



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

February, 2023

Next monthly meeting: February 21, 2023, hybrid format, 7 p.m.

Google Meet and In-Person at Hughes High School, 1st floor

CUF Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Hughes High School

Meeting Commenced on Tuesday, January 17,
2023 at 7:12 pm

Paul Gallagher: Jack Martin reported that Paul
Gallagher passed away.

Safety Update:
CPD District 5: Not present

UC Police:

Officer Carra Sparks reported that:

- Classes for Spring semester run from 01/09/2023-04/28/2023.
- Calhoun residence hall is reopen. Siddall residence hall is next, and will be remodeled in the same style as Calhoun.
- There will be home basketball games on 01/22/23, 02/01/2023, 02/04/2023, 02/11/2023, and 02/22/2023.
- The University is hiring security, police apprentices, and laterals. Carra provided flyers for anyone who may be interested.
- Thanks to those who donated to the Shop-with-A-Cop event, UCPD was able to help 18 families / 28 children during the holidays.
- UCPD is trying to get new uniforms that are less bulky and more comfortable. They are similar in appearance to the CPD uniforms, except that they are black instead of navy. UCPD will be presenting to the President's Cabinet on 01/20/2023, and are hoping to get approval from the University of Cincinnati administration to purchase them.

Guests:

- Clifton Ave. Complete Streets Survey: Bob Hyland and Alejandro Vergara Kniveton:
- Bob and Alejandro shared the results of the

Complete Streets Survey, which was conducted as part of an environmental studies capstone class during Fall semester. Students sent out a survey about the Clifton Ave. corridor, from McMillan St. to MLK.

- Their preliminary findings indicated that the Clifton Ave. corridor in its present state is not apt to meet the standards for complete streets for either pedestrian level of service or bicycle level of service, but that the corridor could benefit from complete streets measures.
 - o Since the project started in August, after the temporary bike lane had already been installed, the overall impact of the bike lane was not included in the report.
- Construction in the area was likely a factor in the results, but more research would be needed.
 - o Also, Bob felt that the survey was likely skewed towards students, who were more likely to complete the survey. The survey is still open if anyone who hasn't completed it would like to take it.
- To get more comprehensive results, suggestions included reaching out to Metro bus riders, local hospitals, as well as the fire department.

City Councilmember Mark Jeffreys:

Mark Jeffreys reported that:

- The city passed a complete streets ordinance last year, and the city is working on designing streets that are safe for both pedestrians and cyclists.
- In 2022, the city of Cincinnati saw the fewest amount of pedestrian / vehicle crashes in nine years.
- The city of Cincinnati is working to improve ease, enforcement, engineering, and education with regards to traffic and pedestrian safety.
- Residents expressed concerns about the proposed legalization of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Population density is an issue in CUF because of the number of student rental properties in the area. Mark clarified that

the proposal is to make them legal, but with restrictions, and that there will be additional opportunities for community engagement.

One-Way Streets: City DOTE Engineer Matt Hulme.

- Matt is working on CUF's CBR proposal from FY 2022-2023 to have the north-south streets between W. McMillan St. and Warner St. converted to one-way with contraflow bike lanes.
- The roads in the proposal are about 1.5 lanes wide. Currently, vehicles have difficulty passing one another when there are cars parked on either side of the street.
- The streets affected are from Flora St. to Ohio Ave. and would alternate between being one-way towards W. McMillan and one-way towards Warner St. The directions in the proposal were chosen based on Rohs St. Because a left turn cannot be made from W. McMillan St. onto Rohs St, Rohs would be one way towards W. McMillan.
- In the proposal, bicycles would be able to travel either direction in the bike lane
- A concern with making streets one-way is that speeding becomes more of an issue. If the streets were converted to one-way, then there would be counter-measures, such as speed humps or cushions.
- The proposal does not restrict or remove the existing parking on the impacted streets.
- DOTE acknowledges that Warner St. could result in an increase of traffic.
- The city has issued a survey, asking for input on the proposal. It was mailed out to residents on the affected streets. It is also available online on the City of Cincinnati's website until 01/31/2023 for anyone who is interested.
- The traffic engineers will also look at the proposal and provide comments.
- If the project gets DOTE approval, then it would go before the planning commission. If it gets approval from the planning commission, then it goes to City Council. If city council approves it, then it gets budgeted.

Update on the District at Clifton Heights: Aaron Bartels, Mark Becher (Trinitas), Tim Westley (Crawford Hoying), Phil Lane (Core Spaces) Mark Becher reported that:

- The parking structure on block A1 is complete, and they will begin construction on the student-housing component.
- They are starting on the foundation on block A2, including the elevator shaft for the hotel.
- Duke converted the overhead power lines to underground.

- There are no updates on the senior housing complex at this time.

Reports / Announcements:

- Treasurer's Report: Linda Ziegler reported that:
- The Tower Fund loaned CUFNA money for the KCB grant. CUFNA will repay the Tower Fund once they've been reimbursed.
- The concerts in Bellevue pavilion generated revenue from concession sales. The CUFNA board voted to split the profits 50/50 between CUF and the four students who helped to plan the events. This amounted to \$500 per person.
- Street Party Meeting Between City, UC, and CUFNA: Jack Martin reported that the next meeting is pending.
- Pedestrian Safety Meeting between UC, UCPD, City, and Neighborhoods: Jack Martin reported that the next meeting is pending. UC is meeting with DOTE separately.
- Uptown Consortium: Jack Martin reported that a follow-up on November's uptown design charrette is pending.
- Neighborhood Coordination Effort to Partner with UC for Immediate and Long-Term Street Safety Improvements: Jack Martin reported that CUFNA has been asked to sign a joint letter, along with the other neighborhood associations adjacent to the University of Cincinnati asking UC to lead a safe street study as partners.
- CRC (Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Clifton): Not present. Jack Martin to reach out to them to see if they have a representative to attend future CUFNA meetings.
- LSDMC / CPS
- CANS: No updates at this time.
- Hughes HS: Lyn Martin reported that Hughes is still participating in the "Got Sneakers?" fundraising event. They accept all athletic shoes, and will be taking them until the end of the school year.
- CHCURC (Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation): Chip Kussmal reported that the focus lately has been on student housing to accommodate the increase in enrollment at the University of Cincinnati.
- CHCURC / CUFNA Housing Initiative: Jack Martin reported that CHCURC is going to apply for a \$100,000 grant to do predevelopment for graduate student housing on the property at the corner of Sandheger and Riddle. They have asked for a letter of support from CUNFA.
- CHBA (Clifton Heights Business Association): Jack Martin reported that the next meeting is on 01/19/2023.
- NOU (Neighborhoods of Uptown): No updates at this time.

- IIN (Invest in Neighborhoods) NSP: Linda Ziegler reported that she turned in CUFNA's proposal last week. The review committee meeting is on 01/24/2023.
- Historic Preservation Road Show for Community Councils: Jack Martin reported that Beth Johnson (CPA) would like to lead a discussion on historic designation at a future CUFNA meeting, if enough people are interested. Jack to notify Beth.
- Brent Spence Bridge and MSD Consent Decree: Jack Martin reported that Karen Ball of West Price Hill found out that the Brent Spence Bridge project is taking care of storm water mitigation in northern KY, but not in Hamilton County in Ohio. Karen is leading a letter-writing initiative.
- UC Community Development: Not Present.
- Gateway Lofts (McMillan, Morlein, Lyon): Jack Martin reported that the Planning Commission provided final approval on the project.
- Hallmar/Fountain Development (Central Parkway and Marshall): Jack Martin reported that ground has been broken on the new development.
- Block 1, CHCURC: Jack Martin reported that CHCURC has reviewed RFQs and plans to work with Boston-based architect William Rawn and Ratio. Matt Bourgeois will provide updates on the project.
- IT Website Development: No updates at this time. Mary Singler to provide an update at February's general meeting.
- CBRs (Community Budget Requests): Jack Martin reported that the request from FY 2022-2023 for the McMillian sidewalk is scheduled for the spring of 2023. Jack is hoping to coordinate it with the request from CBR FY 2024-2025 to add a bike lane and extend the sidewalk down to McMicken Ave.
- CUFAC (Parks Advisory Council): Jack Martin reported that they would like to purchase markers for the trees planted in honor of Paul Gallagher and Dennis O'Brien. Jack and Mark Bambach researched pricing for granite and brass. Granite is the better option of the two.
- Fairview Park: Jack Martin reported that Dave Gamstetter, who led a UC class project for a hypothetical Biergarten in Bellevue Park last semester has asked for another project for the Spring semester. He will be leading a hypothetical, non-city sponsored, student project on a natural dog park in Fairview Park. The class will start in February, and there will be opportunities for the public to attend the class for input.
- General Neighborhood Cleanliness: Jack Martin reported that Jennifer Martin is looking

- into a Special Improvement District (SID) for CUF to help control the trash/litter. It would be similar to the plan in OTR, where property owners pay a tax for somebody to clean the streets; Jack to talk to Matt Bourgeois / CHCURC to see if the cleaning in CUF's business district can expand outward.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Jack Martin announced the following volunteer opportunities:
 - Earth Day: 04/22/2023.
 - Arbor Day: 04/28/2023.
 - Mayor's Corporate Challenge: 05/12/2023— Companies volunteer to work in different neighborhoods.
 - Honeysuckle removal in Fairview and Bellevue Parks.
 - Street Sweeping / Parking: Jack Martin reported that street sweeping is on the first and third Thursdays on designated streets in CUF. For parking enforcement, call 311 or 513-765-1212.
- KCB Safety and Beautification grant: Mary Singler reported that they are working to get the water line dug in for the new community garden.
- Events: Jack Martin reported that the following events will be taking place:
 - Cincinnati's Exciting Future: How Urban Planners and Designers Will Help Make It Happen: Mayor Pureval will be speaking at UC on 01/26/2023 12:30pm, DAAP room 5401.
 - 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan Public Comment Period 01/17/2023—02/08/2023
<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/oes/climate/climate-protection-green-cincinnati-plan/>
 - City of Cincinnati "Connected Communities" engagement sessions: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/connected-communities>
 - Panel discussion on "Policing and Race" Live streaming on Facebook, 7:00-8:30pm 01/19/2023. Sponsored by LWV, WCCGC, ACLU https://www.facebook.com/lwvcincinnati/live_videos/
 - 2023 Goals: Jack Martin asked attendees would they like to CUFNA to do, or begin to do in 2023. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please bring them to February's general meeting for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:54 pm

Minutes taken by: Andrea Schwallie

CUF Neighborhood Association Financial Report: January, 2023

Balance on: 12-31-2022 \$35,799.89

Income:

Dues	10.00
Dues	25.00
KCB reimburse. Garden	2,016.20
Online dues	20.00
Online dues	10.00
Online dues	10.00
KCB reimburse. Garden	50.00
Dues	30.00
KCB reimburse. Garden	189.28

Total Income: + \$2,360.48

Expenses:

Wild Apricot fees	1.77
Cinti Tool Bank	34.65
CUF Community Fund reimburse	2,016.20
CUF Community Fund reimburse	50.00
CUF Community Fund reimburse	189.28
ACH GCWW	7.21
Northside Bank VISA	259.23
L. McMasters, garden fence	2,500.00

Total Expenses: - \$5,058.34

Balance: \$33,102.03

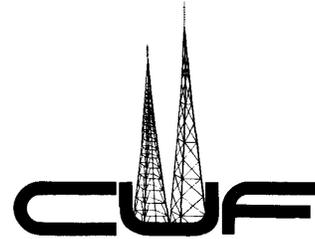
Balance of Community Fund loans to be repaid:
- \$27,531.77

Balance on 1-31-2022 after loan repayment:
\$5,570.26

CUF Community Fund loaned CUFNA \$39,000 to cover costs from the two Keep Cincinnati Beautiful grants for a community garden and solar stop sign. CUFNA will repay loans to CUF Community Fund as city reimburses CUFNA for expenses submitted.

CUF Community Fund loan activity:

- Solar stop sign: \$12,500 KCB grant; no expenditures/reimbursements to date.
- Community garden: \$26,500 KCB grant; \$11,468.23 expenditures; \$8,968.23 reimbursed to Community Fund.



Notice to Members of the CUF Community Fund

The annual meeting of the CUF Community Fund will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

Invitations will be mailed to all Fund Members in advance of the annual meeting and include the slate of candidates running for open positions on the Board of Trustees, copies of last year's minutes, financial report and projects completed.

The agenda for the meeting is to review and approve the minutes of the Fund's previous annual meeting, vote to elect members to the Board of Trustees, review the financial report and projects completed, and discuss current issues pertaining to the Fund.

CUF Community Fund Membership Requirements

To be a Member of the CUF Community Fund, one must be a paid member of the CUF Neighborhood Association 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 or its successor organization. A permanent resident is defined as one residing year around within the CUF community for at least four consecutive years (48 months) immediately preceding consideration of Member status. The burden of satisfying the requirement of permanent residency is upon the individual seeking to be a Member.

Sincerely,

Maureen France, Secretary
Chip Kussmal, Treasurer
Craig Lloyd, Vice President
John Stork, Vice President
Linda Ziegler, President

Volunteer opportunities for our parks!

Looking Ahead:

- ▶ Saturday April 8 at 10:00

Lower Fairview Park
(along McMicken)

Removing Honeysuckle and garbage in order to improve the treeline and provide a safer area (discourage future homeless camps)

Parks staff will be on hand. May possibly chip honeysuckle on site. Volunteers will be needed through Clean Cincy. Tools from ToolBank.

- ▶ Saturday April 22 EARTH DAY at 10:00

Bellevue Park

Mulching and honeysuckle removal. A large amount of shredded hardwood mulch will be dumped in the parking lot by the Parks. Wheelbarrows and other tools will be provided by Parks via the Cincinnati ToolBank.

All beds mulched in previous mulchings will be mulched again. Also, as time allows, honeysuckle will be removed from certain areas of the park (hill between old ballfield and Ohio Ave. / stone steps leading to end of Ohio Avenue.)

Cincinnati Parks Advisory Councils (CPAC) are volunteer citizen groups which seek to build and maintain public support for neighborhood Cincinnati Parks. CPACs provide feedback to the Cincinnati Park Board, advocate for their neighborhood park and organize community volunteer and programming events.

To learn more about Conservation and Land Stewardship [click here](#).

Duke Energy help links

One-time credit on gas bill: <https://www.duke-energy.com/info/unindexed/ohio-bill-help>

Scam awareness: <https://youtu.be/fL3mNwJP0ksfL3mNwJP0ks>

Weatherization: https://www.duke-energy.com/_media/pdfs/external/wintertips-weatherization-tips.pdf

Krohn Conservatory's Bunnies and Blooms

Now through March 12th, 2023. hop into Krohn Conservatory for "Bunnies & Blooms"! We'll have live bunnies hopping among the tulips and daffodils in our show room. Hurry!

SIGN UP TO BE A BUNNY BUDDY

Krohn Conservatory is looking for caring animal enthusiasts to help pamper these little guests during their stay. Volunteers will also be helping monitor the rabbits during open exhibit hours.

[Join the Bunny Buddy Team!](#)

Krohn Conservatory's Butterflies of the Meadow opens Saturday, March 19th!

Last year Krohn Conservatory had 352 volunteers sign up to be a door guard during the exhibit. Door Guard volunteers are essential to keeping the butterflies safe. These volunteers work alongside staff every day to help make the exhibit a success, this year our goal is to recruit over 450 volunteers!

Volunteer options for groups are available. Contact Joe Brenzel for more information.

Planning meeting on mural

The City Planning Commission will review the following at their next meeting scheduled for Friday, February 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.:

A report and recommendation on a proposed public art installation/relocation along Central Parkway in CUF.

FY 2024 - 2025 Biennial Budget

Please join the City of Cincinnati's Office of Budget and Evaluation as well as the Department of City Planning and Engagement for an informative and engaging educational session as we prepare for the FY 2024 - 2025 Biennial Budget. During the session, you will learn the structure of the City's budget; the process of developing the budget; and how to provide your input during the process.

The session will be held on Tuesday, February 28 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Register for the session [here](#). Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

REINVENTING METRO!

BUS RAPID TRANSIT STUDY



YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED! JOIN A BRT STATION DESIGN WORKSHOP

This February, Metro is hosting four BRT Station Design Workshops to help:

- Pinpoint BRT station locations
- Plan BRT station features and appearance concepts
- Map out needed connections
- Identify enhancement & development opportunities in the areas around the stations

Your input is important and much needed as we plan these key elements of Greater Cincinnati's first Bus Rapid Transit service lines.

WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS

FEB. 21 | 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
College Hill Recreation Center
5545 Belmont Ave., 45224

Feb. 22 | 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
The Factory (Northside)
1546 Knowlton St., 45223

Feb. 23 | 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Corryville Recreation Center
2823 Eden Ave., 45219

Feb. 27 | 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Community Action Agency
1740 Langdon Farm Rd., 45237

[Sign up at MetroBRTStudy.com](http://MetroBRTStudy.com)

Workshops are an hour and a half in length and will include a brief presentation followed by several hands-on activities. A light meal will be provided. Participants will also receive a one-ride bus pass from Metro.

Signing up for the workshops is not required but highly encouraged since space is somewhat limited. If you have questions about the workshops, please send us an email at info@MetroBRTStudy.com or call a member of our BRT consultant team at (513) 793-1234.





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

CUF Neighborhood Association

2364 West McMicken Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Membership Type:

CUF resident _____

Non-voting Membership: _____

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

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