



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

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November, 2016

Next monthly meeting:

November 15, 2016

Hughes High School, Innovation Lab
Second Floor, 2515 Clifton Avenue
7 p.m.

University Impact Area Solutions Study: a summary and update

by Mike Morris

Over the past year, many members of the CUF community have attended numerous University Impact Area Solutions Study meetings concerning the unique problems of our community with the goal of finding solutions that work for everyone. The study was broken up into five working groups which met separately to find specific solutions within that area of interest. These groups included zoning and new development, housing and neighborhood conditions, quality of life, connectivity, and parking. The product of these meetings was a plan with strategies, action steps, primary and secondary partners, level of difficulty, priority level, and a timeline listed to provide a path forward in solving these problems. A final draft of this plan was submitted to a special City Planning Commission meeting on September 30, 2016 where the plan was approved and sent to Neighborhoods Committee of Cincinnati City Council. The Neighborhoods Committee approved the document on October 17, 2016, and it proceeded to Cincinnati City Council for a final approval which it received October 19, 2016. This approval does not automatically put in place each of the solutions listed, however it does allow the city staff to begin meeting with the primary and secondary partners to implement each of the items individually.

One of the overarching goals of CUF community members is to increase home ownership within the community. This topic was addressed within the housing subgroup, and several action steps were created to achieve this goal including the creation of an urban development corporation to buy single

family homes to renovate and sell to new homeowners, develop incentives for those who work in the area to purchase a home within the community, work with the university to create a program where students repair and remodel project houses, make the university area, including CUF, a target area for tax delinquent properties, and work with the city to once again be a part of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program. Currently, CUFNA is working with the Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (CHCURC) to materialize these goals. Specifically, a collaboration between the two organizations aims to purchase distressed properties, rehabilitate them, and sell them to prospective homebuyers. The collaboration has the potential to bring more permanent residents, young professionals, and families to the community which promotes stability as a neighborhood. Other programs are sure to emerge from the study in the next couple years which should ease some of the everyday issues and continue to better the CUF community for all who enjoy it. The most up to date plan can be found in full on the city's web page at <http://www.cincinnati.gov/planning/planning-projects-studies/university-impact-area-study/>.

CUF Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting 18 October 2016

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30pm, by Linda Ziegler.

Guests:

- CPD – Captain Bardoa, Officers Volkerding and Hageman
- UCPD – Chief Tony Carter, Assistant Chief Maris Herold, Officer Jim Vestring, and several others
- Eve Bolton, CPS Board of Trustees
- Vice Mayor David Mann
- Daniel Hart, UC Sustainability Coordinator
- Tom Reese, Service Area Coordinator (Clifton Recreation Center)

Safety Updates:

There was no fire department report.

Officer Hageman gave District 5 report. Crime continues to go down. Preparations are being made in anticipation of the outcome of the Tensing trial. Some Clifton Heights businesses are considering boarding up their windows.

Officer Vestring gave the UC police report. He was joined by Chief Carter and Asst. Chief Herold. There was discussion of the recent on-campus shot-fired incident as well as the general perception of crime – it was repeated that actual crime has been going down for a number of years. Carter and Herold talked about UCPD is using crime statistics to identify trends and problem areas. UCPD is sending officers to visit adjacent and opposite residences following a burglary, to discuss crime prevention. UCPD has hired 2 new Officers (promoted from Security Officers). Officer Vestring offered that UCPD will allow ride-alongs to CUF residents – rides can be from 2 – 8 hours long.

Announcements:

- Daniel Hart (green@uc.edu) UC’s sustainability and cleanup efforts. There will be a cleanup on Wednesday, 9 November, 4pm. Volunteers will meet at the UC Bike Kitchen and will do cleanup in the area bounded by McMillan, Ohio, Warner and Rohs. They are expecting 50 – 60 volunteers.

- Tom Reese, CRC, again asked for interested people to get involved with the question of what to do (recreationally) with Fairview Park.

- CUFNA may need a new place to meet as Deaconess Hospital is apparently being vacated... more to come.

• Reports:

Treasurer’s Report was presented.

Old Business:

President Ziegler reported that the UAISS is working its way through the approval/adoption process.

New Business:

President Ziegler reported on an effort led by Jules Rosen to get Street Calming on Fairview Avenue.

Announcements:

Next General Meeting: 15 November 2016
Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30pm

Minutes submitted by Jack Martin

CUF meeting place moves

Deaconess Hospital has closed so CUF meetings will now be held at Hughes High School, 2nd floor Innovation Lab.

Enter the front door and go to the second floor Innovation Lab. Parking is available on the north side of Hughes, surface lot and underground. Parking is also available behind Hughes entering from McMillan Street.

Meetings will begin at **7:00 pm**.
The next meeting is November 15th.

See you there!

Financial Report October 2016

Balance on Oct 1, 2016	\$8951.36
Income:	
Dues	36.00
Total	36.00
Expenses:	
GCWW	101.26
Ziegler reimburse	53.93
Lloyd reimburse	67.89
Bambach reimburse	45.02
FedEx-newsletter	332.56
Campbell	47.00
Total	647.66
Balance on Oct 30, 2016	\$ 8339.70

Neglected yards cleaned up



A special thanks to University of Cincinnati police officer Jim Vestring for organizing a cleanup of two neglected CUF properties along with the efforts of members of the Alpha Epsilon Phi fraternity. Good Work!

City offers \$10,000 grants to 'Engage Cincy'

Year 2 of Program Focuses on Food Access, Civic Connections and Livability

The City of Cincinnati is once again rolling out the Engage Cincy Challenge Grant competition to identify and fund innovative ideas to generate community engagement and better Cincinnati.

The 2017 Engage Cincy Challenge Grant program is a unique community-building competition that gives residents, nonprofits and other local organizations a chance to win one of up to five grants of up to \$10,000. The prize money will go toward the development, launch and promotion of plans that offer cutting-edge ideas for bettering a specific place, or all of Cincinnati.

"Engage Cincy allows residents to communicate what is important to them," said Mayor John Cranley. "I look forward to learning about the creative and impactful ideas our constituents come up with. Thank you to City Manager Harry Black for leading this innovative engagement program."

This year, grants will be awarded in the following categories:

Healthy Food Access

Making Civic Connections Through Technology

Improving Livability

Applications are due by Dec. 11, 2016.

"We are looking for new, innovative project ideas focused in areas that are vital to improving our connectedness and livability," said City Manager Harry Black. "The best way to invigorate a community is to engage the people who live there and keep them interested, here, we're giving community members a say but also the money, resources and support needed to think, and act, outside the box."

The City Manager proposed the idea for Engage Cincy Grants in spring 2015. With the support and approval by the Mayor and City Council, the City Manager launched the inaugural challenge grant competition last year and nearly 200 applications were received. The winners were announced at the 2016 Neighborhood Summit in March.

"I was so impressed with the creativity of the proposals and the innovation that it brought to the city," said Vice Mayor David Mann.

For this second year of the grant program, the City seeks the most innovative and impactful ideas for improving positive engagement and interaction within the city.

The competition is open to individual residents, groups of engaged residents, local businesses, nonprofits and organizations with Cincinnati ties. Everyone is encouraged to submit their best, most innovative project ideas and plans.

An Engage Cincy selection committee consisting of members of the local business community, community/nonprofit leaders and City employees will vet the applications and interview finalists. They'll then make recommendations to the City Manager who will select the winners.

Those interested in participating are asked to keep in mind the Engage Cincy review panel is looking for the most promising ideas applicants can steer from ideation to implementation.

Additional program and application information is available on the Engage Cincy webpage.

<http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/manager/engage-cincy/>

Winter Weather Preparations

From the City of Cincinnati:

The City of Cincinnati's winter operations team has been working throughout the year to prepare for the upcoming winter season. Crews have been busy inspecting and calibrating equipment, reviewing and revising snow routes and examining weather forecasts.

The mayor urged residents to exercise patience and understanding during a storm as city crews work to treat and clear the more than 3,000 lane miles of roadway during a typical snow event.

"We always prepare for the worst and hope for the best," said City Manager Harry Black. The manager additionally shared details of the City's purchase of 9 new dump trucks through the Capital Acceleration Program (CAP), thanks to the leadership of the Mayor and City Council. Five more trucks were purchased through the traditional capital budget process.

These new vehicles translate directly into improved service that you will notice. We are maximizing the time equipment will be out treating streets," added Black.

On Oct. 27, City crews participated in a dry-run exercise designed to refresh, test and sharpen drivers' skills at operating snow plows and the various tools that will be used for snow and ice control during a storm. This training included a classroom portion followed by a performance-based exercise with winter operations equipment.

New Krogers at University Plaza progressing

The 69,000-square-foot, \$20 million Kroger development currently under way will nearly double the size of the previous store. Kroger said the revamp will create more than 200 new jobs.

New offerings in the store will include a drive-through pharmacy, The Little Clinic services, beer taps and growler stations, Murrays Cheese, a Natural Foods section, a Starbucks, a bistro with a grab-and-go entrance and a floral department. Kroger said it plans to offer online shopping at the location.

Kroger representatives say that the store will feature an outdoor seating area, similar to what the company recently developed in Lexington. They also say that while the store will have two levels, customers will not actually use the second floor since it will be used for food preparation functions only.

Clifton Market

Clifton Market is continuing to prepare for its official opening, and now it's looking for employees.

General manager Keith Brock expects to hire 81 new workers in a variety of roles to operate the co-op grocery store at 319 Ludlow Ave. About 40 of the jobs are expected to be full-time, while 41 will be part-time.

Available full-time positions include administrative assistant, produce manager, pricing and sign coordinator, meat technician and more, while part-time roles include produce partner, deli food service clerk and cashier partner. Interested applicants can apply on the market's website.

Catt Lyon Design of Cincinnati, Chicago and New York created the interior design of the market. Construction of the space began in April.

The \$5.6 million project expects to sign 2,000 shareholders and has raised \$1.8 million from owner shares, loans and gifts. It also received a 12-year tax exemption for the market from the city of Cincinnati. The National Cooperative Bank contributed a \$1.88 million loan for real estate and buildout along with a \$1.1 million loan for its equipment.

A Whimsical Wonderland

The 2016 Holiday Show at the Krohn Conservatory has a whimsical new twist on holiday tradition! A Whimsical Wonderland at Krohn invites you to unwrap your wildest imagination and explore poinsettias of a different color! This show will feature poinsettias of royal blue, lively orange, and deep purple that will join the more traditional hues.

The interactive train display and botanical architecture are intensified with fanciful pompom junipers, vibrant globe amaranths, and cheerful powder puff plants. Sprigs of painted twigs and patterned branches are intertwined with twisted, curly grasses and various tropical flowers to create this captivating landscape. Visit www.cincinnatiiparks.com for Special Event hours and programs.

WHEN: November 12th - January 8th, 10 - 5 Daily



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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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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Membership Type:

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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