



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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April, 2017

Next monthly meeting:

April 18, 2017

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

The Parking Elephant!

Parking, like the weather, is something everybody talks about, but nobody ever does anything about. Another similarity is that it's a result of human activity...

Why am I bringing this up again, and why now? The Clifton Heights Business Association (CHBA), to which I am the CUFNA representative, has formed a parking committee, headed up by Chip Holterhoff. The purpose of the group will be "to pursue with the appropriate city departments the implementation of the parking related proposals made in the University Area Impact Study adopted last year" (2016). The Study can be found at <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/planning-projects-studies/university-impact-area-study/>. The Agenda for our first meeting (12 April, 4:30 pm, at CHCURC):

1. What proposals from the study do we want to push for?
 - a. All or only some?
 - b. As proposed in the study or modified?
2. Are there other parking related proposals that were not in the study but which CHBA would like to pursue?

I'm not going to regurgitate all of the parking elements of the plan (you should read it!), but I do want to get into some of the issues that are exacerbating our parking problem, and talk about a few of the options that are, or could be, on the table.

- There are available off-street parking spaces that landlords own, that are not legally available to those who don't reside at those locations – CHBA would like to change that, and it seems reasonable, but we don't want to open the door to demolitions for the purpose of parking cars.
- The City is not enforcing parking restrictions during morning and afternoon rush hours on

Calhoun & McMillan. Parking Violations are issued, but vehicles are not towed, which effectively keeps the lanes blocked. CHBA has discussed removing the parking restrictions and allowing, and charging for, parking during those peak hours. Personally, I agree. In addition to helping the businesses with close, convenient parking, the added congestion works to calm traffic, thereby reducing vehicle and pedestrian-involved accidents, which increased about 40% from 2015 to 2016.

- Geometric changes to the McMillan-Ohio intersection have removed a half dozen or so parking spaces, essentially to allow more vehicles to more easily travel through our neighborhood. Ravine-Warner-Ohio has become a popular shortcut between Central Parkway and McMillan. Putting these spaces back into play will not only help our businesses and reduce extra driving to search for parking places, it will discourage through traffic on our residential streets.
- The City, at least for the last year, has been removing parking on McMillan and Calhoun Streets for up to nine hours on UC Football and FC Cincinnati game days. The removal of these spaces virtually wipes out short-term parking for our businesses and also causes more vehicles to cruise our residential streets looking for parking.
- Of course the big elephant parked over in the corner of the room is the issue of Residential Permit Parking. Solving the problem has been looked and abandoned for decades – essentially because the City lacks the political will to solve the problem. Everybody wants a solution that involves no sacrifice. That's all I'll say about that!

All we want in CUF is for there to be a reasonably-priced (maybe free!), and conveniently-located parking space for every resident, guest and visitor. As Yogi Berra might have said, we don't want CUF to be so busy that nobody comes here anymore.

Additionally, we need to understand that, as an urban neighborhood (the densest in the City) there are non-parking solutions to the parking problem that need to be explored and

encouraged:

- Shared cars (Zipcar, CAR2GO, etc.) so that we can give up our seldom-used vehicles
- Improved Transit, whether busses, streetcar or aerial tramway.
- Bicycles
- Walking

Let's work with our partners at CHBA and the City to keep this elephant on the table!

Thanks! – Jack Martin

CUF Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting Hughes High School Innovation Center 21 March 2017

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

Guests:

- CPD – Captain Bardua, Sgt. Volkerding and Officer Hageman
- UCPD – Sgt. Bill Ritchie
- Sarah Steffen – Little Sisters of the Poor
- Lydia Stec – Clifton Business Association
- Pat Miller – Cincinnati Public Schools

Safety Updates:

Sgt. Volkerding and Officer Hageman gave the District 5 report – There was a small spike in crime over the previous month, generally attributed to nice weather. 150 Police Officers attended the hospital release of the Officer who was recently shot in a Walnut Hills (District 4) call to a domestic dispute.

Sgt. Bill Ritchie, UCPD, announced that UC Commencement will be on Saturday, 29 April, and FC Cincinnati's home opener at Nippert Stadium will be on Saturday 15 April.

Sarah Steffen, Community Relations Coordinator for Little Sisters of the Poor (retirement home), gave background into the mission of LSoP – elderly from all races and religions are welcome (though not persons with dementia), since 1874. They generally house about 100 people, although they are currently in a remodeling phase and residency is at 85%. LSoP relies on 40% donations for their

operations. There will be a Bake Sale from 10am – 4pm, from 12 May to 14 May; and there will be a Spaghetti Dinner from 3 – 7pm, on 24 June (\$12).

Lydia Stec, President of the Clifton Business Association, is putting together a Steering Committee to look at the future of Burnet Woods. They are looking for 2 representatives from each of the following neighborhoods – Clifton, CUF, Corryville, Avondale, and Mt. Auburn. Alan Edwards has volunteered.

Pat Miller, Cincinnati Public Schools, gave an overview of CPS's latest news as it relates to CUF. The magnate feeder school is up and running at the Rising Star Academy (old Vine Street Elementary). CPS has purchased the Rawson House (just north of the Clifton Cultural Arts Center) for the intended purpose of relocating the CCAC (if they agree), and to provide additional parking for the Fairview German School, and CCAC, if they should wish to occupy the Rawson House. CPS has issued a letter to CCAC that cancels their Lease of the old Clifton School, effective September 2018.

Reports:

The Treasurers Report was shared.

Old Business:

Chip Kussmaul reported that his term on the Hughes High School LSDMC expires this summer and a new representative to the committee will be needed from CUFNA.

Mark Bambach reported that he will be sending meeting notes from the committee that has met to deal with recreational uses and other improvements for Fairview Park. He will be setting up another meeting in the near future with staff from the Parks and Recreation Departments.

See above for the CPS update.

New Business:

The City has been asked to look into removing the parking restrictions adjacent to the Old Deaconess Hospital.

Duke has been asked to remove the temporary outriggers on the utility poles next to the Verge, and return them to their original condition.

Two separate Zoning Variance Hearings will be

held on Wednesday, 29 March. 235 Calhoun Street (Target), will be at 10am, and 73 W. McMillan Street (Ndukwe office building) will be held at 2pm.

DNK presented a proposed 10-unit apartment development on Halstead, to the CUFNA Board. The concept is supported, but the design needs work. The project, as proposed, may need a Variance, a Conditional Use Variance, or possibly a Zone Change.

Announcements:

Paul Gallagher's Birthday Tree was planted by the Park Board in Fairview Park.

Craig Lloyd received the Distinguished Scholar Award for 2017 from Mount St. Joseph University, where he teaches.

There will be a cleanup in Fairview Park on Saturday, 15 April, starting at 9am.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.

Next General Meeting: 18 April 2017

Minutes submitted by Jack Martin

CUF financial report March 2017

Balance on Feb 1, 2017	\$4154.06
Income:	
Dues:	30.00
AIG	750.00
Total	780.00
Expenses:	
P. Gallagher-reimburse much	110.10
L. Ziegler-reimburse aendas	20.87
L. Ziegler-reimburse	
March newsletter	372.24
Hughes HS-donate/room use	500.00
Total	1003.21
Balance on March 31, 2017	\$ 3930.85

Cincinnati preservation recognized

The City of Cincinnati received recognition in the nation's capital in March for its efforts in the preservation and revitalization of much of the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood.

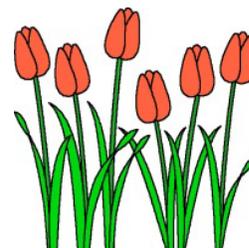
Representatives from the City's Department of Buildings and Inspections accepted the award from Preservation Action and the National Trust Community Investment Corporation during the organization's Preservation's Best Awards and Reception in Washington, D.C. Also honored with a "Preservation's Best of 2016" award are Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC) and the OTR Foundation.

Traditionally, the awards ceremony aims to highlight exemplary Historic Tax Credit projects that are revitalizing cities and small towns across the country. This year, in addition to historic tax credit projects, the organization decided to specifically recognize the historic preservation efforts in OTR.

City of Cincinnati Urban Conservator, Beth Johnson and Zoning Administrator, Matthew Shad joined Craig Gossman from Heritage Ohio Gossman Group on Capitol Hill to accept the award.

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.





Clifton Area Neighborhood School news

April 8, 2017

Enrollment Is Now Open

Enrollment has begun for the first classes of the new Clifton Area Neighborhood School (CANS) that will start August 2017! Our first classes for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten will be located at Rising Stars Academy on Vine Street (RSAVS) at 2120 Vine Street, 45202. Interested families can schedule a visit on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 9 am. by contacting Principal Jaren Finney at Finneyj@cps-k12.com or call 513-363-6500.

Maggie Nabor of CPS is our enrollment advisor. Interested families can contact her now to ask questions or obtain an enrollment packet. Email naberma2cps-k12.org or call 513-363-0258. Enrollment is active now for the 2017-18 school year. Attendance boundaries have not yet been finalized, and CPS is actively working to determine these as their increasing student body comes into focus for the 2017-18 school year. Most street addresses within the boundaries of Clifton, CUF, and Spring Grove Village will have CANS as their new neighborhood school.

Yard Signs

To publicize the new school, CPS has provided us yard signs. We are distributing them now. If you would like one please email us at cansadvisory@gmail.com and share your address with us. We will find a way to get you one. A photo of the sign is below. It is two sided and comes with a metal bracket.

Other News

CPS has hired a Kindergarten teacher for the 2017-18 year. They have met with the CANS Advisory Group to begin discussions on curriculum & programming. A start time of 8:45am has been selected for the 2017-18 year. The YMCA offers before and after school care at RSAVS beginning in August 2017. Drop off starts as early as 6:30am and afterschool runs until 6:00pm. The YMCA provides this care for a fee (reduced for those who qualify). The YMCA is accepting applications now for 2017-18, and since this service is in high demand we recommend you enroll now. Call Dr. Carrie King at the YMCA at 513-508-8217 or email cking@cincinnatiymca.org for your application.

Want to get involved?

Many residents have stepped forward to become involved with the effort to create and open the new school. We welcome more help. Areas of focus are enrollment / recruitment, curriculum / programming, communications, and partnership development. A core group meets about once per week to plan future tasks, and focus committees meet as often as needed. There are many tasks small and large to match the level of engagement you seek. Please email us at cansadvisory@gmail.com to let us know your interest. You do not have to be a parent of preK / K child to become involved. Of course, if you have any question or just want to share some information, please email us.

Please consider sharing this email with neighbors and friends that may not be aware of what is happening. You can click on the orange colored Forward button at the top of this news email. Of course, you can also share this email on Facebook or Twitter by pressing the appropriate button at the top of this news email.

Little Sisters of the Poor

BAKE SALE

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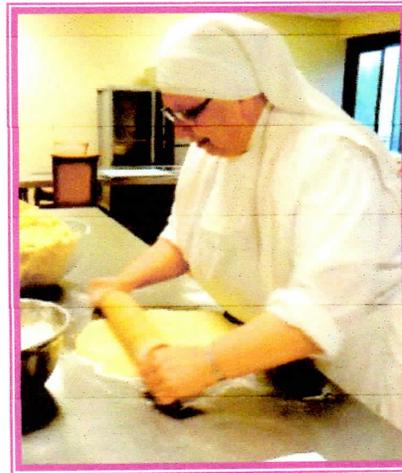
May 12th, 13th & 14th

10:00am–4:00pm

ALL THE TREATS!

Jewish Apple Cake
Sour Cream Streusel Cake
Cream Cheese Pound Cake
Sour Cream Pound Cake
7-up Pound Cake
Artie's Special Orange Cake
Mississippi Mud Cake
Pineapple Upside Down Cake
Lemon Meringue Pie
Apple Pie
Cherry Pie
Peach Pie
Blueberry Pie
Banana Bread
Zucchini Bread
Irish Soda Bread
Pumpkin Bread
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Pecan Sandies Cookies
Oatmeal Cookies
Peanut butter Cookies
Scones
Texas Brownies
Brown Sugar Chews
Frosted Cakes:
Coconut Lemon
German Chocolate
Red Velvet
Strawberry Cream
Italian Cream
Carrot

**Sr. Mary Imelda's Famous
Spaghetti Sauce**



Featuring baked goods from

Sr. Mary Imelda.

Prices range from

\$2.00—\$25.00

Be a pothole spotter!

In an effort to continue being proactive with the city's attack on potholes, we need your assistance. Please consider yourself once again a "Deputized Pothole Spotter/Reporter" and use your new powers to their fullest extent! Our goal is to identify and repair potholes before they become complaints and service requests from the general public. The following is an important message with valuable information necessary to fulfill your new Deputy Duties:

As you see potholes on City streets, please report them on-line or by calling the City Customer Service Center at 591-6000. To report potholes via on-line, follow the following instructions:

Please click on the following link which will direct you to the City's website: <http://cagismaps.hamilton-co.org/csrcincinnati/>

Here is the information we need when you submit a pothole repair request:

1. Exact location, address (i.e.; street name, street number, northwest corner, 5000 block, etc.) The more precise the location, the better.
2. Number of potholes.
3. Placement of pothole on the street (i.e.; in curb lane, in middle of street, at gutter, etc.).
4. Hazardous or dangerous potholes requiring IMMEDIATE attention should continue to be reported to our City Customer Service Center at 591-6000.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call 591-6000. Please also feel free to download and utilize the City's Fix it Cincy App.

Proposed mountain bike trail meeting

Plans for a mountain bike trail in Mt. Airy Forest will be presented at a public meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss plans and receive comments.

WHEN: Wednesday April 19, 2017 at 6:30 pm

WHERE: McKie Recreation Center, Northside, 1655 Chase Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45223

BACKGROUND: The Cincinnati Park Board and Cincinnati Off-Road Alliance (CORA) have been working to develop a plan for a multi-use natural surface trail in Mt. Airy Forest as a pilot project. The trail will be constructed and maintained by CORA and volunteers. The proposed site is on West Fork Road bounded by I-74 and Shepherd Creek Road. The trail is being designed to meet standards for a mountain bike trail; however, it would be available for hikers, walkers and trail runners. Rules for trail use will be established to protect Mt. Airy Forest including closing the trail under wet conditions, and there will be rules respecting hikers and other trail users.

For additional information about the project, please contact Steve Schuckman, Superintendent of Planning and Design at 513-475-9600 or by email at Steven.Schuckman@cincinnati-oh.gov



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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

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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