



# CUF Neighborhood Association

representing Clifton Heights, University Heights, and Fairview

## GOALS & PRIORITIES

### 2023 - 2024

CUFNA has affirmed the vision statement and mission statement and identified five goals for our organization. We also identified high policy priorities for a 2023-24 agenda as well as in-progress projects and initiatives in our neighborhood.

### CUFNA Goals

#### Goal 1 - Vibrant Neighborhood and Housing:

- Healthy, Safe, Livable, and Affordable Housing
- Diverse Businesses and Jobs with Economic Prosperity

#### Goal 2 - Sustainable and Effective City Services

- Advocacy for our Residents to Receive City Services and the Enforcement of Laws and Municipal Code

#### Goal 3 - Connected Community

- Safe Streets/Pedestrian Infrastructure With A Focus on Accessibility, Connectivity, Safety, and Aesthetic

#### Goal 4 - Sustainable Environment

- Preserving and Enhancing Natural Resources To Address Climate Change on a Neighborhood Level

#### Goal 5 - Diverse Arts, Culture, Parks and Recreation Experiences:

- Creating and Supporting Arts, Culture, and Recreation
- Preserving Important Historic Assets



CUF Neighborhood Association is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, led by a 9 member volunteer board with membership open to all residents.

## Vision Statement

CUF is a sustainable and resilient neighborhood, an inclusive and equitable community where ALL are welcome. CUFNA has preserved our historic assets and has a strong, diverse economy and expanding connectivity. Our residents experience healthy living and active lifestyles; have choices of quality, affordable housing, have an abundance of diverse, fun things to do; and are successfully and actively engaged in the community.

## Mission Statement

As one of the first suburbs of the city, CUF contains many historic structures, streets, and walkways; our parks and greenspaces are a key component of our community. As our neighborhood grows, we seek to uphold our goals of affordable home ownership, safety, pedestrian friendly infrastructure, preservation of greenspace, and positive human interactions.



# CUFNA Policy Priorities for 2023-24

Policy agenda items are issues that need direction or a policy decision by the Mayor and City Council, allocation of resources, or issues that need City/Government or Institutional leadership in the community.

(in order of priority/associated goal):

1. **Mixed use development that includes businesses and housing opportunities for all, not just students.** (Supports CUFNA Goal 1)
  - \* Block 1 – (the old McDonald's / across from Old St. George) This is a critical gateway to our neighborhood and business district. CUFNA's priority is to accommodate UC's need for housing while maintaining a mixed use aspect that is open and available to all. This means mixed use businesses (not just student housing amenities), preferably a mix of beds, and design features that maintain the neighborhood balance, so it's not just a UC dorm / extension of campus.
  - \* District at Clifton Heights – completing and fulfilling the promises of the Trinitas development, with a focus on the undeveloped Deaconess site.
  - \* Gateway Lofts – monitoring the completion of and fulfilment of the promises of the Gateway Lofts Development at 115-125 McMillan St.
2. **Accommodate for the need for student housing while also maintaining the character of surrounding residential neighborhoods and preserving affordable housing units for long-term residents.** (Supports CUFNA Goal 1)
  - \* Work with CHCURC on Housing Initiative and small scale interspersed student housing developments.
  - \* Build better relationships with landlords of interspersed housing to educate and improve residential housing.
3. **Address the increasing student enrollment and growth at University of Cincinnati as it impacts off campus housing and transportation/ pedestrian safety through a Town and Gown Agreement or other written agreement.** (Supports CUFNA Goal 1 and 3)
4. **Public Safety** (Supports CUFNA Goals 1 & 2)
  - \* Abatement of nuisance parties through coordinated efforts with law enforcement (both CPD and UCPD), UC Student Affairs and Housing, Public Services and B&I (code enforcement, litter, etc.)
  - \* Advocate for an Uptown District, much like the Central Business District. The City's current realignment plan divides neighborhoods immediately bordering the University of Cincinnati into two separate districts.
5. **Clifton Corridor and Pedestrian Safety Initiatives** (Supports CUFNA Goal 3)
  - \* Clifton Corridor: Need short and long term fixes to provide for accessibility, safety, and improved aesthetic. Between construction and the temporary bike lane, the corridor is hazardous for vehicles and pedestrians.
  - \* Continue working with the City and UC on the UC Area Pedestrian Safety Plan (projects listed on City Plan dated 8.14.23)
6. **Parking Solutions and Parking Enforcement** (Supports CUFNA Goals 1 and 2)
  - \* Support better collaboration between Parking Enforcement and Public Services to provide effective street sweeping services to our neighborhoods.
  - \* Need City follow through on the Walker Parking Study. In the interim, we need parking enforcement for compliance with city signage and safety concerns.
  - \* Delivery drivers park in traffic lanes of business district causing backups and dangerous passing.
7. **Cleaning the Built Environment: Street Sweeping, Litter, Trash Receptacles and Graffiti** (see April 15th, 2023 letter.) (Supports CUFNA Goals 1 and 2)
8. **Code Enforcement** (Supports CUFNA Goals 1 and 2)
  - \* Code enforcement of allowable number of unrelated individuals. Many rental houses in CUF are overfilled with living/dining rooms used as bedrooms; 2-3 bedroom houses with no off-street parking spaces are housing 5-6 student renters, each bringing a car, exacerbating problems with pedestrian safety, parking, litter, and overall safety and cleanliness.
9. **Preserving and protecting Fairview and Bellevue Hill Park, including its historic pavilion, from hillside slippage and criminal damaging.** (Supports CUFNA Goal 4)
10. **Restoring or replacing recreation assets lost to the budget cuts (swimming pool and ball fields at Fairview removed, Krueck Rec Center closed).** What can be added back to reactivate the parks and provide recreation? (Supports CUFNA Goal 5).



In order to track our efforts and measure our progress to achieve our goals, CUFNA lists below just some of the ongoing initiatives, advocacy actions, and projects and developments in CUF.

## Goal 1: Vibrant Neighborhood and Housing

1. **Block 1 – the Gateway.** Located on the block bordered by Calhoun/McMillan/Vine. We will need city support to ensure this critical gateway fulfills the Clifton Heights Urban Redevelopment Plan and the community’s needs and vision; Turner Construction as PM (budget), design contract pending.
2. **District at Clifton Heights** – Location at Straight St. corridor approaching Clifton Ave. - CUFNA provides input to see this city approved project to completion and ensure fulfillment of the promises of the Trinitas development. Current focus on the undeveloped Deaconness site; CUFNA supports the development of senior housing. Hotel along the north side of Straight St. in progress.
3. **The CUFNA/CHCURC Housing Initiative**
  - a. Sandheger-Riddle International Graduate Student Housing – on hold
  - b. Vine Street Workforce Housing - \$100K grant transferred to Vine
  - c. Receivership on 2323 W McMicken
4. **Hallmar/Fountain Residential Partners** – Located at Marshall Avenue to the north, W. McMicken Avenue to the east, Straight Street to the south, and Interstate-75 to the west, CUFNA was unsuccessful with our advocacy to reduce the surface parking lots (even though the City’s policy leaders discourage large paved surface parking); Negative traffic impacts from the closure of Hallmar need attention from the City
5. **Gateway Lofts/Hallmark Development** – Successfully advocated for the amendments to development on Lyons side; unsuccessful in advocating for business uses on the first floor of the McMillan/business district side;
6. Code Enforcement - *City Cert Team inspection occurred May 4, 2023 for West McMicken area*



## Goal 2: Sustainable and Effective City Services

1. Law enforcement response to **public nuisance parties**
2. **Street sweeping** pilot program - *signage installed; warning period 2022, coordination needed from Public Services Dept. and Parking Enforcement*
3. **Parking enforcement** - *ongoing; additional efforts needed*
4. **Litter abatement** – *ongoing; April 15, 2023 letter to City; volunteer litter pickups are expanding;*
5. **Graffiti removal / Mural program** to deter graffiti – *currently spearheaded by CHCURC; seeking additional city support;*

## Goal 3: Connected Community

1. **Clifton Corridor Complete Street Design**
  - a. Requesting immediate improvements to the unprotected and aesthetically blighting bike facility. The temporary project was in fact not temporary and the promised improvements have not occurred.
2. **Pedestrian Safety Community Priority Requests**
  - a. Central Pky between Marshall and Western Hills Viaduct *submitted 2022- scored 152 - Unfunded*
  - b. Submitted list of 10 Priority Projects to the City / UC - June 2023
3. **METRO BRT** design, transit stop selection
  - a. Advocate to locate a stop at MLK and Clifton; work with Corryville CC to locate stops on and design the Jefferson Ave. corridor.
4. **One Way Street Implementation** (Flora St., Stratford Ave., Victor St., Chickasaw St., Rohs St., and Wheeler St.) - *currently underfunded;*
5. **McMillan Ave Sidewalk** - McMicken Ave to Fairview - *80% designed; underfunded*

## Goal 4: Sustainable Environment

1. Maintain and increase the tree canopy in the CUF community to increase shade, lower temperature and stabilize hillsides - *ongoing*
2. Bellevue Park restoration and stabilization - *needs funding*  
Hillside slippage threatening the historic structure.
3. Fairview Park restoration and stabilization - *needs funding*  
Hillside slippage threatening two overlooks and housing below.
4. Complete the McMicken Community Garden (expansion and vacant lot abatement) - *complete Spring 2023*
5. Bellevue Parks bollards - *to be installed May 2023*
6. Gallagher Park signage - *completed*
7. Maintain and Plant 14 Right of Way Planters - *ongoing*
8. Support and Participate in CPAC - Burnet Woods, Fairview

## Goal 5: Diverse Arts, Culture, Parks, and Recreation Experiences and Activities

1. First Fridays in Bellevue Park - *ongoing; seeking additional support from Parks Foundation*
2. Recreation Replacement Initiative - *CUF was negatively impacted by the loss of the Fairview swimming pool, Fairview ball parks, and the Krueck Recreation Center. Promises to replace have been unfulfilled. Advocacy and support needed and a response from the City.*
3. Murals- *Hollister Triangle, Ohio Ave. Steps, and Gfroerer completed (one panel at Gfroerer still in progress). Additional sites in progress.*

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