



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

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March, 2017

Next monthly meeting:

March 21, 2017

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

Hi Everyone,

Spring, or what passes for it in Cincinnati is here and everybody starts working on outdoor projects. It's no different for the CUF neighborhood Association. Notable of late is the work of the CUF Parks Committee. The committee was formed after the Recreation Department removed the baseball fields from Fairview Park without notifying CUF. This was on the heels of the removal of the pool that we had fought to save. So far we've had a meeting with the Parks and Recreation Departments with great follow up from the Parks Department. The committee, made up of CUF board members and other interested members has met and brainstormed ideas to improve Fairview Park and increase it's use. The Recreation Department has been very receptive. Of course Recreation's resources and budget will shape what can be accomplished. We're optimistic. Once Fairview Park is in good shape we plan to take a closer look at Coy and Belleview Parks.

One of the goals of the CUF board is to get more members involved with the work of improving the neighborhood. Serving on a committee is a great way to jump in. There are committees forming to interest everyone--Parks, Green Space, CUF Tree Board (also known as Paul Gallagher), Transportation, Housing, Outreach (newsletter/social media), Membership and Zoning. Some of these categories may be combined for efficiency's sake. If any of these subjects are in your field of interest, expertise or concern, sign up at the March 21 general meeting and get involved. Some of the committee work mentioned above has been handled by one or two people for years. With more people involved, who knows how much we can get done to improve our neighborhood.

If you're interested in getting outside and

working a few hours with your neighbors there will be a clean up in Fairview Park, Saturday, April 15 led by Dave Boutelle, Central Regional Manager for Cincinnati Parks. Look for more information here and at the March 21 General Meeting.

If your sap is rising and you can't wait till then, just bring a couple of bags with you while you're taking a walk and pick up as you go. My wife and I do it several times a week. Get out and enjoy Spring, exercise and beautify the neighborhood all at the same time.

See you at the General Meeting,

Tony Walsh
CUF Board Member

Minutes, CUF Neighborhood Association general membership meeting Hughes High School Innovation Center, January 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:10pm, by Linda Ziegler.

Guests:

- CFD – Lt. McDonough
- CPD – Sgt. Volkerding and Officer Hageman
- UCPD – Officer Jim Vestring, Sgt. Brian McKeel
- Daniel Cummins – Assistant Dean, UC Student Life
- Michael Copage (sp?) & Gregory Lawrence – Talbert House, Central Parkway

Safety Updates:

Lt. McDonough, Engine Co. 19, reported that CFD is initiating a GPS-based dispatch system that will automatically call the closest appropriate fire apparatus when needed – the system will not be strictly neighborhood- or district-based. In January, approximately 11 persons were treated with Narcan (heroin antidote) by Engine Co. 19, and that those

overdosing are generally not residents of the area. In the City, there are now more heroin OVIs than there are alcohol OVIs. This was cooperatively presented by CFD and CPD.

Sgt. Volkerding and Officer Hageman gave District 5 report – violent crime continues to go down; however, we continue to have a problem with burglaries, auto thefts and theft from autos. Concerns were raised by neighbors that violent crimes are getting attention from CPD, but nuisance and quality of life crimes are being ignored. Sgt. Volkerding confirmed that those are the priorities of District 5. Residents requested that CPD do more patrols though Fairview Park, as UCPD is doing.

Officer Vestring gave the UC police report. He announced that the new Night Ride routes have not been started, as the signs have not been installed. UCPD is drafting a letter to landlords about crime prevention. On 4 March, UCPD will coordinate a volunteer event to handout stickers/door hangers on crime prevention. There will be a Keep Cincinnati Beautiful volunteer event the week of 13 – 19 March (exact date TBD). For complaints about student behavior, residents should first call CPD (675-1212), and then UCPD (556-1111), as often CPD does not pass information along to UCPD. Daniel Cummins said that UC Student Life will be hiring 3 additional staff to help deal with student behavior in the neighborhood.

Michael Copage introduced himself and Gregory Lawrence and offered to pass on anti-graffiti strategies that he has learned in other cities.

Reports:

Chip Kussmaul reported on behalf of CHCURC that the Scioto parking lot will soon be closed (chained off) due to complaints from a person who shall not be named. He also reported that the Block 1 development has a deadline of 1 March 2017, which might not be met due to some programmatic changes – it's possible that CHCURC may have to go back to square one (pun intended).

Cherie Walpe reported that the new shipment of Mutt Mitts is in, and brought some for distribution.

Chip also reported that Clifton is very active in forwarding the idea of a new neighborhood school, and it is likely that CPS will exercise its right to terminate the lease with the Clifton Cultural Arts Center, and re-use the building as a school. Rising Star Academy is up and running on Vine Street as a pre-school feeder school for Fairview School (and others?). There will be a meeting at the Fairview School, and

CUF residents are encouraged to attend.

Mark Bambach reported on the meeting of residents to discuss plans and wish list for recreational uses and other improvements for Fairview Park.

Announcements:

CHCURC is looking for input for improvements to the green space area to the east of Panera Bread, on Calhoun Street.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45pm

Next General Meeting: 21 March 2017

Minutes submitted by Jack Martin

CUF financial report February 2017

Balance on Jan 1, 2017	\$5672.11
Income:	0.00
Total	0.00
Expenses:	
Maureen France	80.95
Reimburse Paul's party	
Linda Ziegler	7.96
Reimburse FedEx	
Paul Gallagher	104.69
Reimburse pond pump	
Jack Martin	19.95
Reimburse Paul's party	
Cherie Walpe	1029.50
Mutt mitt	
IRS-file form 1023EZ	275.00
Total	1518.05
Balance on Feb 28, 2017	\$ 4154.06



St. Monica traffic islands cleanup—volunteers needed

When?: Saturday, March 18 at 9 am

Where?: the traffic islands in front of St. Monica.

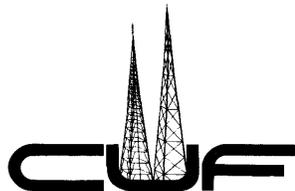
from Mark Bambach:

“We’ll trim the grasses down (most likely they’ll be trimmed already by my friend Tim), rake all the leaves and debris out, remove some weeds, prune any roses that may need it, put down fertilizer, pre-emergent and mulch.

Paul and I should have all the tools needed; another good leaf rake or two might help.

Please respond if you are interested in helping so I have a bit of an idea.”

markbambach@hotmail.com



CUF Community Fund

The annual meeting of the CUF Community Fund was held February 28, 2017. Craig Lloyd and Dennis O’Brien were re-elected to the board, joining Maureen France, John Stork and Linda Ziegler. There were four projects in 2016: 1) MuttMitts, which are supplied throughout our parks by volunteers, 2) Repair of the Bellevue Incline structure, 3) Feral cat spay/neuter project, and 4) Investigation and report on possible historic district in CUF.

Since its inception in 1986, the Fund has contributed \$208,247 toward improvements in our community, including direct support to the CUF Neighborhood Association. Residents may propose projects to the Fund; just ask one of the Trustees!

Green-up Day, April 15th

On Saturday morning, April 15th, our Fairview Park team will hold a Green-up Day event, organized by Dave Boutelle of the Park Board. We will be joined by a group of UC students to sweep the hillsides to remove trash and honeysuckle. Other areas needing attention are the stone wine cellar and the Western Hills Viaduct overlook. Please join us at the park at 9:00 am near the McMillan Street entrance.

2017 Engage Cincy grants

Five Cincinnati grassroots organizations each received \$10,000 from the City of Cincinnati on March 11 to fund their cutting-edge ideas to “Engage Cincy.” The awards were presented at the annual Cincinnati Neighborhood Summit.

The awards were part of the 2017 Engage Cincy Challenge Grant program, a unique community building competition established last year by City Manager Harry Black. The program provides residents, organizations and local charities a chance to win funding for the development, launch and promotion of their innovative ideas for bettering a specific place in the city, or all of Cincinnati. The City received nearly 120 applications in less than two months.

This year’s winners are: Healthy Food for All Northsiders (CAIN); Just Hire Me (Lawrence Jones); Physi (Marty Boyer); Bridgeable (Dani Isaacsohn); and Faces of Homelessness (ArtWorks and Strategies to End Homelessness).

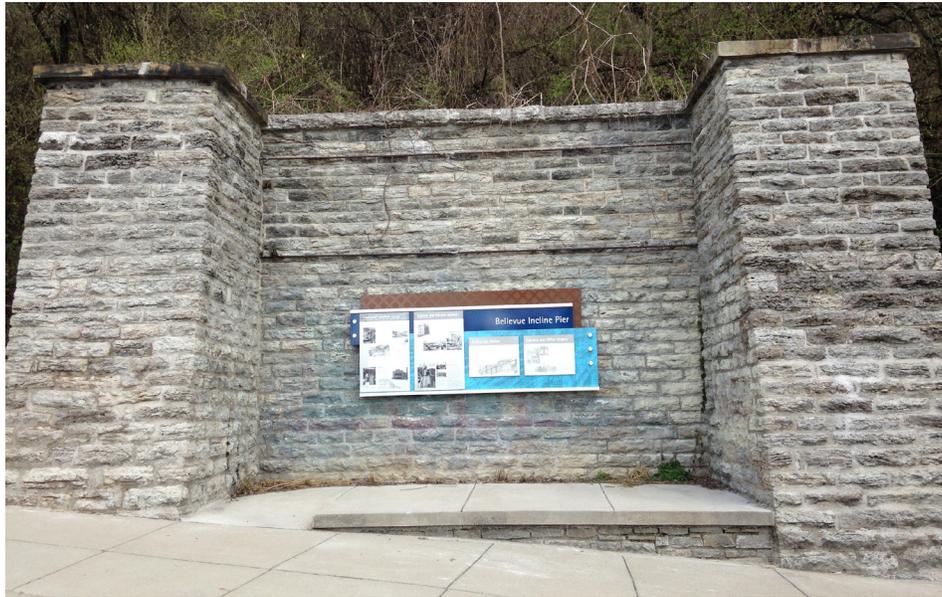
New to the Engage Cincy competition this year was the inclusion of three focus categories: Healthy Food Access, Making Civic Connections Through Technology, and Improving Livability.

All of the allocated grant funding will be used to help these groups realize their vision. That could mean using the funds to complete their project in full, subsidizing a bigger project, or completing a plan that is already in the works.

For more information about the Engage Cincy Challenge Grant program, please go to the City of Cincinnati website. Additional details about the City’s overall efforts to enhance community engagement are available online as well. <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/manager/engage-cincy-community/>

Incline signage

Historic panels describing Cincinnati's inclines have been installed on the Bellevue Incline structure on Clifton Avenue. This project, several years in the making, was a joint effort by CUF and the city.



Cincinnati residents can recycle all types of men's, women's, & children's clothing, shoes, and housewares, such as kitchenware, books, toys, etc... with free, curbside pick-up on your regular recycling collection day.

This program is in addition to your current recycling program.

You will receive specialized orange Simple Recycling collection bags via U.S. mail soon. Use the supplied orange bags to place items in for curbside collection.

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CANS – a new Clifton Area Neighborhood School is coming!

As many are aware, Cincinnati Public Schools has committed to opening a neighborhood elementary school – the Clifton Area Neighborhood School - that will serve CUF, Clifton, and Spring Grove Village. Initially, the classes will be in the Rising Stars Academy at 2120 Vine Street. Initially, there will be a prekindergarten and kindergarten class. With each new school year, a grade will be added, such that students can continue completely through their elementary school education. Currently, the default neighborhood school for CUF residents is Rothenberg Academy on McMicken. This school is several miles outside of our neighborhood. Rising Stars is on the edge of our neighborhood, and is considered to be only a temporary location. We hope to have a dedicated school building within the boundaries of our 3 neighborhoods within the next two years.

Anyone interested in this new school start-up can visit Rising Stars Academy to see the renovated building and classrooms. A special Open House is scheduled for Thursday, March 16 from 6-7:30 pm when families with children (or expecting children) can have their questions answered about enrollment in PreK and K classes.

There are two main forms of school within the CPS system. Magnet schools have specific disciplines, and may be attended by any student in Cincinnati. If there are too many applicants to a specific school, a lottery is instituted. The other type of school is the traditional neighborhood school. Any student from within the neighborhood is guaranteed admission to a neighborhood school.

Many are familiar with the Fairview German language (magnet) school on Clifton Avenue, in Clifton. To attend this school, a student must begin their education there at grade one. A student is not allowed to transfer in. This poses two obvious problems: If a family moves to this neighborhood after their children have started grade one, they are not allowed to attend. Second, not all parents prefer that their child learn German as part of the curriculum. Yet, Fairview German is the only elementary school that is nearby our neighborhood.

Ironically, the Fairview school was originally in the middle of the CUF neighborhood. It was in the fortress type building on Warner, near Stratford. And before it was the German language school, that building was CUF's neighborhood school. While that particular building has since gone into private hands, we will have, once again, a neighborhood school accessible to all children in the 3 neighborhood area.

But many will ask, "What children?" Believe it or not, approximately 100 children are born each year to parents in CUF. And as the Uptown area develops, there will be many families of people working at the hospitals, etc. who need a place to live. Many hospital workers currently commute from outside city limits. With a family friendly neighborhood and an accessible, quality public neighborhood school, that may well change. It's no secret that many millennials are moving into the city, having grown up in the suburbs. They are having families, and it would be nice if CUF could meet their needs. CUF was, in fact, one of the first suburbs of Cincinnati, so perhaps it's appropriate.

If you, or anyone you know, is or might be interested in the new school, please pass on this information and attend the Open House on March 16 from 6-7:30 at Rising Stars Academy, 2120 Vine St 45210.

Chip Kussmaul



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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, 7:00 p.m., Hughes High School, 2nd floor, 2515 Clifton Ave.
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, Hughes High School, 2nd floor
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3rd Tuesday in July, 7:00 pm, Hughes High School, 2nd floor, 2515 Clifton Avenue

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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.

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