



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

November 2020

Next monthly meeting:

November 17, 2020

Online Format, 7 p.m.

Dear Neighbors,

In terms of our funding sources at the city, this is the end of one cycle and the beginning of another. In 2020, we received \$802.00 from the Annual Interest Grant through Invest in Neighborhoods. With those funds, we purchased mulch, a replacement tree in Fairview Park, a bulk mail permit and postage.

Our final FY 2020 Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) report has been submitted and approved. We completed projects in three categories. In the Beautification category we spent \$3525.00 to replace our community water line that had been damaged. The new water line includes security features to offer protection. In the Newsletter category we spent \$540.50 to print and mail the January and May CUFNA newsletters. In the Marketing and Membership category, we spent \$2105.00 for development of the CUFNA website and signage for monthly meetings.

Our FY 2021 NSP proposal for \$7987.00 has just been approved by the city. So far, we are planning two projects that were derailed last year due to Covid. The go Vibrant walking route has been developed; design and installation of the signage will occur this year. We will again contract with the Park Board for maintenance of 18 flower pots located throughout CUF. In addition, there are usual expenses for postage and newsletters. That leaves about \$1200.00 for other beautification projects. We welcome ideas and participation from the community. Please let us hear from you this year!

CUF Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting

Video Conference Platform (provided by INVEST)

20 October 2020 - The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm, by Charles (Chip) Kussmaul (please note: The audio recording option available in this digital platform will only be executed to assist with the drafting of meeting minutes and will be deleted upon approved finalization of these minutes).

Guests:

- UCPD (University of Cincinnati Police Dept.) – Officer Carra Sparks
- CPD (Cincinnati Police Department) District 5 – Captain Craig Gregoire, Sgt. Todd Ploehs, Officer Nick Hageman
- Trinitas & Associates – Aaron Bartels & Mark Becher
- DSD Advisors (Parking Solutions Study) – Colleen Reynolds
- CHCURC (Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corp) – Brenden Regan
- UCURC (University of Cincinnati Urban Redevelopment Corp) – Megan Smith
- Clifton CRC (Cincinnati Recreation Center) – Tom Reece

Special Guests:

- Cincinnati City Council Member – Greg Landsman
- City of Cincinnati Quality-of-Life Division Attorney – Erica Faaborg

Safety Updates:

- UCPD Officer Sparks provided a schedule of upcoming UC Bearcat and FC Cincinnati Home Games (minus fans – emails will be sent out if this changes). He also advised that 2 new Communications Dispatchers have recently been hired and plans are in place to hire 3 more Public Safety Security Officers. Officer Sparks also continued previous months discussion regarding off-campus student “nuisance” houses and UC Code of Conduct requirements (including allowing the accused students to an opportunity to tell their side of the story).

He also stated that suspensions/expulsions are the maximum punishment administered by the University. Please call UCPD at 556-1111 for student code of conduct complaints (loud parties, littering, disturbing the peace, etc.) which usually occur on UC game days and usually involve non-Greek (frat) houses. Officers Sparks and Vestring will then contact the students listed from the weekend on the following Monday or Tuesday. Other items listed by Officer Sparks were the special UCPD patrols every Saturday night between 8:00 pm – midnight, please remove valuables from your cars, and please do not leave your running car unattended (most vehicles stolen in the area belong to food delivery drivers) Lastly, Officer Sparks mentioned this year's Holiday Shop-with-a-Cop event and please email him if you would like to donate or if you know of a local family that would benefit (each child receives \$100.00 to spend as they wish). Times will be staggered and only 1 family at a time will be escorted in the store with mandatory masks and social distancing.

- CPD-5 Officer Hageman provided the latest CUF crime stats and advised that all categories have decreased other than Auto Thefts which have spike very high. Officer Hageman also continued previous months discussion on large motorcycle crowd gatherings (including dirt bikes and quads) on weekends and the police efforts on weekend evenings to counter this, also that the owner of the Shell Gas Station at Ohio Avenue is cooperating with CPD-5 on their own accord with extra police presence in the area between 11:00 pm and 2:00 am (Friday & Saturday nights). Additionally, Officer Hageman advised that CPD will have additional patrol officers out on Halloween night (Saturday, 31 October 2020), and that High Visibility Police Patrols will take place during the upcoming Holiday Shopping Season. Lastly, Officer Hageman advised that CPD-5 is working with the Parks Department to find solutions to enhance safety in Bellevue and Fairview Parks including better signage and lighting, and possibly an eventual closing of the drive around circle in Bellevue Park. CPD-5 Sgt. Ploehs advised that there has been more recent ticketing of OT (over-time) parked cars but that many aren't actually junked cars but off-campus virtual students. He also advised that due to COVID-19, currently expired car tags have until December 2020 to be renewed. Chip Kussmaul proceeded to thank the CPD-5 for ticketing illegally parked cars which pose safety hazards (blocking driveways, too close to the street corner, etc.). Regarding large groups of motorcycles, some questions were asked about

Saturday afternoon on 10 October 2020, when several complaints were publicized over social media in the Clifton, Corryville, CUF, Northside, and several other neighborhoods (including the Western Hills Viaduct). This incident involved approximately 200 motorcycles riding together, illegally more than 2 abreast (they took over the entire WH Viaduct in both directions forcing traffic to halt stand still), running red lights, unauthorized stopping and aggressively interfering with car drivers at major intersections (ex: MLK & Vine Street). CPD-5 Capt. Gregoire spoke of a sanctioned and escorted Peace Motorcycle Ride Event that occurred back on October 3rd but appeared to be unaware of the October 10th incident (which was not police sanctioned or escorted or legal or safe). Jenn Martin proceeded to ask CPD-5 for status on the 14 September Fire Arms Discharge in Fairview Park (this was asked about at last month's General Meeting but no answer was provided). Sgt. Ploehs advised that he would research this and email her a response.

Guest & Special Guest Speakers:

- Aaron Bartels of Trinitas & Associates and other Development Partners (Joe Antunovich, Eric Lucas, and Brent Crawford provided a quarterly update for the retail/hotel/streetscaping/student housing sections of "The District at Clifton Heights". The Development Agreement for TIF approval by the City is anticipated for December 2020, Final Development of Phase 1 streetscape/public parking/student housing slated for February 2021, and Bond Closing is slated for May 2021. Reports, Discussions & Announcements:

- The Treasurer's Report was shared by Chip Kussmaul
- Tom Reece representing the Clifton CRC (Cincinnati Recreation Center) reported that the Clifton Trunk-or-Treat scheduled for Saturday, 24 October 2020 has been cancelled for COVID-19 concerns.
- LSDMC (Local School Decision Making Committee) Rep for Hughes High School, Lyn Martin advised that they met recently but no new updates to report. LSDMC Rep for CANS (Clifton Area Neighborhood School), Tracy Schwetschenau was not present to report at tonight's meeting.
- Parks updates: Linda Ziegler reported that Druffle Landscaping removed old dirt and replaced with new and that CUF volunteers planted new plants and flowers in 18 flower pots last Saturday. Jack Martin informally requested input for a new name for Fairview Parks switchback trail (new signage will follow).

- CHBA (Clifton Heights Business Association) updates: Jack Martin reported there are no new updates to report.
- NOU (Neighborhoods of Uptown) updates: Linda Ziegler advised that there is a Virtual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, 22 October 2020.
- INVEST in Neighborhoods: Chip Kusmaul advised that there is a Virtual Event scheduled for Thursday, 22 October 2020 from 5:30-6:30 pm. Chip also advised that he has recently had a one-on-one Virtual Meeting with Elizabeth Bartley of INVEST regarding various CUF issues.
- UCURC (UC Community Urban Redevelopment Corp) updates: Megan Smith reported that the UC main campus is only at 70% in person attendance through the Spring 2021 Term. She also advised that UC has a multiple COVID-19 testing events on campus and there is also a mobile app being used for contact tracing.
- FY-2021 CBRs (Community Budget Requests): Jack Martin is working on these and will be submitting the same 3 projects from the past few years – (1) South side of W. McMillan sidewalk, (2) Reconstruction of Warner Street Steps, and (3) 1-way streets with 2-way bicycle lanes between Ravine Street & Ohio Avenue (which will narrow the car lane) and that the CHBA and affected Landlords are in favor of this.
- KCB (Keep Cincinnati Beautiful) Safe & Clean Grants: Nathan Hess advised that CUF is always notified with reminder emails but has not consistently applied for these available grants. The grant program is up to \$10K matching for 1 single project every 6 months (February & August of each year), so neighborhoods can either pay their portion in cash or volunteer labor. He would like to apply for a mural project on the wall of the Ravine Street Market (facing Ravine Street) to prevent the ongoing graffiti tagging that occurs there but has yet to hear back from the owners of the building.
- CHCURC (Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corp) Block 1 & CUF Housing Initiative: Chip Kusmaul advised that there are no new updates to report.
- Street Sweeping: Chip Kusmaul advised that he and Jack Martin would check with Joel Koopman of Public Services for any status on this.
- Welcome Wagon: Chip Kusmaul asked if anyone might be interested in spearheading this for CUF. At the present time there were no volunteers.
- Bellevue Park Circle close-off: Jack Martin advised that this was planned for discussion at this year's fall community picnic but due to COVID-19, the community event was cancelled. Informal discussions with Steve Schuckman

at the Park Board indicates they would be receptive to this idea as long as it is all parties affected are lobbied for input.

- Rental Registration Program: Eric Faaborg, City Attorney advised that per the ordinance, a “problem” property must meet a certain threshold and criteria (such as delinquent taxes/code violation orders in last 12 months), Landlords will receive written notice from the Building Inspector, and that next month she should be able to bring the 1st month's data.
- Additional items: Nathan Hess advised that Council Member Kearney will be holding a Virtual Open Office on Thursday, 22 October 2020 at 5:30 pm and please contact her office to register. Nathan also advised that Communities United for Action is holding their next Virtual Meeting on Thursday, 29 October 2020 and please go to their Face Book Page to register. Jack Martin advised that UC is sponsoring COVID-19 Testing open to the public on Saturday, 24 October 2020 from 12 noon to 4:00 pm at Hughes High School (upper deck parking lot if good weather or lower deck parking garage if bad weather).

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:43 pm

Next General Meeting: 17 November 2020, 7:00 pm, location TBD

Next Board Meeting: 1 December 2020, 7:00 pm, location TBD

CUF Neighborhood Association financial report

October 31, 2020

Balance on: Sep 30, 2020	\$ 6,221.71
Income:	
Membership	\$ 20.00
Total income:	+ \$ 20.00
Expenses:	
Robert Jones Plumbing	\$ 3,525.00
Ziegler - Reimb Printing	\$ 122.00
GCWW	\$ 7.18
Total expenses:	- \$ 3,654.18
Balance on: Oct 31, 2020	\$ 2,587.53

Go Vibrant 2020 Million Step Challenge

Thank you for participating in the 5th Annual go Vibrant Million Step Challenge. We all know that 2020 has been an anomaly but we still managed to walk over 56 million miles for our neighborhoods and as a community!

With over 42 million steps, nearly double the amount of the next neighborhood, Mt. Washington takes 1st place of the Million Step Neighborhood Challenge!

The top 3 neighborhoods in 2020 were:
1st Place Mt. Washington – 42,720,212 Steps
2nd Place Norwood – 25,371,887 Steps
3rd Place Downtown/Mt Adams – 14,577,949 Steps

In its first year of competition, CUF finished in 4th place.

Collectively, all of the 2020 participants logged 112,250,665 steps or 56 million miles as a Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky community. Great job!

The purpose of the Challenge is to get people out and active while building neighborhood camaraderie. We had 75 INDIVIDUALS walk over 1 Million Steps on their own this year, what an accomplishment!

We heard from Million Step participants that it has changed their communities for the better, the true spirit mission of the Million Step Challenge, which is to get our neighbors out and active.

For more details and breakdown of all neighborhoods go to <http://www.govibrant.org/stepup/>

If you are looking for places to walk, we've got the list of go Vibrant walking routes online -www.govibrant.org

Uptown business workshop

Available to the entire Uptown small business community.

- Thursday, November 19 from 2- 4PM on Zoom
- Register here:

<http://www.uptowncincinnati.com/uptown-forward>

- Topics: brand development, messaging, community engagement, social media (+advertising), SEO (search engine optimization), & ecommerce solutions.
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Mill Creek Alliance

Vote Daily for MCA!

We are a FINALIST for Cincy Magazine's Nonprofit of the Year Awards in two Environmental Quality categories.

OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Over the last 20 years, MCA has worked with over 40,000 middle school and high school students. Our programs include classroom presentations, field experiences including water quality sampling/testing and macroinvertebrate sampling, and service learning opportunities using Mill Creek as a living laboratory. A large majority of our Environmental Education programs are provided to Cincinnati Public School District students, often from underserved, majority minority communities. In response to pandemic restrictions, MCA has created virtual resources including virtual field trips on Water Quality and Macroinvertebrate sampling to introduce their students to watershed ecology and water quality monitoring.

COMMUNITY/NATURE AREA CLEANUP/ ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

MCA works to restore and protect Mill Creek and its watershed, while also benefiting communities and businesses. In 2020 alone, MCA has completed two Mill Creek restoration projects and obtained funding for three additional sites. In addition, our stream cleanups have resulted in the removal of over 1000 tires and 10,000 pounds of trash from the stream. As a result, the Mill Creek ecosystem is making an amazing comeback with freshwater mussels, bass, walleye, mink, osprey, and other indicator species repopulating the stream. Another key species...People... are rediscovering Mill Creek as a prime destination for biking, hiking, paddling, and fishing.

VOTE for Mill Creek Alliance

<https://cincymagazine.secondstreetapp.com/2020-Cincy-Non-Profit/>

Scroll down to the Environmental Quality category, then search for MCA under "Community/Nature Area Cleanup/ Enhancement Projects" and "Outdoor Environmental Education".

Select "Vote", then enter your contact information. You can vote Daily until November 20, 2020!

Cincinnati Zoo visits

Reserve Your Spot!

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR ALL VISITORS

<http://cincinnati-zoo.org/support/>

For the best value, become a Zoo member! A membership pays for itself in just 3 visits or less, and all levels are ON SALE NOW!

Everyone visiting the Zoo, including members, needs to make a reservation. The availability per timeslot will differ between member reservations and admission tickets.

All sales final. There is currently no re-entry.

Members: to cancel a reservation please email membership@cincinnati-zoo.org

Yoga at Burnet Woods

Through Dec. 26 (Saturdays), Burnet Woods, 11am-11:45 am [DETAILS HERE](#)





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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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