



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

March, 2012

Next monthly meeting:

March 20, 2012,
7:30 p.m., Deaconess Hospital
Cafeteria, Lower Level, Straight Street

Get Active

As we head into an early spring let's take the time to look at our neighborhood and join in with others who are trying to keep it a decent place to call home. If you aren't involved you may be surprised to know that all through the year there is a dedicated group of your neighbors who pick up litter; plant trees, shrubs and flowers; help build gateways; patrol the streets looking for criminal activity; take care of feral cats; work on communications; arrange funding; report blighted properties; fight graffiti; help youth get involved; attend city meetings; contact city officials and other activities that keep our area as livable as it is. If it seems as if there is still more to do then imagine what it would be like if no one cared. The forces working against all of this are numerous so it sometimes seems like an uphill battle.

Come to the March 15 CUF meeting to see what you can do to get involved. We need folks who will step up to the challenge that lies beyond watching and listening. Ask any of our board members at the meeting how you can take an active part in the process of correcting problems in the area. It is through the number of people we can involve in sharing responsibility that makes creating change a more manageable task.

There is unexplored potential for real improvement in this area's housing situ-

ation that might occur through evolution or possibly not. Our business district is about to undergo an unprecedented makeover. Other community councils in the city and throughout the country have completed innovative residential projects that have had positive results. Having a vision for change and making an attempt at seeing it through is worth anyone's time.

Craig Lloyd
newsletter editor

Minutes of the CUF Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting 1/17/12

Introduction and Opening Remarks
John called the meeting to order at 7:35.

Police Report: Officers Lisa Johnson (CPD) and Officer Lance Long (UCPD)

- Lisa Johnson and Jason Volkerding spoke. She is collecting party house addresses. Copper thief has been caught and pictures will be sent out for id for people to note. Cut the wires the day before on air conditioners. Call if you see someone in your neighbors' side yards.
- Cinco de Mayo is coming.
- Graffiti trials still upcoming. Letters are upcoming.
- 3/10/12 Door hanger handout day before spring break door to door. UC's Police Station at Edwards 3 at 10 am. Pizza up at Mac's afterwards.
- Landlord training is upcoming. Lisa will go to nights in the spring to help with this like she does every year. March 3rd is Landlord Training event and there will be four of these sessions.
- Captain Paul Neudigate came and was presented by his staff. He is replacing Captain Bailey. Veteran of 23 years. He is targeting victim crimes. He stressed that he will remain a friendly face and voice to our community. Burglaries are a big stress right now. They are

stressing quick responses for the cops for suspicious acts.
- A question was asked about home invasion on Clifton (2412). Suspect's DNA is being processed.

April 21st might be the Great American Clean Up.

Lance Long announced spring break is March 20th week. Flyers for March 10th and distribution for home and car safety.
Two more home basketball games for the year.
Construction ongoing on campus: Scioto is still under work.

CUF Business Spotlight: Brian Long, Campus Cyclery, 241 W. McMillan St.
Montgomery Cyclery 1973-1975, then Campus Cyclery.
One of the most diverse bike shops in Cincinnati. Huge growth in families and has been seeing an uptake in bike sales for kids and family safety. Parking in the back. He works on graffiti on the wall and dumpster.

Guests:
Andrew Glenn, Director of Public Services was on the agenda.
He did not show up for the meeting at the beginning.
Neighbors relayed what they knew. Some people had already received the postcard. Trash staying on Thursday. Recycling days might change for some of us.

Neighbors also asked for street sweeping increases asked this to be addressed with Mr. Glenn when we do get to meet with him.

Mr. Glenn came at 8:20. He apologized for being late as this is his third meeting tonight. Postcards only to those who are changing the trash pick ups. This is the blue card.
Another card is going up on the recycling weeks shifting. Changing the week of 3/5/12. Postcards to owners and renters both, so they are trying to increase awareness of the change. CUF has the smallest change (only about 400 addresses affected).
Can go online and figure out the day of recycling and the day of the trash pick up.
PR release next week end of Feb about the change in recycling/trash collection.

Mr. Glenn gave us the number. 352-5485
Street sweeping questions asked. Each street should be 4 times per year. Mr. Glenn agreed. We were skipped in November/December.
Neighbors asked for street cleaning to happen during UC's spring break. A plea to do this was

given to Mr. Glenn. He gave a promise to look at the street listing and to make sure we still had our 4 spots.
Our Board will also work on this to get this publicized and to work with UC to get this coordinated for students.
Another question was raised about trash can enforcement. Mr. Glenn said they are looking at trash ordinance changes. Enforcement is down to one person currently.

Membership Report:
Are you paid up?
Dennis Obrien addressed the Tower Fund's waning enrollment and we need to increase membership.

Treasurer's Report

CHCURC Update
Explanation of CHCURC was given.
Matt Bourgeois sent updates: Old St. George loan commitment and THP is the construction administrator negotiating a final contract with Kettering. City Funding agreement. Cornice and brick work is being fast tracked.
U Square: March will continue construction.
Old Town Streetscape work is anticipated in mid-May from the City CNBDU money.

Asked about the benches from Hartshorn. They are near the old McDonalds.
Cherie is our rep from the neighborhood for CHCURC. She gave additional info. Param Management's contract ended Dec. 31, 2011 so they are looking for new contracts.
Cherie will investigate further the insurance money search.

Hearing 2/13/12 with the City. CHCURC was fined 500 for the bricks issue at Old St. George. They were given specific instructions on how to get this done. Should be taken care of quickly.

City Council Finance meeting. Funding passed for the hearing for U Square funding and developmental

John will ask Matt B. to report any hearings to the community.

Uptown Consortium Update
Rob Neel gave the update. Corryville has massive development along Short Vine: Can be viewed on their webpage. Avondale has a new center that works on aquaponics, community garden, community kitchen with cooking classes.
Mt. Auburn with continued work on Reading and works with Christ and their new office and hospital space. Clifton addressed the IGA situ-

ation and that they are still not open and not sure when they will be open.

Citizens on Patrol Update

Sandra Wilson gave the update. Graffiti run and addresses were given to the policemen to help Lisa. 27 addresses. Send pictures with addresses to Lisa Johnson.

Mr. Jacoby in the Litter Department.

Clifton Heights Business Association Update

Karen Taravella gave an update. Landlords at both Jan. and Feb. meetings because there has been an increase in the number of robberies. Police addressed this that they had decreased numbers for Jan/Feb. because of retirements. JD DuBois noted there will be a locked gate. Alley gates will be installed between McMillan and Calhoun.

U Square report Keystone Grill, Altar State Apparel store, and a few sandwich shops. Work on U Square to finish for July 2013.

University Park is filled. House of Browns going in.

The parking garages will go in first.

Hartshorn will be now called New Market Street, aligning with Calhoun garage.

University Heights Neighborhood Association Update

Daniel had nothing to report.

West McMicken Neighborhood Group Update

Tony Walsh gave an update about the most recent Viaduct meetings and they are still in input gathering phase. But there is no money.

Block Captain Announcements and Clean Ups
Weekly Sunday night clean ups. Trash, weeds, you name it. Turn cleaning the neighborhood into a social event.

Old Business:

NSP revision has to happen as they need specific amounts for the increased amount of \$5000 this year:

Rob Neel presented Craig's proposal. Reviewed the numbers from November and the categories we used. Explanation of the three categories were again given.

1. Beautification: generally used for planting trees, shrubs, bulbs, grasses in decorative areas such as right of ways, street corner landscaping, gateways, traffic islands, and planters; also for tools, water hook-up, water tank, contractor services, mulch, graffiti removal materials, etc.
Safety: used for special lighting needs, safety vests for tree board

2. Newsletter: Used for costs associated with the production of our newsletter: annual web

hosting fee, domain registration fee, annual bulk-mailing fee, special mailings, etc.

3. Marketing/Membership: Used for marketing and membership initiatives such as flyers, cards, banners, advertising, Soap Box Derby registration and signage, sponsorship of Straight Street Hill Climb, Fairview Pool memberships and scholarships, etc.

We have \$5000 to allocate to our projects. Initially the 3 categories and prices were set as:

Beautification and Safety \$3800

Newsletter \$600

Marketing/Membership \$600

Neighbors asked for revision and for increase in funds to the newsletter. The amounts were revised as following:

Beautification and Safety \$3600

Newsletter \$800

Marketing/Membership \$600

Vote 31 for, 3 abstain, and 0 against. Motion carried.

These numbers and the sign-in sheet need to go to Craig for NSP.

Mayor's Community Recycling Challenge

Neighbors are reminded to call in carts that are abused, left out, used for trash, or not being used. Report to 591-600 or the website so that the neighborhood can get money from the City.

New Business:

Letter to landlords/property owners. John discussed the idea to try sending letters to landlords and have neighbors report problem properties to the community council. We will try to have this list at the sign in table for persistent problem properties that the City is not enforcing. The Board will try to investigate these problem addresses. The clipboard of troubled properties becomes another .

Staff from Council Member Sittenfeld's office.

Annelise will be here monthly. Annelise.Bodary@Cincinnati-oh.gov

Thanks given to PG Sittenfeld's staff and his office for his work on predatory towing.

Ordinance for upholstered furniture ordinance.

Vote on March 6th at the Primaries!

Announcements/Events:

Tower Fund Annual Meeting (by invitation only)

Tuesday February 28, 7:30

Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria.

Meeting adjourned

CUF Treasurer's report

Balance: February 1, 2012 \$8,327.76

Income:

Membership dues	\$79.00
NSP	\$889.23
Total Income:	\$968.23

Expenses:

Total Expenses:	\$0.00
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Balance: March 1, 2012 \$9,295.99

Plan Cincinnati

Join the Plan Cincinnati team to review and comment on the draft version of Plan Cincinnati, the City's first Comprehensive Plan in over 30 years! The Open House will be held on Wednesday, March 14th on the seventh floor of Two Centennial Plaza, 805 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Stop by anytime between 11 AM and 7 PM. This will be the last open house before the Plan begins moving forward through the approval process. Come see and comment on all of the hard work that has gone into the Plan over the past several years!

Youth nominations

The Cincinnati Human Relations Commission (CHRC) is looking for youth nominations for its annual Human Relations Month celebration. The award seeks to honor youth who actively promote positive human relations within their school and/or community.

CHRC would like nominations for youth who participate and/or lead service-learning activities, community service opportunities, diversity programs, and who also act as positive role models for their peers. Nominations can be sent to the CHRC office at 801 Plum Street, Suite 158, Cincinnati OH 45202 or by email at chrc@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Deadline for nominations is March 12. The event to honor recipients will be held on March 22 at 5:00pm in City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Plan Build Live

The City of Cincinnati launched its *Plan Build Live* initiative on February 24 at a news briefing hosted by City leaders, including Vice Mayor, Roxanne Qualls and Charles Graves, Director of City Planning & Buildings Department.

Plan Build Live is designed to transform the development process for the City of Cincinnati's residents, communities, businesses and property owners. The project will evaluate and rewrite Cincinnati's complex development regulations into a smooth process to make development and redevelopment easier for neighborhoods and communities.

Plan Build Live is also a significant milestone in making Plan Cincinnati a reality. Plan Cincinnati, the City's first comprehensive plan in nearly 30 years that will be completed in mid-2012, was driven by community feedback to identify where and how the City should develop over the next 20 years.

The Plan Build Live website serves as the hub for all information related to the new development process and includes regular updates on the initiative's progress. The expected completion date of this initiative is 2013, but feedback over the two-year process is critical to ensure the public can review and comment on the work in order to further inform actions needed as the City implements this initiative.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to participate in public meetings and surveys, as well as share their input with City officials on social media:

Facebook: [CincyPlanning](#)

Twitter: [@CincyPlanning](#)

About Plan Build Live

Plan Build Live will result in streamlined processes that support vibrant economic development and strengthen the quality and unique character of the city's neighborhoods. Residents and businesses are encouraged to participate in the process and share input with City officials. Visit PlanBuildLiveCincinnati.com for the latest updates and to join the discussion today!

The Big Shake

The Big Shake – How the 1811-1812 New Madrid Earthquakes Rocked the Ohio River Valley explores the history and causes of earthquakes, taking a close look at seismic activity in the Midwest.

The exhibit also highlights the potential impact of earthquakes in the region and the building technologies that can help structures withstand seismic forces. The Big Shake will be on view at the Betts House through May 31, 2012.

The Betts House has been part of Cincinnati's history for over two hundred years. Built in 1804, it is located in the Betts-Longworth Historic District in the city's West End. In 1996, the oldest surviving brick building in Cincinnati opened to the public as a museum that interprets the built environment. This remarkable survivor of Cincinnati's period of settlement offers exhibits and programs on architecture, historic preservation, building trades and materials, and construction technologies.

The Betts House - 416 Clark Street - Cincinnati, Ohio 45203 - (513) 651-0734 - info@TheBettsHouse.org

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday - Thursday: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
2nd & 4th Saturdays each month: 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm.
(Other days and times by appointment.)

Architreks

Architreks walking tours connect Cincinnati with its history. Every Saturday and Sunday through September the Cincinnati Walks Architreks walking tours take participants on guided, two-hour journeys through the city's communities. Walk through Downtown, Over-the-Rhine, Mt Adams, Walnut Hills, Clifton or Northside and learn how these 19th century neighborhoods took shape.

"Our objective is to inspire our participants to discover Cincinnati's history and connect to the unexpected," says Trudy Backus, Architreks/Cincinnati Walks found-

er and volunteer coordinator. "Our tours explore the hidden gems and architectural landmarks of Cincinnati so that both visitors to our city and local residents walk away with a new perspective."

The proceeds benefit community preservation and education. Sponsored by the Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Preservation Association, all two-mile tours are wheel-chair accessible.

No reservations are necessary to reserve spots on the tours, and groups and businesses may arrange custom tours by request. Tours are \$5 for children, \$15 for adults, and \$120 for groups of 10 or more. Subscriptions are only \$30.

Visit their website or the Architreks/Cincinnati Walks Facebook Page for tour schedules and other information.

Old St. George



According to an article in the March 9 Business Courier, the plans for Old St. George, built in 1874, include a combination of restoration and new construction. Developer Doug Hine says it will be a "museum-quality restoration" including reconstruction of the twin spires. An improving economy and the possibility of federal tax credits are bringing new life to the project.

Plans call for a wing of rooms above a garage on what is now the parking lot (the former site of a three-story teachers college.) The church sanctuary will serve as a public space that can be reserved for fundraising events, weddings, banquets and corporate meetings. The former brothers' dining area will become the hotel's breakfast room. What was once their dorm rooms will be reconfigured into hotel suites.

Joe Shafran of Paran Management Co. Ltd. is working with Mr. Hine on Old St. George. Shafran's company completed a similar project in Cleveland where they restored the former Glidden Hotel near Case Western University.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission

Fairview Pool:
2219 Ravine Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219
513-421-4576
aquatics@cincinnati-oh.gov



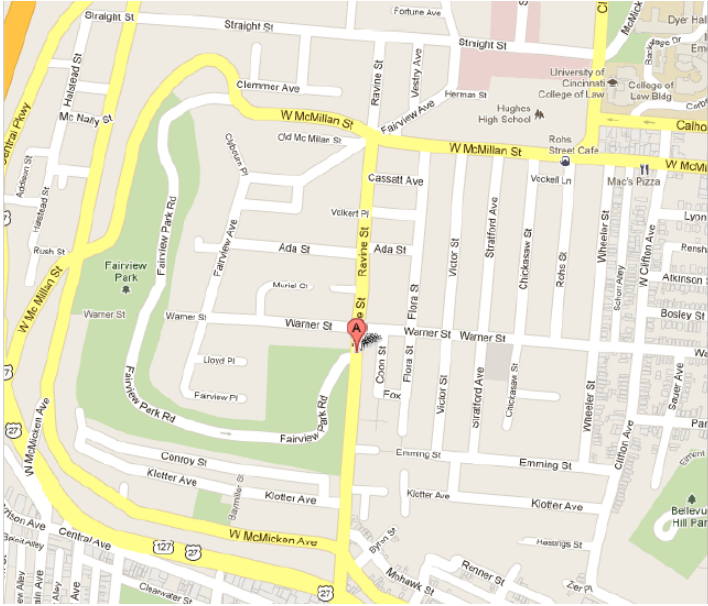
Shallow water pool. Offers swim lesson program. Located in Fairview Park.
Daily User Fee at all pools (except Dunham Otto Armleder) All Ages \$2.00 or you can buy the all pool season pass now!

ALL CRC POOLS MEMBERSHIP NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission now offers memberships to city pools on-line. The public may purchase 2012 All CRC Pools Memberships and 2012 Dunham Otto Armleder Pool Memberships on-line until pools open this summer. As of Monday, June 4, 2012 All CRC Pools Memberships will be available for purchase at CRC pools. The public will no longer be able to purchase Pool Memberships at Recreation Centers. CRC is offering an Early Bird Discount on 2012 All CRC Pools Memberships until March 1st.

Go online today and buy your all pool pass for 2012.
<http://cincyrec.org/crc/2012PoolMembs.htm>

Enter by foot at the letter A or enter Fairview Park Drive off West McMillan!
Use it or lose it, folks!
Most CRC Pools will have extended their schedules and will remain open until Saturday August 13, 2011.





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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

CUF Neighborhood Association
2364 West McMicken Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

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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