

**Clifton Community Council
Board of Directors Meeting
August 16, 2011
6 p.m.
Clifton Center Annex Room**

MINUTES

Attending: John Beckman, Jim Brauner, Sam Dodson, Cher Robinson, Pam Sheehan, Lisa Work;
Guest: David Sharpe

Board Members Absent: Jason Brauner, Edgar Eaves, Janie Eaves, Pat Leitsch, Bill Wright; Ped & Bicycle Access Committee Chair Cassandra Cullin

Co-Chair Sam Dodson called the meeting to order.

Special Presentation: David Sharpe presented a demonstration on, which he is developing for community councils and neighborhood groups. There would be a split on advertising income to pay for the site. The website, which will be discussed further at our next board meeting, may be seen at sidewalknetwork.com.

Minutes: Lisa Work made a motion to approve the July minutes with the following corrections submitted by Cassandra Cullin: under Sustainability Committee, second paragraph, replace "submitting" with "circulating for review," and under other business that Cassandra mentioned the Board's responsibility to submit a Form 990 to the IRS.

Co-Chair Report: Sam reported that he and Jason attended the recent Crescent Hill Community Council Board Meeting, and that it was quite different from ours. There were approximately 35 people attending, and Tina Ward-Pugh made a presentation. It was suggested that the two Councils each have a non-voting liaison attend each others board meetings. Sam moved to approve a liaison from Crescent Hill Community Council to attend our board meetings. Lisa seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Lori Jacobs has agreed to liaise with our Board. Lisa then moved to have a member of our Board to serve as liaison to Crescent Hill; it was seconded by John and unanimously carried. Sam has agreed to serve as the liaison.

Land Use and Preservation Committee: John Beckman presented his report to the Board via email prior to the meeting, which is attached and made a part of these minutes by reference. Upon request, John further explained the communication from David Coyte. There is an alley off of lower Jane Street (behind John Baker's house) which gives access for MSD, and a porch on a house David owns is 5' onto the easement. The city deeded the 5' to David, still leaving a 15' wide alley access.

John further explained that Longshot Tavern has been sold for a dessert shop. They plan to paint the metal roof red, and to get rid of the greenhouse cover and making an open patio in that area.

Beautification: Cher distributed her report prior to the meeting to those in attendance. The report is attached and made a part of these minutes by reference. Cher said that David Coyte and the Orchard Project would like to use the triangular plot at Sycamore and Clifton. It was

agreed that this is not a project with which we should become involved, as there is much on the committee's plate already.

Cher also mentioned the poor upkeep of trees and their small plots and would like to work on having this cleaned up. She will contact Kyle Ethridge to find out who is responsible for this.

Newsletter: Sam reported that newsletter copy is at the designer's and it will go to the printer next week.

Pedestrian & Bicycle Access: Cassandra was unable to attend this meeting and submitted the attached report to the board prior to the meeting.

Other Business: Lisa said that we need to replace our mailbox key at The UPS Store, and suggested we get a spare. The \$20 cost for two keys was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Work
Secretary

Attachment #1
LUPC Report to the CCC Board:

The Clifton ARC is tentatively set to take up the task force appointment and organization of the process for the remaining sections of the Clifton HP guidelines at its meeting on August 24th, this according to Dave Marchal at Metro Landmarks. Dave also tells me that he has received six responses to the task force invitation at this point. That number includes the two CCC designees and the FABA designate.

I have heard several rumors of the completion of the sale of the Longshot Tavern at Frankfort & Rastetter Ave. I requested information from Steve Wisner, the local architect retained by the buyer. Steve tells me that he too has heard rumors of the closing, and will check with his client this week for more information.

The next meeting between CCC and Councilwoman Tina Ward-Pugh has been rescheduled to Friday September 2nd. If you have concerns or requests for information on any subject that you would like me to convey to the Councilwoman, please let me know before the meeting date.

Coincidentally, my apologies for not yet reporting on an issue brought up at the previous July 1st meeting with the Councilwoman. The issue was a question from Cher Robinson as to whether the narrow portion of N. Jane St. adjacent to the east side of the Kroger/Chinese restaurant could be widened so as to allow those motorists turning right from the Kroger parking lot to have adequate room to make that turn southward onto Jane while staying clear of northbound traffic. The Councilwoman responded that that section of North Jane was previously narrowed for a safety reason: to act as a traffic retarder to slow the speed of motorists proceeding north on Jane down the hill.

My contact with the developers of the Kroger Gas Station tells me that Kroger Corporate has signed off on approval of the project, and that demo and construction should begin sometime after the end of September '11.

In response to my questions about a meeting notice I received from Metro government regarding resolving an alley easement issue at 148 North Jane St., I received the following reply from David Coyte, the property owner at 148 N. Jane:

John,

The Alley in question goes from N. Jane at the bottom of the big hill West to the undeveloped Martin Ave., which is the driveway coming off Sycamore serving the Metzmeiers and my garage behind 148 N. Jane. It turns out that my house at 148 N. Jane is slightly in the Alley easement. This means I have a great deal of difficulty doing anything to the exterior of the property. They are vacating the N. 5 feet of the alley which gets me out of the easement and retains adequate room for the drainage easement which is there as well. The alley is 20' wide and undeveloped except for the portion leading to Peggy Sue's back parking lot. Hope this clarifies it.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,
David

-Submitted by John Beckman, co-chair Clifton Community Council Land Use & Preservation Committee 8/15/11.

Attachment #2 Beautification Committee Report

Due to the lack of volunteers to assist in the garden sites on New Main, Frankfort, Clifton and Payne Streets/Ave., I have decided to go to the Dismiss House for help.

On Wednesday, August 10th, my husband Lenny and I went to the Dismiss House located on fifteenth street, in the West End and signed supervisory papers to borrow four inmates for a clean up scheduled for Saturday, August 20th. Time: 8 Am until 11 Am. Because the sites are broken up I will need an extra man to attend. There is not a chance of any danger. It is just a precaution to have another male working or present in the same area just to let the inmate know he is still under a watchful eye. The four chosen are on their last step to being released and need community points. They are chosen with extreme caution from the Dismiss House Director according to their in house records and past community efforts. Below are points we must follow:

1. They are not to ask for anything except a bathroom break and refreshments
2. They are not allowed to talk to any passers by
3. They are not to ask for a cell phone or be allowed to use a phone
4. They are not to ask for cigarettes or money.
5. They are not to go anywhere without an escort other than the sites

They will be picked up by Lenny and me, in the morning and returned shortly after 11 Am. If all goes well they can return upon another request. Those chosen will have an interest in gardening of some kind. These are not hardened criminals. Not murders or rapists. Most likely child support or drug abusers finishing out their time served. We have been reassured that we will be perfectly safe and should not encounter any problems with the ones chosen.

On a personal note: I find it extremely sad that I can't get a few volunteers once a week for their community. We have, to date, five dedicated folk that work on these sites all week long. But not continuously. They are:

Cher Robinson
Lenny Robinson
Pam Sheehan
Jim Johnson
Jerry Warner
Cathy Wamer

A young couple Lauren and Ashley stopped by to help two weekends ago.

The weather has been over the top hot so only a few hours here and there have been worked. But every Saturday for three hours at least.

I received a forwarded email from John Baker about concerns to make use of the triangle grassy medium located in front of the nursing home connecting Clifton and Sycamore Aves. The talk was who should get control of this space. Should The Beautification Committee take charge of its maintenance or The Orchard Project or just allow local residents to do with it what they may? Right now one of the local residents keeps it mowed and the employees from the Nursing Home, that smoke have placed two plastic milk crates there to rest and smoke. Although I have noticed that no cigarette butts were found on the ground. But I was informed it was because the neighbor that mows cleans it up.

Here are my thoughts. The site is located at the end of our Clifton Ave site and is considered community property. Thank you neighbor for mowing it. If the locals want to see this space used, I

suggested color and aesthetic plants and perhaps a wooden hand made bench from Jerry Wamer to accommodate the smokers. Thoughts of making it look like a small park, if you will.

I walked through the little orchard that David showed me from the Orchard Project located across the street and inquired what it would take to grow thorn less berries on the round site? After seeing the orchard I just could not see that growing in the middle of a public street let alone the thought of people stopping, parking and picking berry's in the middle of an already questionable intersection. If there has to be something done I think it should come from the Beautification Committee and something simple, easy to maintain, and pleasing to the eye should be planed for that space. No disrespect to the Orchard Project but far to messy for the center of an intersection.

Next, I drove up and down Frankfort and Brownsboro road. What I noticed was approximately 76 trees on the North side of Frankfort and approximately 86 on the South Side. They have weeds growing all around them and look terrible. I don't think they have been mulched in some time. Some need pruning. Some need vitamins. My point here is that this is our main street. I think something should happen:

1. Approach the business owners and see if they are willing to maintain the tree outside their business.
2. Contact Metro and see if the trees fall under city responsibility.
3. Let Beautification come up with a plan to clean them up and perhaps get them to all be the same like the ones on Shelbyville road by the water company. May need to ask Tina Ward for assistance.

My next concern is the condition of the sidewalks through out our community. Not the cement, but the overgrowth. I walk my dogs everyday and try to walk a different path when ever I can. I get whacked with brush, over grown Hydrangeas' & vines, tall grasses tangled in my flip flops, dirt & gravel spilled, and of course trash. As I see it, these are public streets and the home owners need to do some maintenance. I was stopped in my yard a few weeks ago by a driver that insisted I cleanup the corner of my property where the AT&T boxes are. So I did. That made me even more aware of the nuisance of over growth. I have had several complaints of overgrowth throughout our neighborhood. Most times I tell them to either talk to their neighbor or just call 31 1.

A few of the locations I have listed below.

Sycamore Ave

Jane St

Alley and North Jane to Kroger

Varanese Restaraunt

I get more and more complaints as the weeks go by. Folks see me working in the gardens so now they know who I am. An abandoned vehicle has been reported parked so long on New Main its growing weeds inside. Had a trash issue there as well. Acquired two wire trash bins from solid waste, thank you Kyle Ethridge. Placed one at the top of Clifton and haven't decided yet where to place the second. They will be chained down as folks are stealing these and scrapping them. I have been informed there are no more available. We are missing the cover to the city trash can at the Frankfort Ave bus stop- No one seems to know what happened to it. City is baffled. Probably scrapped as well

Attachment #3
Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee Report

Report of June 9, 2011 Meeting:

1) Brownsboro Road, North construction: The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was delivered to District 5 last month. It goes from there to Frankfort for final signature, then Metro advertises for a minimum of 21 days, then 3 weeks to select and get a contractor under contract. We are awaiting word that the project is being advertised.

2) Brownsboro Road, South mud: Councilwoman Tina Ward-Pugh is working on this. Cassandra will follow up.

3) Lower Jane Street Sidewalk: Breaking news from Tina Ward Pugh – the log-jam in negotiating the contract for the right of way has been broken. We hope the contract for the easement will be completed soon.

4) Upper Jane Street Sidewalk: Awaiting word that about progress toward negotiating the easement.

5) Kroger Gas Station: Concern about accommodating pedestrians during construction and issues which may arise if both this project and the Brownsboro sidewalk are being constructed at the same time. Cassandra and Anne McMahan, Clifton Heights Chair, to write emails to involved parties.

6) UCHM Pedestrian Access: From Sue Gentry, UCHM Director - they are working on getting some of the work done pro bono.

7) Sidewalk Access on Frankfort Avenue: John Beckman of Clifton and Cassandra to make contact with the Crescent Hill Community Council.

8) Clifton Car-Free Guide: Cassandra to follow up, with assistance of Jan Weber.

9) Tia Jenkins of Clifton Heights raised the issue of speeding on Lindsey and Mt. Holly. Anne will follow up on this with an email.

10) To follow up on our discussion of close calls, Metro has an online form for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists to report close calls. This is "another tool we use to assess potential conflict points and the frequency of near misses at these locations. As you may know, bicycle and pedestrian related crashes are under reported and this offers another way to address issues before they result in a crash." (quoted from the site)

Here is the link to the site:

http://www.louisvilleky.gov/BikeLouisville/close_call_form.htm

Agenda for August 11 meeting:

- Brownsboro Road Sidewalk, North construction - Update
- Brownsboro Road Sidewalk, South mud - Update
- Jane Street Sidewalks, upper and lower - Update
- Sidewalk Access - Update

- UCHM - Update
- Kroger Gas Station proposal - Update
- Car-Free Guide - report
- Comfy Cow Sidewalk
- Webinar on Crosswalk Signals - report