



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

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March, 2019

Next monthly meeting:

March 19, 2019, Hughes High School Innovation Lab, 2nd Floor, 2515 Clifton Ave., 7p.m.

Notice: proposed CUFNA bylaws amendment

In accordance with Article XVI of the CUF Neighborhood Association By-Laws, the following proposed text regarding the boundaries (Article IV) of CUF have been submitted for a vote before the general membership. This amendment has been discussed at several previous general membership meetings and will be on the Agenda for the meeting on March 19, 2019, 7:00pm at Hughes High School. (changes highlighted in yellow)

Article IV -- Boundaries

The boundaries of the CUF Neighborhood Association are as follows:

The northerly point of the CUF neighborhood is the northwest corner of Burnet Woods. From this point the boundary runs east along Ludlow Ave to Brookline. From Brookline Ave, the boundary continues east until it reaches the east edge of Burnet Woods, at which point the boundary extends south, corresponding to the irregular property line of Burnet Woods. Once the boundary reaches MLK, Jr. Dr., it extends east to Jefferson Ave. and then travels south until intersection with Vine Street. The boundary then follows Vine Street southward until it intersects the northern property line of 2347 Vine Street. The boundary then follows the back lot line of the properties fronting Vine Street, until Clifton Avenue is reached. The boundary crosses Clifton Avenue and proceeds in a southerly direction until the rear lot lines of the properties fronting Clifton Avenue are reached. The boundary then follows the rear lot lines until the paved portion of Renner Street is reached, the boundary then jogs northward to follow the rear lot lines of the properties facing Renner Street until a point is reached approximately 125 feet west of Manchester Street. At this point the boundary dips south and follows the centerline of the Renner Street right-of-way until the path of Klotter Street and the Klotter Street stairs is reached. At this point, the boundary follows the Klotter Street stairs to Ravine Street where the road is crossed and the boundary becomes synonymous with the southern boundary of Fairview Park. At Kress Alley, the boundary jogs southward picking up 637 Kress Alley and then northward to the 2300 block of McMicken, where it follows the southern boundary of 2328 McMicken to McMicken Ave. The boundary jogs south along the McMicken Ave until the southern point of 2315 McMicken is reached, at which point it heads west to I-75. From this point, the boundary follows the Interstate north to the Hopple Street overpass. From there, the boundary follows MLK between Central Parkway and Dixmyth Ave, heads east on Dyxmyth and then north on Clifton Ave to the northwest corner of Burnet Woods.

Article XVI – Amendment of By-Laws

The By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Trustees at a general meeting. Said amendment

shall have been proposed and approved at a previous meeting of the Board of Trustees and notice of the proposed text shall have been given to the Members at least seven days prior to the general meeting at which such vote is taken.



before



after

CUF Neighborhood Association general membership meeting

19 February 2019 - The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:09 pm, by Nathan Hess.

Guests:

- Captain Doug Wiesman – CPD 5
- Officer Nick Hageman – CPD 5
- Officer Andrew Mueller – UCPD
- John Whedon – CTM (Golf Outing Benefit for Little Sisters of the Poor)
- Beth McGrew/John Seibert – UC (Tri-Health site)
- Tom Reece – CRC (Cincinnati Recreation Commission)
- Mark Becher/Aaron Bartels – Trinitas

Safety Updates:

- UC Officer Mueller reported that the “final” UCPD Reform Report is due 7 March 2019 and reiterated from previous meetings that all 250 mandated compliance standards have been met. He also advised that the UCPD will continue have an external monitor and that their police department will also be obtaining “international” standards of compliance within the next 6 months. Additionally, Officer Mueller advised of (1) March and April 2019 upcoming events including UC games, FC Cincy pre-season games, the door hanger campaign scheduled for 9 March 2019, and spring break scheduled for 18-24 March 2019 and (2) emergency notices via the UC public safety website (ex: active shooter on campus). CPD 5 Capt. Wiesman elaborated on the FC Cincy Inaugural game scheduled for 17 March 2019 and advised that he would be attending a meeting on 20 February 2019 with FC Cincy Management regarding game day concerns such as police visibility, traffic/parking issues, and large crowd density from visiting team fans. CPD 5 Officer Hageman reported on 2019 crime stats with almost all categories having decreased from this time last year with the exception being burglaries, which remained the same. Officer Hageman also reiterated from last month the upcoming City Council decision regarding the finalist for the new CPD 5 HQ site and that the College Hill community has been lobbying the city heavily towards selection of their location and advised that the CUF community can do the same, including a CUFNA letter of support for the Central Parkway location prior to the end of

February. Additional topics covered were (1) the upcoming NEP (Neighborhood Enhancement Program) which begins on 1 March 2019 in the Camp Washington and South Cumminsville neighborhoods but also that much of the police (vice) presence and efforts will extend past Central Parkway into CUF, particularly on W. McMicken Avenue and (2) off-campus UC frats and sororities will be required to register their parties that are scheduled between March and May 2019 and this will also require a visit to the frat/sorority house by the UCPD before the start of the party.

Reports, Discussions & Announcements:

- The Treasurer’s Report was shared by Nathan Hess.
- John Whedon of CTM (Clifton Town Meeting) advised that a golf-outing fundraiser is planned August 24, 2019 with proceeds going to the Little Sisters of the Poor located on Riddle Road. This year’s fundraiser goal is \$10K with a fee of \$90.00 per golfer.
- Beth McGrew and John Seibert of UC, presented preliminary drawings and plans relative to the demolition of the old Tri-Health building located at the corner of MLK and Clifton Avenue to be replaced with a new UC Sculpture studio. Their presentation also included the vacant Church building located at the corner of Probasco Street and Clifton Avenue, with an emphasis on “restoring” versus renovating this historic building. Additional discussion took place regarding UCs goals and ideas for reducing the large amount of college student cars travelling through and parking on off-campus streets.
- Mark Becher, Trintas and associates provided a hand-out of street and lane closures, obtaining permits with the City, retail merchant prospects, and an extensive slide presentation devoted to ground level plans (including traffic calming and pedestrian safety). Some discussion also occurred regarding the hospital cornerstone and other ornamental items.
- Tom Reece, CRC reported on several issues including (1) upcoming family and teen events at the Clifton Rec Center and Esquire Theatre, (2) Fairview Park Futsol which could evolve into an urban youth soccer program/SFS (soccer for success), (3) Fairview Park graffiti cleaning efforts, and (4) a reiteration of Coy Field issues (tennis courts, crumbling steps, private dumpster barrier, and land ownership complexities. No real updates since last month’s general meeting.
- CHCURC Block 1 update: Matt Bourgeois

has rescheduled his presentation of Block 1 development plans to the March 2019 CUFNA General Meeting by incorporating changes made after his February 2019 CUFNA Board Meeting presentation.

- CHBA update: nothing new to report other a proposed residential parking permit program that is on hold pending acknowledgement by other interested parties within CUF.
- NOU update: no new updates since last month.
- LSDMC/CPS update: the new CANS (Clifton Area Neighborhood School has recently selected the new school principal.
- CUFNA Revised Boundaries update: Nathan Hess provided an explanation and narrative of the proposed changes and is requesting that all general membership personnel feel free to provide feedback (verbal, email, etc.) to any current board member prior to next month's general meeting and trustee vote.
- Burnet Woods Advisory Committee: this committee was recently formed after the failure of the CCAC development initiative. There are new plans to upgrade the trails soon and an advisory committee walk through is scheduled for Saturday, 26 March 2019.
- Planning Commission/SORTA Advertisements at Bus Stops/Benches/Shelters: a similar program was stopped back in 2009 due to intense dislike by many neighborhoods. CUFNAs main concerns will be to ensure that any future SORTA (ad) benches do "not" replace existing neighborhood installed benches, and that the neighborhood can opt-out from receiving the SORTA (ad) benches by installing their own (similar to the Pleasant Ridge neighborhood).
- Safe & Clean Grants: are matching up to \$10K for appropriate neighborhood projects.
- Sidewalk Repair Program: a 2-year waiting list exists for neighborhoods to undergo an extensive side walk repair program, the Clifton neighborhood just completed theirs. In the case of 2 frontages, the homeowner is only responsible for the "address" side, the city pays for the other side. The board of trustees are interested in registering CUF for this program.
- Neighborhood Summit: scheduled for Saturday, 16 March 2019 at the Cintas Center.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 pm

Next General Meeting: March 19, 2019, 7:00 pm at the Hughes Stem High School Innovation Lab.

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Young.

CPS public hearings



Cincinnati Public Schools Board of Education will hold two public hearings to gather public input on the district's 2019-2020 Budget.

- Tuesday, March 19th at 6 p.m. at Woodward Career Technical High School, 7005 Reading Rd.
- Tuesday, Apr. 17, at 6 p.m., at the CPS Education Center, 2651 Burnet Ave. You will hear an overview of the District's strategic investments, have the opportunity to hear TED-talk style presentations on key areas, and ask your questions of District leaders. They will also have roundtable discussions for you to give your thoughts and insight directly to Board Members and administration leaders.

Key topics will include the expansion of Vision 2020 programming, college-focused learning and opportunities, career-focused learning and opportunities, among other strategic investments. You will have the opportunity to hear about the Board's strategic planning process and provide input into that plan. CPS will also have a session on the Board's Strategic plan this Saturday at the [Neighborhood Summit](#).

Plant for Pollinators challenge

The Cincinnati Zoo is seeking to increase pollinator habitats by registering 500 pollinator gardens throughout the Cincinnati area. For



more information and to register a garden, visit <http://cincinnati-zoo.org/horticulture/plant-for-pollinators/>

Neuroscience building opening

Grand Opening Celebration and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony



University of Cincinnati Gardner Neuroscience Institute Outpatient Building.
Thursday, April 11, 2019, 10am – noon, 3113 Bellevue Ave.

Soap Box Derby



The Cincinnati Soap Box Derby has some exciting news for Cincinnati. We are re-establishing the Mayor's Cup Trophy which was a Soap Box Derby competition between Cincinnati neighborhoods established by then-Mayor Mark Mallory in 2008.

We are also announcing that racing in the Derby is free in 2019. That's right, we have eliminated the registration fee for the entire year so that we can give more opportunities for kids to get involved with Soap Box Derby racing.

Our season begins in April and registration will begin later this month so we want to give you time to find a driver (or drivers) and a pit crew.

Don't have a car? We do! When we held this competition before, some neighborhoods acquired cars and those same cars are eligible to race.

If you don't have a car, we have a fleet of them and we are letting communities like yours use them to race in this new series.

[If you are interested click here!](#)

CUF financial report February, 2019

Balance on: Jan. 31, 2019 (\$ 12,065.10)

Income:

Total income: + (\$-)

Expenses: GCWW \$ 7.36)

Total expenses: - (\$ 7.36)

Balance on: Feb. 28, 2019 (\$ 12,057.74)

Citizens on Patrol training

The Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP) new member's training dates are: March 19, 20, 21 from 6:00-9:00pm! The training will be held at District One, 310 Ezzard Charles Dr, Cincinnati, OH 45214.

Police Officer Princess Davis
Citizens on Patrol Coordinator
Phone: 513-352-3533

Volunteer opportunities

Several volunteer events are coming up:

GO Local with Crossroads happens the weekend of May 18th/19th:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8IoMcr0NCcnq29NJD1FjhDlkhSSLtaMBwqRpHGgFgWdfQiA/viewform>

Xavier's Community Action Day is March 30th.

Register here for that event:

<https://orgsync.com/36499/forms/354269>

UC's Clean Up Cincy is March 30th:

Email cleanupcincy@gmail.com with a project to register. Ethan Merk is the coordinator.

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful

40th Anniversary Campaign

Thank You for helping make our 40th year the best ever. So far we have raised over \$80,000 to provide critical program support to communities and volunteers. Help us reach \$100,000 with a donation TODAY. Together we can make the next 40 years even better.

[To donate click here!](#)

2019 State Roadway Cleanup

Join us on April 13th for our Annual State Roadway Cleanup!

Cincinnati is the gateway to Ohio, and with millions of people traveling along our interstates every week, we need to make a good impression! Clean and beautified roadways welcome visitors and encourage residents and businesses to live, work, and play in Cincinnati. We can't do it alone! Come on out and join us!

[For more information and to register click here.](#)

Great American Cleanup

Don't forget to register your Great American Cleanup with us and reap the benefits of being an official GAC event. [Click Here!](#)

Lower Clifton Avenue, 1928

A view looking north on Clifton Avenue near the bend in the road. The image was taken by the Cincinnati Department of Maintenance in 1928. Note the brick pavement, streetcar tracks with overhead electrical lines and the absence of fencing around the hillside.



source: Ohio Digital Resource Commons, University of Cincinnati Libraries

Block 1 progress

For more than a decade, the city block that sits West of Vine St, North of W. McMicken, and South of Calhoun St. has sat vacant. The former McDonalds site, known as Block 1, has had many developers try their luck at financing a development at the site to no avail. The 36 ft. change in elevation across the property in conjunction with bedrock makes excavating the site for development both challenging and extremely expensive. Until recently Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (CHCURC), who owns the site, has had trouble finding a developer who was able to make the financing work with the costly parking garage being built into the steep hillside. Many ideas have been explored including senior living, hotels, retail and more.

At the CUFNA February board meeting, CHCURC announced that they had selected a developer to partner with on the project. Milhaus, an Indianapolis based developer, has plans to partner with Rolling Hills Hospitality to build a mixed-use development that includes an extended stay hotel, market rate apartments, retail, and a parking garage below. The three organizations will partner on the development with Milhaus serving as the master developer. Milhaus is best known in our area for the Gantry on Blue Rock St. in Northside. Their latest Cincinnati project, Poste, should open this year in Walnut Hills. Rolling Hills Hospitality owns and operates hotels in the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area. The team was very open and interested in community feedback. They look forward to community engagement and presenting at a CUFNA meeting within the next couple months.

Deaconess demolition update

- Hard Demolition of Frersing Bldg. – Tentative Start 2-20 / Complete 3-12

West Tower

- Permit for Demolition obtained
- Soft & Universal Waste Demo Phase 1 - Flrs 5-10
 - Start 1-12 / Complete 1-31
- Soft & Universal Waste Demo Phase 2 -Flrs. Lobby-4
 - Start 1-29 / Complete 2-16
- Soft & Universal Waste Demo Phase 3 – Basement Levels A-D
 - Start 2-15 / Complete 3-5



Letter for District 5 headquarters

26 February 2019
Mayor Cranley
City Council Members
City Manager

The W. McMicken Citizens-on-Patrol Group is currently one of the “most active” COPP groups in our City and we take our jobs as volunteers assisting our local CPDs 1 & 5 very seriously. During the D5-CUF (Clifton Heights-University Heights-Fairview) portion of our patrols, we travel; observe; record; and when appropriate, dispatch various types of suspicious activity and “important quality-of life-issues” that are integral to a highly successful Community Oriented Policing Program. We are also homeowners and residents of the Fairview section of CUF and are extremely familiar with the “extensive amount” of drug dealing/buying and associated prostitution/human trafficking that occurs in several of our CUF neighborhoods, which is the original reason why our W. McMicken COPP Group was formed a few short years ago.

We believe that our CUF neighborhood crime challenges and statistics will continue to be the “largest in D5” over the next few decades, due to a number of factors which includes, but is not limited to (1) the “extremely dense” College Student/Renter population that currently exists and will only continue to grow with the ongoing commercial development occurring in our area, and (2) the extremely close proximity to the I-75/74 travel routes being used in and out of the neighborhood for easy access to illegal drug buying and prostitute solicitation that has risen dramatically over the past decade.

Relocating the new CPD 5 Headquarters to the City owned, old Permit Center at 3244-3300 Central Parkway which is located within CUF, would not only provide an “efficiently centralized location” for the district but would also physically situate it within the “heaviest populated and crime challenged” D5 neighborhood, place it in close proximity to UC; Cincinnati State; Clifton; Camp Washington; South Cumminsville; and North Side, and would also provide the Police “expedient access” to I-75/74 via the MLK-Hopple Street Interchange. Of additional benefit to the entire CUF community would be the demolition of the “criminal, drug, and prostitution infested” Rest Inn Motel (former Travel Lodge) located adjacent to the City Permit Center.

Thank you very much for your time, consideration, and respect for both our CUF Community Neighbors and District 5 Personnel, by choosing to relocate the new D5 Headquarters to the Central Parkway City Permit Center/adjacent motel property!

Sincerely,
Bill Bryan
W. McMicken Citizens-on-Patrol
Lead Coordinator

Hughes Community Garden

The Community Garden at Hughes is getting ready for another season. The new coordinator, Alyssa Hallahan alyssahallahan@gmail.com, has sent out applications for plots. The application is attached below and should be emailed back to Alyssa by March 17th.



2019 Community Garden Application

Please fill out this form and email to alyssahallahan@gmail.com or mail to 243 Hosea Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45220 by March 17. Plots will be assigned on a first-come first-serve basis from postmarked date. Returning gardeners are guaranteed a plot if they apply by March 17.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

What is the best way for us to contact you? Email Phone Text Any

If you are a returning gardener, would you like to remain in your same plot? Yes No If not, please explain what you would prefer (i.e. closer to road, closer to shed, etc.). We will do our best to accommodate:

PLEASE mark the following dates in your calendar for our Gardener Meetings. Attendance at these meetings is mandatory unless otherwise communicated with the garden coordinator: April 1, July 8, October 7, 6-8 PM, University Christian Church Sanctuary (across the street from the garden)

I have read through the included garden rules and expectations, and agree to abide by them.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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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 \$10.00.

- 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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