



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

December, 2009

Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010, 7:30 p.m.
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level
Straight Street

From the President's desk



December is upon us. Quickly fall colors are turning to winter frost. The Bradford Pears and the lilac trees that Paul Gallagher planted are losing their leaves.

And yet still many things are cooking for us in the community. We are history and the future, blending together.

Working with the CEC, the City Architect, and the Community Development Department, Classen Park plans continue. Matt Bourgeois has been working on getting caps and a new roof for Old St George.

We have met with the boutique hotel group that wants to partner for the revitalization of Old St George. Bringing historic renovation to the building will not be cheap but will be the way to save the building. Look for announcements about how you can help in the next one to two months.

We have met with the new owners of Fairview School, and their architect and historic designation consultants. They are looking to bring new apartments and condominiums and a daycare center to the building that has laid vacant for the last one and a half years, while saving the old beautiful building. Our thanks to the Shamma family for their energy and enthusiasm.

And pay attention to the I-75 plans on the city's website. Many of your neighbors went to the City's meetings and gave feedback. There will be more meetings in January to talk about plans for the future for the I-75 corridor. Check out the website and give feedback: www.revivei-75cincinnati.com

Community members will attend a hard hat tour with Hughes High School's principal, Dr.

Virginia Rhodes, to tour the renovation of this historic landmark.

Don't forget, no meeting this month. But we will see you in January for the January 19th meeting where Officers Lisa Johnson and Governor Williams will give us a safety course. You can find an online piece at http://cufna.org/personal_safety_powerpoint.pdf

See everyone in 2010!

Minutes of the CUF general meeting, November, 17 2009

• Police Update

-Thefts from cars are up. Officer Lisa Johnson stressed that those so inclined will break in for \$4.00 in change and it will cost you \$100 for a new car window. GPS units are particularly desirable.

-Another ploy seems to involve a stranger asking for direction or the time and then robbing the victim.

-Please keep doors and windows locked, especially sheds and other out buildings.

-CUF will get four cameras to help prevent crime.

-Officer Johnson asks that any suspicious activity be called in — strange trucks, people or activity. So far they have identified 40 different prostitutes that operate in our area.

• Dr. Virginia Rhodes spoke about the new academic programs coming to Hughes. She is very concerned about the neighborhood and being a positive partner. She stated that as the first member of her family to attend college she knows the positive impact an education can have and tries to promote the importance of higher education to her students.

• Christian Huelsman, a UC student in Urban Planning in the Community Building Institute spoke about recycling and its potential future. This topic generated more interest than many recent presentations. It is hoped that Mr. Huelman will come back to speak at a future meeting.

- NSP funds and their project allotments were discussed and voted on. The final results were:
 - Beautification and safety, \$4,000
 - Newsletter, \$2,000
 - Marketing/membership, \$1,000
- The Clifton Heights Business Association was granted \$410,000 to complete the first phase of the streetscape improvement.
- Continuing discussions with the Heights on common issues were mentioned.
- The I-75 project and its ongoing planning were discussed. The next meeting is January 14, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Cincinnati State. More information is available at www.revivei-75cincinnati.com.
- A census event will be held in the spring to establish the number of residents.
- The city improvements to McMillan Avenue were centered on the streets with little emphasis on sidewalks.
- The State of Ohio now has a program to encourage recent college graduates to buy a home in Ohio.

CUF Financial Report, December, 2009

Balance on November 1: \$2,757.59

Income:

KCB prize	\$100.00
Dues	48.00
NSP Reimbursement	1,139.08

Total income: \$1,287.08

Expenses:

FedEx	\$129.99
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Total expenses: \$129.99

Balance on: December 1: \$3,914.68

CUF Soapbox Derby news

The final rally races of the season were scheduled for November 14, and 15, in the underground transportation hub near Central Avenue. At the last minute, however, Metro canceled the races due to their budget restrictions. As it turns out, Saturday, August 29, was the final appearance of the season for the Fairview Flyer in the first ever rally race in Madisonville.

The Flyer, once again piloted by veteran driver, Annika Yang vom Hofe, came out of

the consolation bracket to take second place overall. The first place trophy was captured by a driver from Bowling Green, Kentucky. Annika, and pit crew, brother Joschka, finished the season with one 1st place and two 2nd place wins out of three races entered, including the 2nd place cash prize in the Cincinnati Mayor's Cup.

Over the winter the Flyer will get a new body and artwork. The driver's mom says, "Akron in 2010!"

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful

On November 12, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful held its annual "Just Desserts" awards ceremony at Benken Florist in Silverton. Each year awards are given in a variety of categories, and CUF organizations are regularly recognized. This year we received the runner up award in the Green Event category sponsored by Rumpke Recycling for our Spring-clean up.

In addition to the usual trash pick up, efforts were made to recycle the materials collected. Suzanne Summer coordinated the activity with UC students and accepted the \$100 prize on behalf of CUF.

Student plans green team

My name is Christian Huelsman, a four-year urban-planning undergrad at UC. I am looking for interest in creating a neighborhood plan and strategies for a greener Clifton: through recycling, composting, waste reduction, and education. The group, I hope, will consist of UC students, Cincinnati State students, business owners, residents, and prominent Uptown players working toward sustainable goals. I am looking to do additional presentations for each of the other Uptown communities. I am one individual, of course, and I would like to create a formidable team. Let's create greater partnerships between the neighborhoods in which we live.

The Planning Engagement Subcommittee will aim to create off-campus community engagement and outreach opportunity. The relationship between the student population and our neighbors is an important value for planning students to embrace. Learning opportunities will include the planning of field trips and cooperation with neighborhood organizations. Partnership with the events subcommittee and other student groups will help to achieve sustainable relationships, including the Clifton Town Meeting Green Subcommittee.

Mill Creek Expressway project update, November 2009

Overall Project Update:

The project environmental document was approved by the Federal Highway Administration in May 2009. Work on various phases is progressing. The first phase of work is schedule to begin construction in the spring of 2010. This phase will construct the new Monmouth Street connection between Central Parkway and Colerain Avenue. ODOT has begun the Right-of-Way acquisition process on the first four phases in the corridor. Design of the Mitchell Ave. phase and Colerain/Beekman phases will be completed in August 2010. Hopple Street interchange phase design is approximately 50% complete. Phase 6 design is approximately 40% complete. Final design of phases 5 and 7 is scheduled to begin in spring 2010. At this time, construction and design funding for phase 8 has not been identified.

Phase 2, the Monmouth overpass phase, is being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Corridor Project Phasing and Schedule:

Due to cost, constructability, and time constraints, the Mill Creek Expressway project has been split into eight phases of construction. The following table provides a brief description of each phase and tentative major milestone dates:

Phase	Project Description	Construction Cost (million)	Right-of-Way Acquisition Start	Construction Start	Construction End
1	Mitchell Ave. Interchange	\$57.7	Started	March 2011	August 2014
2	Monmouth St. Overpass	\$7.1	Started	April 2010	October 2011
3	Colerain/Beekman/I-74 Interchange	\$8.8	Started	May 2011	September 2012
4	I-75 from Western Hills Viaduct to Monmouth Overpass (includes Hopple Interchange)	\$99.6	Started	March 2013	August 2016
5	I-75 from Monmouth Overpass to Mitchell Ave. (includes I-74 Interchange and I-74 improvements)	\$150.2	October 2011	March 2015	August 2018
6	RR Overpass South of Norwood Lateral	\$21.4	August 2010	March 2014	September 2015
7	I-75 Mainline from Mitchell Ave. to the Norwood Lateral	\$39.1	July 2011	March 2016	May 2018
8	I-75 Mainline from the Norwood Lateral to Cross County Highway	\$148.1	August 2014	March 2018	May 2020

City of Cincinnati Revive I-75 Effort: ODOT is participating and assisting this City led effort by providing information on our projects in the Hamilton I-75 corridor. As results and recommendations are adopted by the City, ODOT will work with the various partners to incorporate them when feasible.

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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 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street

CUF Trustee meetings:

1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm, 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: _____

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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.

(please check the membership expiration date on your newsletter mailing label)

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