season. The 2015 Fall Floral Show, A Bevy of Blossoms, A Flock of Flowers, opened on Saturday, September 5 and will run until Sunday, October 25.

The show is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am - 5 pm, closed on Monday. Admission is \$4 Adults, \$2 Youth (5-12), Free Ages 4 and under. Special events included in price of admission.

Many special events have been planned including A Fall Harvest Celebration, Krohn Zone workshops, a visit from Lily the Lamb, A Very Green Halloween, and more.

CAP

After being tapped by the mayor to meet the infrastructure deficit challenge during a State of the City address, City Manager Harry Black said his team started to look toward other funding options that wouldn't break the bank and would add value to the city's existing capital improvement plan. Their solution? The Capital Acceleration Plan (CAP).

"It's designed to be a flexible, just-in-time funding approach that maximizes funding for the identified priority areas over the next six years", he said. The CAP strategy responsibly leverages existing revenue streams to accelerate funding without diminishing the ability of the city to continue funding its capital needs into the future.

But perhaps more intriguing than the funding model is the technology being used to prioritize roadwork throughout the city. A literal van-full of technology is helping with that.

Similar to a giant mobile document scanner, a van equipped with lasers and video cameras will drive the streets to rate and map the nearly 1,000-center-lane miles.

Michael Moore, director of Transportation and Engineering Department for the city of Cincinnati, said the automated process delivers more comprehensive data than the random boots-on-the-ground sampling methods used in the past.

As it stands, city officials say Cincinnati averages at around 52 points on the nationally recognized Pavement Condition Index (PCI), which puts the city in overall "fair" condition. Black said if all goes well under the plan, the number will climb to 73 points by 2024.



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CUF membership



Any person subscribing to the purpose of the CUF Neighborhood Association, Inc. and paying dues set by the Association may become a member. Election of Trustees is held at the annual meeting in July. Eligible voters are residents of the community who are at least 18 years of age and who are fully paid members of the Association and who have attended three general meetings after payment of dues during the year prior to the annual meeting. Non-resident members have voice but no vote in Association meetings and may not hold elective office. Annual CUF dues are \$6.00.

- CUF general meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month, except August and December, 7:30 p.m, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3rd Tuesday in July, 7:30 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street

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Voting Membership: CUF resident _____

Non-voting Membership: _____

CUF organization: _____

CUF business owner: _____

Non-resident: _____

Non-resident property owner: _____

Membership fee: \$6.00 per year.
Make checks payable to CUFNA.

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