

Clifton Community Council
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 2012
6 p.m.
Clifton Center, Alcove Room

MINUTES

Board Members Present: John Beckman, Jason Brauner, Jim Brauner, Sam Dodson, Pam Sheehan, Lisa Work

Board Members Absent: Edgar Eaves, Janie Estes, Bill Wright

Liaisons Present: Cassandra Culin

Sam Dodson called the meeting to order.

Crime Report: The crime report sent by Officer Daniel English was distributed. It is attached and made a part of these minutes by reference.

Co-Chair Report: Sam said that Pat Leitsch is no longer our treasurer or board member. He has been in touch with a CPA who may keep the records in trade for advertising in our newsletter, there would also be a \$20 monthly data transmission fee. Lisa moved to have Sam approach the CPA, negotiate the ad size for trade, and approve the \$20 monthly data transmission fee. It was seconded by Jason and unanimously approved. John Beckman agreed to get our records up to date with Lisa's assistance.

Lisa noted that she received Cher Robinson's resignation from the board effective immediately, and that Cher will be moving out of state.

Sam further reported that FABA is short on paying for the trolley for the FAT Friday trolley hops, and that the last trolley hop did not have a trolley. FABA pays \$1500 on a brochure. Lisa suggested they seek a corporate sponsor.

We also received a \$10,000 check from Metro Neighborhood Development addressed to Pam Vetter, and Lisa said she would look into what it is for. (Note: Lisa approached Tina Ward-Puch approached after the board meeting and found out that the check is for the arborist project through Billy Goat garden. The check was turned over to Tina for delivery to Pam Vetter).

Jason brought up the fact that membership on the board is waning, and suggested that he send a letter to CCC members regarding volunteer opportunities including serving on the board and/or committees. John moved to approve the mailing and related expenses of up to \$200. Pam seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LUPC: The report is attached and made a part of these minutes by reference. John called for questions and received an inquiry about the guidelines task force being off schedule, to which John replied that instead of addressing an anticipated three guidelines per meeting they have only been able to address one.

Crime Report

Clifton Property Crime Report (January 17- February 21)

Theft of Controlled Substance		
1/26/2012 15:08	200 Blk N CLIFTON AVE	Victim believes an acquaintance stole his prescription drugs.
12/29/2011 22:00	2100 Blk SYCAMORE AVE	Victim had prescription medication stolen. Suspect is being investigated by detectives.
Theft From Auto		
1/23/2012 9:24	100 Blk N EWING AVE	Suspect broke window out to police cruiser but did not appear to take anything.
1/25/2012 0:01	100 Blk STATE ST	Unmarked police vehicle had window broken out. Nothing taken.
1/23/2012 7:35	200 Blk SAUNDERS AVE	Two unknown black male juveniles were seen inside victim's unlocked vehicle. Suspects stole a GPS unit.
Mislaidd property		
1/17/2012 13:46	2200 BROWNSBORO RD	Victim left money clip at bank, when he returned it was gone.
1/25/2012 16:00	2200 BROWNSBORO RD	Victim left purse in a shopping basket. Purse was taken.

Land Use & Preservation Committee Report

- 1) I have been at work participating in the Clifton HP Guidelines Review Task Force meetings which started on January 10th, 2012. While the Task Force meetings have not seen the level of neighborhood participation I had hoped for, review and discussion of the current guidelines has been robust, so robust that the Task Force has fallen behind its original schedule, and is only effectively covering one section per meeting, rather than the two-three that the original schedule had called for. With that the Task Force has come up with a new extended schedule for review of the remaining fourteen sections, plus dates for the actual consideration to incorporate suggestions into revisions language, and review dates for the application process itself. That new schedule will be in the upcoming spring issue of the Clifton Quarterly, which will serve as public meeting notice for the entire neighborhood. Here is that extended schedule:
 - 2)
 - [March 6](#): New Construction (both commercial and residential); removing Demolition from this week but taking comments for this from the public
 - [March 13](#): Masonry, Metal
 - [April 3](#): Archeology, Site
 - [April 10](#): Streetscape
 - [May 1](#): Roof
 - [May 8](#): Garage
 - [May 22](#): Demolition, Contributing/non-Contributing structures including map review
 - [May 29](#): Paint, Porch
 - [June 5](#): Storefront (and possible make-up session and/or Review of past sections)
 - [June 12](#): Siding
 - [July 10](#): Review suggestions and approve (1)
 - [July 24](#): Review suggestions and approve (2)
 - [July 31](#): Review suggestions and approve (3)
 - [August 7](#): Review suggestions and approve (4)
 - [August 14](#): LM Application Process Review (1)
 - [August 28](#): LM Application Process Review (2)
 - [September 11](#): open date if required
 - 3) Construction has commenced in early February on the Kroger Gas Station. The corner sidewalk/liquor store parking lot/bus stop changes at Brownsboro and Ewing Ave. were the start of the project in late January. A placement area and design for a "Clifton" neighborhood marker at the corner has not yet been agreed upon.
 - 4) LUPC was represented at a MSD meeting at MSD on January 10th, and a MSD public presentation on January 24th concerning the MSD CSO 127, otherwise known as the Lexington Storage basin behind Jim Porters. MSD is proposing to construct a 15 million gallon storage basin to keep sewer overflow during extreme rain events from going into Beargrass Creek, and the Ohio River. The City of Louisville is operating under a deadline for compliance with a federal consent decree to reduce overflows. The results of these meetings and presentations will be the topic for discussion at the February 28th LUPC meeting at 7PM at UCHM.

- 5) Coincident with item #3, concurrent with our board meeting Tuesday night is a Green Triangle/MSD presentation at the Clifton Center (6-8PM). The subject of this presentation is a pilot project for outfitting as many houses as possible on Payne St. (an area on Payne St. Bellaire west to Charleton, with sections of Quarry and Angora included) with rain barrels in a cooperative effort to keep storm water out of the sewers during any rain event. With this, MSD will be offering to underwrite the cost of the rain barrels and hookup for any property owner who signs on.. Our own CCC Sustainable Committee is a part of these efforts, with their goal being to extend these efforts to the entire Clifton neighborhood.

- 6) I urge you to attend to find out information on how this "green effort" may be able to contribute toward MSD's efforts to comply with the federal consent decree, and perhaps defray both the size of the proposed storm water retention basins, and future MSD rate increases.

Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee Report

FROM: Cassandra Culin, Clifton Co-Chair, 895-5727, cell 594-4405

Our Regular 3rd Thursday meeting this Thursday 7 pm, [February 16, 2012](#)
United Crescent Hill Ministries, UCHM, 150 State Street
(in the old Franklin School, enter off parking lot between Frankfort and Arlington).
Call Cassandra if you need a ride. Rides home will be available.

IMPORTANT: Please let Mayor Fischer and the merchants on Brownsboro Road know that you support the Brownsboro Road Sidewalk and Reconfiguration Project and sign the petition in support: <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/brownsboro-road-reconfiguration-and-sidewalk> More info below.

Report of [January 19, 2012](#) Meeting:

Attendees:

Clifton: Cassandra Culin, Co-Chair; Adam Ruschival; Bill Wright; John Beckman; Jeff Nowlin; David Coyte; Jan Weber; Emily Boone
Clifton Heights: Anne McMahon, Co-Chair; Kevin Burkhead
Crescent Hill: Joe Ward, Co-Chair

1) Brownsboro Road Sidewalk (All) – Update – Wow, a lot has happened! First, we have been assured that the project will proceed when the Sherman Minton Bridge is re-opened and traffic patterns get back to normal. Well over 70 people attended the 9th District Forum on [Jan. 25](#), apparently all in favor of this project. The opposition declined to participate.

The Clifton Community Council Board wrote a letter to the businesses we were told had signed the petition against the project. A petition was created in support of the project (link above). Cassandra Culin for Clifton, Anne McMahon for Clifton Heights, Joe Ward for Crescent Hill, Bill Deatherage for the Ky Council of the Blind, and Carla Ruschival for the Greater Louisville Council of the Blind wrote a letter published prominently on the editorial page of the C-J: <http://www.courier-journal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2012302060018> They also wrote a letter to the Mayor (email Cassandra for a copy). All of this as the opposition continues to falsely say that the project will eliminate 2 lanes of Brownsboro Road (only one lane will be used for a sidewalk; the 2 center lanes now basically used as turning lanes will be combined into one left turn lane).

2) McDonald's (Clifton & Clifton Heights) - Update – Cassandra and Anne represented pedestrians at the BOZA hearing on McDonald's Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a second drive-through lane in the rear. We said that we would support their application if pedestrians could go directly from the sidewalk to the front door, which their engineer said was impossible because it was too steep for ADA requirements. BOZA members were very clear that accommodations needed to be made, and McDonald's was given 2 weeks to work with the neighbors to develop a plan. Jennifer Caumissar, Traffic Engineer with Public Works, made the breakthrough suggestion: when there is more than one entrance, only one is required to be ADA compliant, so a plan was developed with wheelchair access as McDonald's had originally proposed (from the northwest corner of the property) and direct access from the street sidewalk to the front door along a sidewalk with 2 steps (with railings) down from street level.

3) Jane Street (Clifton) - Has been stalled because of right of way issues. In the its CUP case (described above), McDonald's withdrew it's objections to the sidewalk (McDonald's leases the property from owner Dahlem Enterprises). Metro is working on a "friendly condemnation" to obtain the right of way.

4) Safe Passage Initiative, Frankfort Ave. (Clifton & Crescent Hill) – contact Cassandra for a copy. Crescent Hill CC Board has adopted. Still on agenda for Clifton CC Board. Anne requested that Clifton Heights and Brownsboro Road be added to the initiative. Cassandra will forward her the draft.

5) Street Trees (Clifton) - Discussion postponed

6) Kroger Fuel Station Project and Sidewalk Construction (All) – no new news. We all need to watch for pedestrian access issues. Update – construction of the fuel station has begun.

7) Frankfort Ave. Bus Stop, #19 west, last before turn onto Clifton (Clifton) Adam Ruschival or Bill Wright will follow up with TARC.

8) Unused Public Rights of Way (ROW) (All): Discussion postponed.

9) Drescher Bridge Road Sidewalk – Ken Burkhead has been working with Councilwoman Tina Ward-Pugh on this important sidewalk project, which is on hold, but Tina says, "It will be done".

Agenda for [February 16](#) Meeting:

1 – Brownsboro Road Sidewalk (all) – report and planning

2 – Jane Street – (Clifton) report

3 – McDonalds CUP request and related pedestrian access issues (Clifton & Clifton Heights) – report

4 – Safe Passage Initiative (all) – report and further planning

5 – Street trees (all) – continued discussion; report from Adam

6 – Kroger Fuel Project (all) – report

7 – Bus Stop (Clifton) – update from Adam or Bill on last bus stop before the westbound #19 bus turns south on Clifton; report from John Beckman

8 – Unused Rights of Way (all)

9 – Begin planning for priority-setting (all)

Other updates

New Business