



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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May, 2020

Next monthly meeting:

May 19, 2020
Online Format
7 p.m.

Transportation studies for CUF

The CUF Neighborhoods have been the subjects of two (2) transportation-related studies and surveys looking for input from residents of the CUF Neighborhoods and visitors to the CUF Neighborhoods.

CUF Parking and Transportation Analysis

In September 2019, The CUF Neighborhood Association, The Clifton Heights Business Association (CHBA), and The Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (CHCURC) entered into an agreement to have Walker Consultants study our “parking problem”. The study, funded by Trinitas Ventures (developers of The Deacon and the proposed District at Clifton Heights – the Deaconess site). Following a Public Meeting last fall, and several DRAFT Studies, the final version was completed at the end of January 2020. There were plans to have a follow-up Public Meeting to present the final analysis and collect feedback, before presenting the report to the City for implementation, as appropriate. Here is the link to the Parking Study: <http://www.cliftonheights.org/about/cuf-parking-study/>

Then COVID-19. In place of a Public Meeting, the CUF Parking team decided to survey as many CUF stakeholders as possible. If you haven't already, please fill out the survey now - it only runs through 13 May 2020. Hurry, and pass it on! Here is the link to the Parking Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cufparking2020>

**Safety and Aesthetic Improvement
Study for the MLK-Clifton Intersection.**

Last fall, the University of Cincinnati established a team of professors and administrators to study the intersection of Martin Luther King Drive and Clifton Avenue for possible safety and aesthetic improvements. The safety improvements are intended to benefit, primarily the more vulnerable users of the intersection – pedestrians and bicyclists. Nate Morehouse, of the Reinventing Intersections Team, presented the project at the CUFNA General Membership Meeting on 18 February. He mentioned that while the focus of the study is MLK-Clifton, the solutions could be used at other problematic intersections in the area (and beyond).

Nate mentioned that a survey would be forthcoming.

Well, that survey has arrived, and here is the link: https://artsciuc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_72R9VNKyo0gAx25

Please take advantage of both of these surveys to help make a real difference in your neighborhood. Thank you to CHBA, UC and CHCURC for partnering with us, and thank you to Trinitas and the University of Cincinnati for caring, and funding these initiatives!

Jack Martin



CUF Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting

Video Conference Platform (provided by INVEST)

21 April 2020 - The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm, by Nathan Hess.

Guests:

- Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney – Cincinnati City Council
- Isaac Wolff – AEPi
- Colleen Reynolds – DSD Advisors (Parking Solutions Study)
- Aaron Bartels and Mark Becher – Trinitas & Associates

Safety Updates:

- UCPD Representatives were not in attendance at tonight's Video Conference Meeting, however they did send a reply back to CUFNA President, Nathan Hess regarding their acknowledgement of the recent rash of off campus College Student parties (without proper social distancing) and associated loud noises. Nathan Hess advised the General Membership attendees to please submit complaints by email to any CUFNA Board Member, who will then forward these complaints on to UCPD & CPD-5.
- CPD-5 Representatives were not in attendance at tonight's Video Conference Meeting, nor was any reply received back to their Invitation.

Guest Speakers:

- Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, the newest member of Cincinnati City Council (replacing former City Council Member, Tamaya Denard), introduced herself and advised that she has been recently attended other community council video conference meetings (Northside last evening & Avondale earlier today). CUFNA President Nathan Hess thanked her for her attendance and advised that the #1 Problem for the CUF community is "Parking", which now also includes the increase in population that is being generated by the Trinitas Development of the old Deaconess Hospital sites.
- Isaac Wolff representing the AEPi fraternity house (located in the 2600 block of University Court, off of Straight Street near The Deacon) advised that most Student Residents are gone due to COVID-19 and that he isn't aware of any specific noise complaints coming from his frat house but for the community to please contact him directly if, or whenever this isn't the case. Additionally, some discussion took

place between Isaac and Council Member Kearney relative to college students "Beer-Pong" party complaints to several City Council Members. Isaac responded that his specific fraternity has "very strict" punishments for this type of behavior and he's pretty certain none of his members are participating in this, but can't speak for any other frats other than the FSL organization which is also known for strict behavioral standards, and that this beer-pong partying probably does take place at local off-campus (private landlords) houses and lastly, that "very little" COVID-19 guidance is being published by UC (what is published generally refers students to the City of Cincinnati's website). He also advised that he is working with his organization's Executive Committee to establish some type of philanthropy volunteer event that would benefit the local CUF community. 2 other things mentioned from his agenda were (1) the upcoming Fall 2020 cookout with the CUF community, Police, & Fire departments (if this is able to happen), (2) the AEPi lawnmower was recently stolen and he is wondering if anyone in the community would have an extra, older one that could be donated to the fraternity, and (3) his organization is willing to help out any local people that are in need of assistance (such as the sick or elderly) during the COVID-19 crisis.

- Colleen Reynolds representing DSD Advisors provided a summary presentation with graphic display regarding the 5 major goals with associate strategies/action steps, partners, expenses, timetables/difficulty documented in the CUF Parking Solutions Study. The full study is available on the CUFNA.org website. CUFNA President Nathan Hess also advised that the associated Parking Solutions Survey is available on the CUFNA.org website at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cufparking2020> and will also be posted to other social media sites (Nextdoor.com, etc.), and encourages "everyone" (resident/business owner/student, etc.) to please take the survey as soon as possible.

- Aaron Bartels and Mark Becher representing Trinitas & Associates provided updates on both "The District at Clifton Heights" and "The Deacon". New construction for The District site is slated for the early part of calendar year 2021, all demolition of the old hospital is complete and the remaining construction equipment still on site will be removed later this week. Trinitas is now working with the city of Cincinnati to obtain permits and are also searching for an equity partner(s). The Deacon has a 60% occupancy rate still living in the building and the Management Staff has implemented new procedures to conform with

COVID-19 requirements (closing the front desk, no gathering/visiting areas, separate staff on & off shifts, and all communications conducted via email or phone chat).

Reports, Discussions & Announcements:

- The Treasurer's Report was shared by Nathan Hess.
- CRC (Cincinnati Rec Commission) Representative Tom Reese was absent but Nathan Hess passed on the following info on his behalf: (1) there will be a few City Rec Centers providing childcare services for children of First Responders, and (2) the Clifton Rec Center will be providing "to-go bags" for children ages 6-12 on Mondays & Fridays from 2:30 – 4:00 pm.
- Neighborhood Parks & CPAC: Nathan Hess reported that there are plans to plant a Memorial Tree in honor of Dennis O'Brien and this includes inviting his family members to attend this. The date & time is undetermined right now due to COVID-19 which is also impacting other park enhancements. Nathan also reported that this year's \$1K grant application to the Parks Foundation has been submitted but no status has been received back yet. If approved, the grant will be used to host another Neighborhood Party Event in Bellevue Park, similar to the one held last year in October 2019. Nathan also stated that recently as he walks his dog in Fairview Park, CPD-5 Officers are patrolling on foot which seemed to cause most of the college students to hurry up and leave. Related to this, Julie Murray advised that on nice weather days, the middle section of Bellevue Park is being turned into an illegal "off-leash" dog park. Isaac Wolff advised that he has seen just recently seen photos on Snap Chat verifying this from a couple of people that he knows and he will be texting them to stop it.
- CHCURC Block 1 & CUF Housing Initiative updates: Chip Kusmaul reported that Block 1 funding is currently frozen and there is some concern regarding the hotel originally planned for the site due to a saturation of hotels in the local area. Nathan Hess provided a brief explanation regarding the CUF Housing Initiative's mission is to procure some badly neglected houses in order to prevent tear-down and then stabilize the structure enough to make it available for reselling and rehabbing purposes, and ultimately to promote home ownership with long-term residency. Additionally, Linda Ziegler explained that approximately 5 years ago, a "Relationship Agreement" was signed between CUFNA & CHCURC to promote "home ownership" and also to limit CHCURC's control of residential properties by requiring joint coordination with

and final approval from CUFNA.

•CHBA updates: Jack Martin advised that there are no new updates (or recent meetings).

- NOU updates: Linda Ziegler advised that there are no new updates (or recent meetings) for NOU but she did report that the "go Vibrant" walking trails maps (short & long) are now posted to the CUFNA.org website.
- LSDMC/CPS updates: Hughes High School Rep Lyn Martin advised there are no new updates (or recent meetings) and Jack Martin reported that per conversations with the Principal, there will be no Prom or Graduation this year. CANS (Clifton Area Neighborhoods School) Rep Tracy Schwetschenau also advised there are no new updates (or recent meetings) but there may be a Google Video Conference Meeting scheduled for next month. Additionally, Nathan Hess advised that he has received some correspondence from CPS (Cincinnati Public Schools) stating that "school-based" medical, dental, & mental health services will continue to be available but "not" in-person, instead it will be handled via the Internet (Cincinnati Health Department Web Portal).
- UC Community Redevelopment updates: Megan Smith representing UCURC reported that she is working from home until further (possibly until June 1st) and that all funding for construction projects are on hold for 1-2 years (FY-20 ends on June 30th). She also reported that UC purchased the U-Square Office Spaces located on floors 2 & 3 of the building back in February of 2020 and that U-Square still owns the rest of the building.
- Street Sweeping Pilot Program updates: Nathan Hess advised that the pilot program to include street sweeping with enforcement and permanent signs on Fairview Avenue & Riddle Road was originally planned for the end of March 2020 but was/is delayed due to COVID-19.
- 4G/5G Infrastructure: Nathan Hess advised that some of Verizon's 4G/5G upgrades will also be using existing wood telephone poles and that although "no" communications have ever been received by CUFNA from either Verizon (or the City of Cincinnati), AT&T recently sent a letter advising of new equipment installation permit requests for the addresses of 521 Straight Street & 2323 Victor Street.
- Additional Announcements by CUFNA President Nathan Hess: (1) a reminder that Absentee Voting Ballots must be post-marked by Monday, April 27, 2020, (2) yard waste collection resumes on May 4, 2020 but bulk-trash item collection is delayed until June 1, 2020, (3) a reminder of the upcoming July

2020 CUFNA Trustee Elections and if anyone is interested in running, please contact one of the current board members, and (4) for everyone to please take care of their neighbors during this pandemic – Nathan thinks that he may have had it himself about 4 weeks ago and many of his friends & neighbors offered to help out during his illness.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm

Next General Meeting: 19 May 2020, 7:00 pm, location TBD

Next Board Meeting: 5 May 2020, 7:00 pm, location TBD

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Young.

CUF Neighborhood Association Financial Report, April 30, 2020

Balance on: Mar 31, 2020	\$ 9,232.62
Income:	
Memberships	\$ 143.88
Total income:	+ \$ 143.88
Expenses:	
GCWW	\$ 6.49
Total expenses:	- \$ 6.49
Balance on: Apr 30, 2020	\$ 19,370.01

Yard Waste Collection

The City of Cincinnati's yard waste collection program resumed on May 4. Traditionally, yard waste collection begins the first week of April. However, due to issues related to the COVID-19 public health emergency, this public service was initially suspended until June 1. The Department of Public Services (DPS) has reassigned select staff and made several operational changes in order to bring back the yard waste program earlier than anticipated.

Bulk item collection remains suspended until June 1.

CUF annual meeting and election

July 21, 2020 is the date of our annual meeting and election of trustees. As you know, due to the Corona virus, we have been unable to meet in person at Hughes High School. This situation is likely to continue for some time. The April general meeting was successfully conducted on-line with the assistance of an Invest in Neighborhoods platform. The trustees are working to refine this process. Members will be notified of meetings through Mail Chimp.

This year's election will be conducted by mail. Those members eligible to vote will receive ballots and return envelopes in the mail. Current trustee Jack Martin is term-limited, and Jules Rosen has chosen not to run for a second term. Three candidates will be elected. Candidates for election are Maureen France, Paul Gallagher, Andrea Schwalie, and John Stork.

Clifton Cultural Arts Center

Announces site of future home
(May 13, 2020) — The search for a new, permanent home has reached an exciting conclusion for the Clifton Cultural Arts Center (CCAC). The community arts center that has served the Clifton community and beyond for over a decade will remain in Clifton, with a newly constructed home in the heart of the neighborhood.

CCAC recently entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Dewey's Pizza for the vacant land located at 3412 Clifton Avenue. A unique collaboration between the legendary local business, Dewey's Pizza, and CCAC will activate the lot just northeast of Ludlow & Clifton Avenues with a community arts center that will serve the needs of children, families and individuals.

A comprehensive and community-led effort took place for nearly two years prior to the site selection. During that time, an 18-member volunteer relocation Task Force, comprised of a diverse group of arts, philanthropic, business and community leaders guided CCAC through the process of exploring nearly 30 prospective sites in and near Clifton. In addition, CCAC conducted dozens of community feedback sessions attended by hundreds of neighbors and patrons.



Keep Cincinnati Beautiful emergency relief



Caring for our families, friends, neighbors, and community is more important now than ever. The economic impact of the global crisis has been devastating, especially for small organizations like us. Thankfully over 50 individuals have donated close to \$35,000 for our [Emergency Relief Fund](#) to help us support the people, neighborhoods, and schools that make Cincinnati beautiful.

We need to raise \$5,000 more to reach our goal. Can you help with a gift of \$5, \$10, or \$20? KCB Emergency Relief Fund. Any amount will help because every dollar you give before May 15th will be doubled by an emergency matching gift from United Dairy Farmers! UDF is caring for our community by providing assistance for community cleanups, green spaces, and resources that help us be better neighbors.

Double Your Impact Before May 15th
Together, we will survive the crisis and continue to put passion to work, boots on the ground, tools in hands, and ignite a collective force for good that continues to grow. Thanks for your support!

Mill Creek Bird project

Calling All Birders and Outdoor Enthusiasts.

While group activities are discouraged during the current COVID19 pandemic, we can work individually as citizen scientists to gather and record data of observations on the Mill Creek. No Experience Required!

For your data to be recorded in the Mill Creek Alliance "[Mill Creek Bird](#)" project, you must adhere to the following criteria:

- Use iNaturalist
- Record an observation of a bird on a date in 2020
- Observe the bird somewhere on the banks of the Mill Creek

Saturday, May 9, 2020 8:00 AM–Thursday, December 31, 2020 4:00 PM

If you don't have a smart phone, you can also simply use a camera to take pictures while stream side, then upload the images to iNaturalist from a desktop computer later from home. There are a few steps to add dates and the exact location on the Mill Creek.

You may also want to use some other more advanced tools for bird identification listed below.

INATURALIST APP
MERLIN BIRD ID
BIRDING IN OHIO
SIBLEY E-GUIDE

Cincinnati Parks Advisory Councils

Hello CPAC Partners,

We are reaching out to see if you, or someone from your community, would help us with a project. It should not take too much time or thought, and would greatly assist us.

We are collecting brief video testimonials (10-20 seconds) only requiring you, your favorite park and a cell phone camera. The testimonials may be used by us as part of a video we are creating in conjunction with an announcement from the National Trust for Public Land later this month. I am unable to share more details at this time, but rest assured it will be good news for Cincinnati Parks! It also represents a great opportunity for you to assist in highlighting your passion for your park.

When you venture out to a park this week, be sure to bring your cell phone and feel free to be creative or involve family members or friends. We are seeking these from anyone who wishes to submit, the more the merrier, so share with others. Please reach with any questions. Instructions are included below.

Cincinnati Parks Advisory Councils (CPAC) are volunteer citizen groups which seek to build and maintain public support for neighborhood Cincinnati Parks.

Thank you in advance.

Rocky

We want to hear why you love your Cincinnati Parks! Is your park a place for you to find solace, to connect with nature, to come together with your family and community? Help us tell your story by sending a 10-20 second testimonial video (filmed horizontally in your favorite park) to cincyparks@gmail.com by **Friday, May 15**.





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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: \$10.00 per year.
Make checks payable to CUFNA.

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