



NEIGHBORHOOD  
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# Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

February, 2014

## Next monthly meeting:

February 18, 2014,  
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,  
Lower Level, Straight Street

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## Neighborhoods Take Charge

What do you want CUF to look like 10 years from now? This year CUFNA, working with the City of Cincinnati Planning Department, will be asking you that question. Your input can help shape the neighborhood for the future.

CUF expects to begin working with the Planning Department in 2014 to develop a possible form-based code (FBC) for our neighborhood. Many communities across the US are replacing traditional zoning with FBC to improve neighborhood walkability and economic vitality. Traditional zoning is not based on an urban design concept for a neighborhood. FBC changes that and gives all the community's stakeholders a voice in shaping what their neighborhood will look like--building heights, set backs from the sidewalk, single or multi-family housing, and other features that contribute to walkability. Adopting a FBC can preserve what stakeholders like about the design of their neighborhood and prevent what they don't.

FBC sets the ground rules for new construction. Importantly, communities no longer face great unknowns each time a new project is proposed. They know the project will conform to the vision of the neighborhood in the FBC. For developers FBC saves time and money since they know what is expected in advance and can plan accordingly.

In Cincinnati, Madisonville, College Hill,

Walnut Hills, and Westwood are well along in adopting FBC. For these communities and many others in the US, FBC is an important tool to encourage revitalization of traditional business districts that have fallen on hard times and have empty buildings and abandoned spaces. But CUF doesn't have that problem. Our business district is booming with new construction and development. What can a FBC do in our neighborhood?

If CUF adopts FBC, it will regulate development of the remaining undeveloped parcels in the main business district and near Deaconess Hospital. It will also regulate any future construction that eventually replaces existing structures. Yet, it is possible that while working with the Planning Department, CUFNA and other stakeholders will decide against adopting FBC. When a community has significant new development, it might choose to keep existing zoning if stakeholders are satisfied with the built environment--the streetscapes, new buildings, plantings, and public spaces. However, experience in other parts of the country shows that people are often more critical of the new than the old. They feel more satisfied with built environments that have not changed in many years.

CUF is among the neighborhoods slated to begin to look at FBC in 2014. It will be a learning process and a much-needed tool to bring together the concerns and wishes of all the stakeholders in our community--individuals, businesses, organizations, and institutions--to build consensus about what CUF could look like in the future.

Juliet Zavon

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## Plan Cincinnati Receives National Award

Plan Cincinnati, adopted by City Council in November 2012 as the first comprehensive plan for the city in more than 30 years, will receive the prestigious 2014 Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan from the American Planning Association (APA).

The Daniel Burnham Award recognizes a comprehensive plan that advances the art and science of planning. The award honors America's most famous planner, Daniel Burnham, for his contributions to the planning profession and to a greater awareness of the benefits of good planning. Plan Cincinnati is one of two recipients receiving this award this year.

With the goal of developing walkable districts that integrate a mix of uses, Plan Cincinnati focuses on revitalizing Cincinnati's traditional neighborhood centers while improving its residents' physical health and quality of life.

In a shift from conventional comprehensive plans, Plan Cincinnati is organized around five initiatives -- Compete, Connect, Live, Sustain and Collaborate. The result is action-oriented, but defines future land use in a conceptual manner.

"The plan represents what is possible with a cohesive planning department leading the planning process," said Ann C. Bagley, FAICP, 2014 APA Awards Jury Chair. "Plan Cincinnati is a strong symbol of the city planning department's revival, demonstrating the vital role of planners in guiding a community's future."

The planning staff engaged in a "process of discovery" to guide the plan's direction. The resulting plan is one created through partnerships, working groups and neighborhood summits.

Nearly 40 people from neighborhood organizations, nonprofits, businesses, and institutions were appointed to the steering committee and provided oversight of the process. The steering committee has since transitioned into an implementation committee, which the public is invited to join.

"Cincinnati, whose planning department was reinstated in 2008, now has a plan for its future based on modernization without suburbanization," said Charles C. Graves III, Director of City Planning and Buildings. "The plan is an active part of Cincinnati. Ordinances and contracts as well as capital budgets must be

aligned with the plan."

Plan Cincinnati is a living plan that guides the city's future. It was created to represent what makes Cincinnati work, which is its traditional neighborhoods and urbanity, but is structured to adapt and evolve along with the city.

For more information on Plan Cincinnati visit:

<http://www.plancincinnati.org>

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## Winter weather: CFD asks residents to help

The Cincinnati Fire Department (CFD) would like to remind residents to stay safe during severely cold weather.

In addition, since the severe weather impacts response times as firefighters compete with adverse weather and road conditions, the Cincinnati Fire Department will be fully staffed during the next few days.

To aid in their response efforts, the CFD is asking residents to please:

- Clear snow from around fire hydrants to allow the fire fighters better access.
- Clear a path to your front door.
- Make sure your house address numbers remain visible and are not blocked by snow.
- When driving, make sure to leave room for emergency vehicles to pass-go right for sirens and lights. Check on elderly friends and neighbors and lend them a hand.
- Dress appropriately when outside – add layers of clothing.
- Have a winter emergency kit inside your car including: jumper cables, wiper fluid, first aid kit, blanket, gloves, flashlight/flares, and some salt or kitty litter for traction.
- Only shovel snow if you are medically and physically able.
- When using a fireplace, wood-burning stove or heaters:
  - Always make sure you have proper ventilation.
  - Keep curtains, towels and potholders away from hot surfaces.
  - Always keep a screen around an open flame.
  - Never use gasoline to start your fireplace.
  - Do not close the damper when ashes are hot.
  - Have your chimney checked before the season for creosote buildup -- and then clean it.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is a silent, deadly killer claiming about 1,000 lives each year in the United States. Installing smoke and CO alarms throughout your home is the first step toward staying safe.

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## Soap Box Derby drivers needed

In 2008 CUF was first to answer the Mayor's challenge to Cincinnati neighborhoods to sponsor racers in the Soap Box Derby. Since that time the Fairview Flyer has participated with distinction. For the upcoming season, we are looking for one or two drivers, ages 8 to 13, accompanied by one or two adults, who are interested in racing. Events include the Cincinnati local which qualifies for the international race in Akron, as well as races sponsored by area communities. The CUF Neighborhood Association provides the car, helmet, and all entry fees. If interested, please contact Linda Ziegler at [zieglerl@fuse.net](mailto:zieglerl@fuse.net).

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Building engagement by citizens to assure thriving neighborhoods



## Notice to members of CUF Community Fund

The annual meeting of the CUF Community Fund will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014.



The agenda for the meeting is to review and approve the minutes of the Funds February 2012 annual meeting, vote to elect three members to the Board of Trustees, review the 2013 financial report of the Fund and discuss issues pertaining to the Fund.

Copies of the minutes and the Funds 2013 financial report will be distributed to all members attending the meeting. The slate of candidates running for the three positions on the Board of Trustees are: Linda Bailey, Maureen France, Paul Gallagher, Cindy Lewis and Linda Ziegler.

### CUF Community Fund Membership Requirements

To be a Member of the CUF Community Fund, one must be a paid member of the Clifton Heights, University Heights and Fairview Neighborhood Association (CUF) for twenty-four months prior to the annual meeting of the Members and must be a permanent resident residing within Clifton Heights, University Heights or Fairview as designated in the by-laws of the CUF Neighborhood Association, Inc., or its successor organization. A permanent resident is defined as one residing year round within the CUF community for at least four consecutive years (48 months) immediately preceding the consideration of Member status. The burden of satisfying the requirement of permanent residency is upon the individual seeking to be a Member.

Personal invitations will be mailed to individuals that satisfy the first requirement for membership. (Paid member of (CUF) for twenty-four months prior to the annual meeting). Invitations will

designate which individuals will need to provide proof of permanent residency. The members of the Board of the CUF Community Fund wish to extend to all members of the CUF community a happy, healthy, safe and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Dennis O'Brien	President
Linda Bailey	Treasurer
Linda Ziegler	Secretary
Maureen France	Vice President
Craig Lloyd	Vice President

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## NSP Updates

Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) requires amendment and membership vote at our scheduled February 18, 2014 meeting. The amount community councils will receive in 2014 is unchanged. The update includes the addition of a new category and redistributed amounts listed below.

Beautification/Safety	\$1500
Insurance	\$1400
Membership/Marketing	\$ 600
Newsletter	\$1500
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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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, except August and December, 7:30 p.m., Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in July, 7:30 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street

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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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