



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

November, 2023

Next monthly meeting: November 21, 2023, hybrid format, 7 p.m. Google Meet and In-Person at Hebrew Union College, 1st floor, Herrman Learning Center

CUF Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Minutes Oct 17, 2023

Call to Order by Rob at 7:00pm
Tracy, John & Nathan absent

Old Business:

- Meeting Minutes from General Meeting September 19, 2023. Linda moved to approve; Mary seconded. Unanimous for Board Trustees present: Rob, Chip, Chris, Kelly
- The CUFNA Board of Trustees met on October 3rd, 2023 and the first Tuesday of every month.
- You can email the Board at: thecufna@gmail.com
- Board Members: Robert Neel, Nathan Hess, Mary Singler, Kelly Ambrosius, Linda Ziegler, Chris Donahue, Chip Kussmaul, Tracy Schwetschenau, John Stork
- Goals and Priorities. The CUFNA Board has summarized its Goals and Priorities for this coming year, and we hope you will take some time to look through the document and provide feedback. Flyers on table.
- Call for Volunteers: Backups for Neighborhood Roles. Please email thecufna@gmail.com if you are interested.

Reports / Announcements:

- Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (CHCURC): (Chip Kussmaul)
- The Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, CHCURC, was established as a partnership between the Clifton Heights Business Association, the CUF Neighborhood Association and the University of Cincinnati. The partnership is dedicated to the revitalization of the Clifton Heights neighborhood

through various initiatives and redevelopment projects.

- <https://cliftonheights.org/about/about-clifton-heights-urban-redevelopment-corporation>
- Communications with the City and CHCURC regarding affordable housing TIF dollars and the Vine Street affordable housing project.
- There is a meeting on Oct 23 with Reggie Harris & CHCURC to walk along the Vine Street site.
- Clifton Heights Business Association (CHBA)/Uptown: Jack Martin said a sign with the CHCURC logo will go in the Shell gas station area.
- Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC): Lyn Martin (Hughes High School) & Susan Heinrich (Clifton Area Neighborhood School, or CANS)
Susan Heinrich from CANS:
 - The next fundraiser at Dewey's is on Oct 24 with a portion of the proceeds going to CANS. Everything including supplies is free at CANS.
 - The annual Fall Fundraiser starts this week. The CUFNA website will have the informational flyer.
 - Basketball practice starts soon at the school. CANS is looking for volunteer basketball coaches for elementary school students at 2:30pm. Daniel Cummins will reach out to UC students for interest in coaching through the Learning Commons newsletter.
 - CANS is looking to start an after-school dance team for elementary school students.
 - Food Pantry/Little Library— CUFNA gave \$250. CANS used the money to convert a TV cabinet for storage & stocked it with food. Daniel Cummins said the UC Resource Center can supplement the Pantry.
 - Susan's email: susanheinrich@yahoo.com
Heidi Yokum from Hughes:

- Homecoming is Oct 28. Students will arrive at Hughes at 9:00pm & will be sent home at 11:00pm.
- The area around Hughes is backed up between 7:30-8:00am because Hughes is cell phone free. The students standing line to get a pouch to put their phone in. The pouches are locked up until the end of the day.
- Hughes passed the first quarter Fire Department inspection. This allows them to provide food for students. There are 1200 students. They are still working on a fire plan.
- Hughes passed on their lockdown drill & received a 100% on lab inspections.
- Hughes is partnering with UC, collecting food for the Veterans Hospital for homeless vets during November.
- Hughes is collecting hygiene donations between 7:30am-3:30pm at the Hughes school office for their students in need during November.
- Heidi's email: Yocumhe@cpsboe.k12.oh.us
- NSP (Neighborhood Support Program). The City's Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) provides annual funding to Community Councils for neighborhood projects and activities. It is our main source of funding. A Community Council's NSP proposal must be approved in an open meeting which includes any residents living within that neighborhood, then a presentation to the NSP Review Committee made of other neighborhoods.
- Mary Singler presented the survey results: The fund allocation is prioritized at the annual meeting in November. CUF is expecting to receive \$7,000.
- The NSP Survey had 21 responses with 24 ideas. 6 ideas are already in process. There were 12 new ideas: 50% related to neighborhood beautification; 38% related to trash cans. 2 ideas were out of scope: improving the entrance to Fairview Park, including updated signage; improving Hollister Triangle, which is privately owned.
- NSP Survey Topics: Neighborhood Beautification, including Parks, Connect Neighbors, Parking, Safety, CUFNA Increased Membership, Newsletters, Refreshments at Meetings, Grant Finders, Board Member Training.
- We submit our application by percentages.
- Anyone interested in helping can sign up on

this chat & on the sign-up sheet at the meeting.

- Invest in Neighborhoods
The City of Cincinnati has public meetings for input on the City Manager's Draft Community Engagement Plan and Policy. There will be meetings at the Hirsch Recreation Center on 10/24 and at the McKie Recreation Center on 11/02. Both meetings are from 6-7:30 pm. Click [here](#) to go to the meeting website.
- Treasurer Report (below). The Treasurer says we have about \$5,000 to use by the end of the year if anyone has suggestions. Our 2 main sources of income are from NSP & Invest In Neighborhoods.
- University of Cincinnati update: Megan Smith says UC is collecting data on Jefferson Ave for Pedestrian Safety & will share the findings with the City.
- UC has not bought the Crematorium for student housing.
- University Relations/Town & Gown: Tracy Schwetschenau, Daniel Cummings, Brooke Lipscomb.
- Daniel & Brooke have done 3 Walks & Talks in the CUF neighborhood with CPD, UCPD, & the Building & Planning Departments.
- The Government Relations Office, CPD, the City Manager Office & Daniel Cummins are working together to improve conditions in the neighborhood.
- Student ambassadors have been hired: Christina, Ally, Ha, Jabe, Liam, Josh, & Emily were present at the meeting. Welcome! Last month Ryan, from Hughes, worked with the student ambassadors.
- Trinitas and The Hub/Hotel Celare (Straight and Clifton) submitted major signage amendment without opposition from CUFNA. Final meeting 10/20/23 (Mark Becher). Betsy says Trinitas has a meeting with City Planning this Friday on the signage amendment.

Safety Updates:

- CFD Engine Co.19.
- UC Police: Sgt Brinker and Sgt Valerius:
- Saturday UC football home game at noon. Basketball is next.
- 2016-2021 Kia & Hyundai vehicles are targets for thefts. Scooters are being stolen now.
- CPD District 5: Amanda Johnson, Neighborhood Liaison Officer: amanda.johnson@cincinnati-oh.gov
- Redistricting Updates: CPD will have 2 officers, Officer Johnson & Officer Carroll, replacing Officer Dent in CUF. Officer Dent

is leaving in November with the police redistricting.

- Captain Cameron will be the new District 1 Captain. The neighborhood unit coverage will be scarce because we will only have 2 officers for the 6 communities in District 1. The Officer response time should be the same & there will still be familiar faces.
- Students and residents are advised to go to the City of Cincinnati.gov website for neighborhood safety updates.
- CPD collaborated with Daniel Cummins & Brooke Lipscomb to curtail parties especially before Homecoming & will do the same before Halloween.
- CPD is hiring.
- The annual Shop With A Cop event is taking place this year. If you would like to donate money or nominate a family, please email Officer Carroll at: carroll.todd@cincinnati-oh.gov
- Pedestrian Safety: CPD & Daniel Cummins made a flyer & walked the south side of CUF before homecoming during a Walk & Talk.
- We have 1 Parking Officer who comes to our neighborhood 1/2 day a week. Brooke Lipscomb will copy in Assistant City Manager Talent on emails about parking.

New Business:

- Voter Education Opportunities: LWV (League of Women Voters) brochures will be available on the table. If there are candidates or issue presenters at the meeting, after we adjourn, you are welcome to introduce yourself and speak.
 - Neighborhood Clean Up Opportunities. UC students partner with CUFNA to clean up the neighborhood. You can sign up on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA5AB28A4F8C52-september>
 - Watch for future clean up dates on the CUFNA website.
 - UC Student Updates: Madison Wesley is looking for feedback from residents. She is on the UC Government Council & is working on Public Safety.
 - Their group is looking to get gender biased training for the local bars.
 - They are looking for a connection with the City Business Association. Madison has been advised to contact Jack Martin.
 - For pedestrian concerns, please send feedback to Madison's Email: wesleymo@mail.uc.edu
- Public Safety Task Force:
UC student class of 2024, Abdul Charif, whose education research project has been focusing

on pedestrian safety in the neighborhood, will provide a presentation for the community.

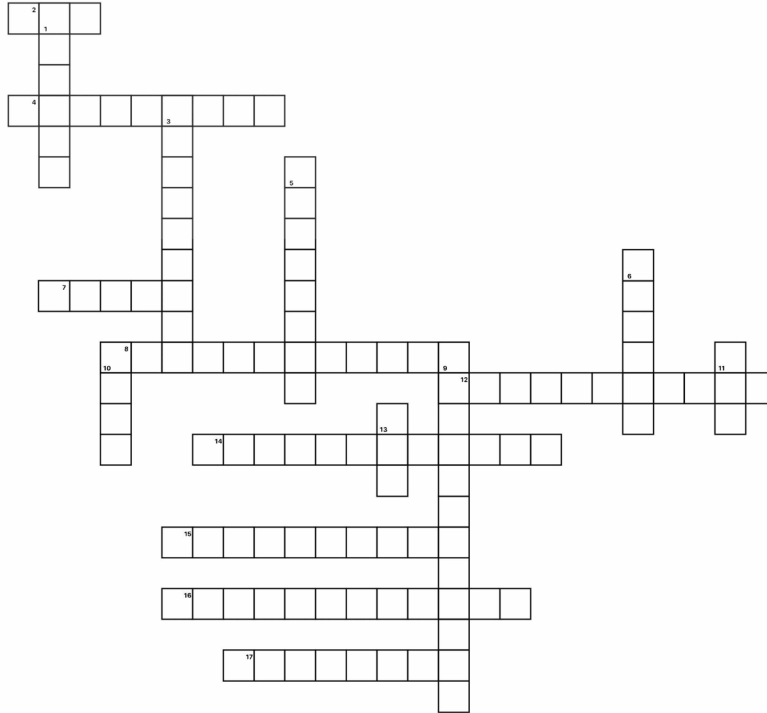
- Abdul is a fourth-year medical science & health student. He is a peer leader for 20 Freshmen with the same major.
- Abdul presented a Power Point on Pedestrian Safety. The goal is that 10 coworkers will show the Power Point to Freshmen. Then next semester he will recommend the information as a class for all Freshman & by next Fall, hopefully the class will be a requirement.
- Many students come from small towns & don't walk, ride or scooter.
- The Power Point encourages students to pay attention to signs, slip lanes & learn bike hand signals; to register bikes with Public Safety; learn how to use Metro Routes; promote Group Rides.
- There is a feedback form at end of the presentation/lesson plan. UCPD will like the survey results. CUFNA will post the results on its website.
- A concern is the number of scooters & bikes that illegally use sidewalks instead of the streets.
- Abdul's Email : abdulmcf@mail.uc.edu
- Points Of Pride:
- Trash pickups: Thank you Mary Smith for picking up trash daily on Flora St.
- Neighborhood Garden: Thank you, Maureen France and crew!
- CUF go Vibrant results. It looks like CUF is #1 on the neighborhood challenge.

Linda moved to adjourn at 8:07pm.

Minutes submitted by Kelly



CUF CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Down

1. Hotel under construction (6)
3. Neighborhood walking challenge (9)
5. STEM school (8)
6. Student housing to open in 2024 (6)
9. Occurs every December (12)
10. A UC college (4)
11. Park in CUF (3)
13. Clifton Heights, University Heights, Fairview (3)

Across

2. Local theater (3)
4. Park named for a nature volunteer (9)
7. Meets the third Tuesday of the month (5)
8. Closing after 47 years (12)
12. Houses Jewish archives (11)
14. Location of first Friday concerts (12)
15. Location of Backpack event (10)
16. Location of public basketball hoops (12)
17. Former Christian Science Church (8)

(Answers on last page)

CUF Neighborhood Association Financial Report: October, 2023

Balance on: 9-30-2023	\$7,727.97
Income:	
Dues on-line	10.00
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Total Income:	+ 20.00
Expenses:	
Wild Apricot fees	2.63
UCPD Shop with a Cop	200.00
Genesis Events, Bellevue	3350.00
Pitts Construction, garden	790.02
Decal Impressions, newsletter	458.49
GCWW	11.29
Northside Bank VISA	158.84
Total Expenses:	- 1,971.27
Bank balance:	\$5,776.70
Remaining amount to be spent from KCB grant:	- 1,111.92
Unencumbered	4,664.78

Krohn holiday show

Golden Days of Yule,
November 11, 2023 -
January 7, 2024.

This holiday season, Krohn Conservatory will be filled with a warm glow as illuminated stars shine over colorful poinsettias, lush tropical foliage and holiday trees. Threading through the horticultural exhibit are the traditional garden railways and miniature Cincinnati landmarks made of locally sourced plant material by Applied Imagination. Joining the iconic collection this year is our newest addition, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

Carry on the special holiday tradition at the Krohn Conservatory. You will leave feeling refreshed by our natural environment and magical holiday glow.

[Purchase tickets online.](#)

Tickets may also be purchased at the door.



Taste of Belgium reopens

Taste of Belgium is now open at the Verge building, 165 W. McMillan Street. It has moved from Short Vine into what was formerly Fuzzy's Taco Shop.

Urban Agriculture mini grants

from the city of Cincinnati:

The Office of Environment and Sustainability has announced the Urban Agriculture Program Mini Grant Opportunity for the upcoming year. This program annually bolsters the local agricultural community as it provides financial grants to support agricultural production and growing sites, as well as local food aggregation and distribution sites in Cincinnati. For those eager to participate in this round of the Urban Agriculture Program Mini Grant Opportunity, the application process as well as funding guidelines are now open and can be accessed on the [Office of Environment and Sustainability website](#). Applications will be accepted through November 17th.

New plans for Central Parkway

In late October the Cincinnati Department of Transportation & Engineering shared a draft of the preferred plan for Central Parkway between Plum and Liberty streets.

"The draft preferred alternative was developed from four preliminary concepts shared with the public in late August. Those concepts and the current draft are based on feedback gathered during a public work session and from surveys.

Highlights include:

- Significantly increased landscaping and tree canopy
- Half the amount of pavement
- Nearly half as much median area
- Raised, planted medians, where possible
- A large pedestrian plaza adjacent to TQL Stadium
- Greatly reduced pedestrian crosswalk distances
- Separated/protected sidewalk-level bike lanes along the length of the corridor
- New lighting along the entire corridor and at intersections
- New traffic signals"

To look at the plans and renderings [click here](#).

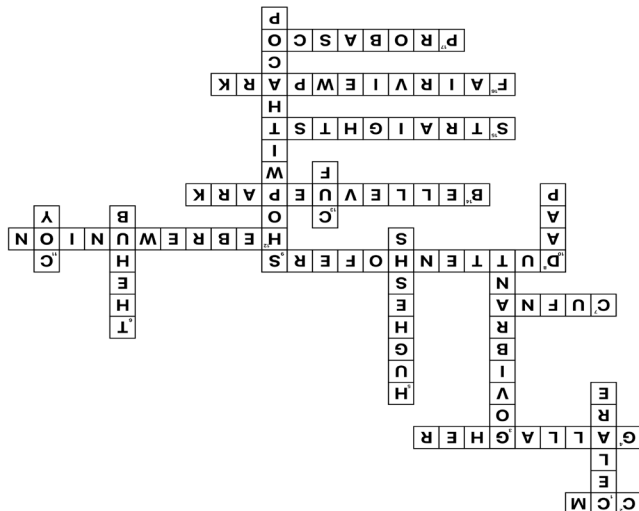
Old CUF

An electric streetcar winds its way up Clifton Avenue in 1928 as a passing car heads toward a row of billboards and around the bend to Vine Street. The cliff below what is now Bellevue Park is pictured with no fencing. Two city maintenance workers on the left are setting up an excavation site to clear rubble from the curb area. The street is composed of brick pavers in this scene.



Photo source: UC Digital Resource Commons

Crossword puzzle answers





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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, Hebrew Union College (HUC), 3101 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, Hebrew Union College (HUC), 3101 Clifton Avenue.

CUF Neighborhood Association

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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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