

Clifton Community Council
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2012
6 p.m.
Clifton Community Center, Alcove Room

MINUTES

Board Members Attending: Jason Brauner, Jim Brauner, Lisa Work, Bill Wright
Excused Absences: John Beckman, Sam Dodson, Cher Robinson
Absent: Edgar Eaves, Janie Estes, Pat Leitch, Pam Sheehan
Guests/Liaisons: Officer Jeff Artman, Jen Beckman, Cassandra Cullen

Crime Report: Officer Artman presented the attached crime report which is attached and made a part of these minutes by reference. He also reported that last year's violent crime was down 2 or 3%, and that property crimes were down 5%. Jason asked if we could get crime reports for the surrounding area, and Officer Artman agreed to provide the Beat 1 report which includes Crescent Hill, Clifton and Clifton Heights.

Minutes: The November board meeting minutes were accepted by those present.

Co-Chair Report: Jason reported that they have received estimates for replacing banners on Frankfort Avenue at \$200 each (includes design, fabrication and hanging) and are prepared to present this to Tina Ward-Pugh for her support. He asked if we were prepared to support the project if our Councilwoman doesn't. The following suggestions were made: Consider doing part of the banners to promote Clifton, and see if FABA will replace some of the banners; The board needs to see and up to date financial report prior to voting on an amount of support for this project.

Finance: No report

Land Use & Preservation: Lisa read the LUPC report which was submitted to board members by John Beckman via email prior to the meeting. The report is attached and made a part of these minutes by reference.

Sustainability: Jen reported that she approached MSD regarding trying to reduce the size of the proposed sewer basin at Lexington Rd and Grinstead Drive. At their suggestion, she surveyed 85 addresses to find out the status of their drainpipes. The results were: 51 drain into the sewer; 7 could not access to determine; 1 was both draining into the sewer and freeflowing; 20 were free flowing.

Jen said that Councilwoman Ward-Pugh's Green Triangle Board of Directors does not have a representative sanctioned by the CCC Board. All agreed that we should have one, and Jason said he and Sam would discuss this with Tina. Jen had submitted names of potential board members by the deadline, but none were selected.

Beautification: No report.

Clifton Crime Report
12/17/2011-1/17/2012

Theft

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| 12/17 | 2300 Blk Brownsboro Rd | Cash stolen from counter |
| 12/20 | 200 Blk Coral Ave | Laptop stolen from porch |
| 1/1 | 100 Blk N. Jane St | iPod, GPS stolen from vehicle |
| 1/2 | 100 Blk N. Jane St | Debit cards stolen] |
| 1/5 | 1700 Blk Frankfort Ave | Camera and iPod stolen from an office |
| 1/5 | 2200 Blk Frankfort Ave | Cell phone stolen/suspect listed |
| 1/5 | 1800 Blk Frankfort Ave | iPad and iPod stolen from apartment |
| 1/6 | 2200 Blk Brownsboro Rd | Purse left in shopping cart |
| 1/15 | 100 Blk Pope St | Backpack & books stolen from vehicle |

Criminal Mischief

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| 12/21 | 300 Blk Crescent Spring Dr | Tires slashed |
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Burglary

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| 12/20 | 100 Blk N. Ewing Ave | Purse stolen from residence |
| 12/28 | 100 Blk N. Keats Ave | Purse, keys and cell stolen from home |
| 12/29 | 200 Blk Saunders Ave | TV, laptop cell stolen from home |
| 1/12 | 2000 Blk Frankfort Ave | Suspect broke in and assaulted victim |

Robbery

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| 1/9 | 1800 Blk Payne St | Victim struck on the head/phone/chain stolen |
| 1/10 | S. Charlton/Payne | 4 suspects arrested for trying to rob someone |

1-17-12 LUPC Report to Clifton Community Council Board of Directors

Currently in process are the series of meetings to review and suggest revisions to the Clifton Historic Preservation Guidelines, tonight's meeting being the reason for my excused absence from this board meeting. The 1/10/12 meeting covered only the Clifton Cultural Landscape section, and fell short of achieving the entire agenda of coverage of six sections. Tonight's meeting will attempt to cover Archeology, Storefront, Sign, and Streetscape. The sections not covered in the 1/10/12 meeting (Masonry, Metal, Paint, Site) will be postponed and placed on a future meeting agenda to be scheduled likely after the last scheduled meeting past 3/13/12.

In advance of these meetings I've publicized the schedules by leafletting every household in Clifton, plus sending out notices through the normal email resources: LUPC's email list, the Clifton e-news, the CCC website, and the Metro Ninth District E-Newsletter. Even with these efforts, turnout at the first meeting was disappointing. I urge you as CCC Board members to make your thoughts and suggestions known by your presence, or in writing (email or postal mail) to Dave Marchal at Metro Landmarks in advance of a meeting where you have an interest. Judging from the low numbers, but not the discussion at the first meeting, the neighborhood at large seems to be willing to ignore the chance to speak for revisions to guidelines that will most surely affect them when they are ready to make changes to the exterior of their properties.

--The third public meeting for the McDonald's at 2314 Brownsboro Road to extend their drive-thru operations was held 1/12/12. At this meeting representatives of McDonald's agreed to 1) provide a pedestrian access to the store from Brownsboro Road that is safer and more protected from auto access than what is currently in place, 2) provide a one-way exit access (to Ewing Ave.) from the rear of their parking lot to eventually connect with the rear access behind the properties along the south side of Brownsboro to Ewing., and 3) provide corporate approval to easement issues that have delayed the construction of the proposed sidewalk along the east side of North Jane Street as it approaches the rear lot of Speedway from the top of the lower hill. McDonald's however will not currently agree to an access from the west side rear of their parking area to connect with the proposed mentioned-above sidewalk on North Jane.

The public hearing for McDonald's Conditional Use Permit to use a portion of their property for the extended drive-thru is scheduled on 1/23/12 at the Old Jail (Sixth & Liberty St. at 8:30AM before the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

--LUPC continues to track the details of the proposed MSD CSO127 storage basin for storm and sanitary collection at Lexington Road and Grinstead Drive. The original proposal of a 2.74 million gallon basin facility has through further measurements of current flows increased in size to a 15 million gallon facility. MSD has scheduled a public presentation for January 24th, 2012 at 6PM at the Girl Scouts Building at 2115 Lexington Road.

--The Recovery Room at 1800 Frankfort Road has ended its business there. There are signs of a new establishment to locate there, the rumored name being Hilltop Tavern. LUPC awaits the publishing of an ABC application advertisement which will give details of extended hours.

--There is a Metro Ninth District Forum scheduled for 1/25/12 at 6PM at the School for the Blind Auditorium.

Clifton Community Council Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Committee
Cassandra Culin, Co-Chair, 895-5727, cell 594-4405

IMPORTANT: Please support the Brownsboro Sidewalk by your presence at the 9th District Forum, 6:00 pm, Wed. [Jan. 25](#), Kentucky School for the Blind Auditorium, 867 Frankfort Ave. We want to show our strong support for this project to counteract opposition from those who oppose it and claim that no one will use the sidewalk! Also, please let merchants on Brownsboro Road know that you support the sidewalk and road diet and encourage them to support this important project also.

Report of [November 17, 2011](#) Meeting:

Attendees:

Clifton: Cassandra Culin, Chair; Bill Wright; John Beckman; Adam Ruschival; Jeff Nowlin; Kevin McAdams
Clifton Heights: Anne McMahan, Chair; Tia Jenkins
Crescent Hill: Joe Ward, Chair

1) Brownsboro Road Sidewalk (All) – Construction is projected to start March or April, after bad weather is over. Update - We have been asked by Council Member Tina Ward-Pugh to come out one more time to support the sidewalk (details in announcement above).

2) Jane Street (Clifton) - Has been stalled because of right of way issues. Metro will initiate a "friendly condemnation" to obtain the right of way.

3) McDonald's (Clifton & Clifton Heights) - Update – in subsequent meetings, McDonald's proposed changes to the pedestrian entrance to the restaurant. The current proposal a sidewalk that will proceed from the northwest corner of the property and traverse the handicapped parking space reserved for entering and exiting vehicles and cross the driveway in the same crosswalk. They said a proposal to have a sidewalk proceed from the sidewalk directly to the front door would not work because the landscape strip between the sidewalk and the "bypass lane" is too steep. They also declined to build a sidewalk at or to the rear of the property to provide "connectivity" for pedestrians from Jane Street and Ewing Avenue.

On [Monday, January 23, 2012](#), 8:30 AM, the Board of Zoning Adjustment will hear the McDonald's CUP proposal at: 514 W. Liberty St. Cassandra will be taking the bus. Please contact her if you plan to go.

4) Safe Passage Initiative, Frankfort Ave. (Clifton & Crescent Hill) – contact Cassandra for a copy. Crescent Hill CC has adopted. On agenda for Clifton CC.

5) Street Trees (Clifton) - The Lorene Hunter for the Billy Goat Hill Garden Tree Canopy Committee approached Cassandra for the NP&BAC with a proposal for adoption by the Committee (through the appropriate Boards) and the visually impaired community (contact Cassandra for a copy). She assured Cassandra that the Committee and the blind community will both be invited to participate as stakeholders in planning for street trees on Frankfort Avenue. In the Committee's preliminary discussion of the issues involved, these considerations were agreed upon as important for street trees:

- A) Uniform placement vis a vis the curb, utility poles, trash cans, etc.
- B) Delineation of uneven sidewalk caused by tree wells

C) Trimming (a question was raised about whether the requirement is 6 or 7 feet above sidewalk level) for any part of a tree overhanging the sidewalk

D) Maintain Safe Passage width on the sidewalk vis a vis outdoor tables & chairs, signs, etc.

Adam Ruschival will raise the issue at the Kentucky Council of the Blind meeting coming up. Members of the Committee are interested in participating in the stakeholders meetings.

6) Kroger Fuel Project and Sidewalk Construction (All) – no new news; update – work begun on Ewing Avenue sidewalk next to the liquor store. Construction of the Brownsboro sidewalk will be done in conjunction with the gas station.

5 – Frankfort Ave. Bus Stop, #19 west, last before turn onto Clifton (Clifton) Adam will follow up with TARC.

6 – Unused Public Rights of Way (ROW) (All): Kevin McAdams brought a proposal to the committee to recommend a policy of, maintaining public ROW rights of way for the public benefit and to utilize them for pedestrian access where needed (current example, the Chicken Steps from the end of Vernon Ave. to Brownsboro Road. It was reported that a sidewalk around Crescent Springs is in the works.

Agenda for [January 19 Meeting](#):

1 – Brownsboro Road Sidewalk – report (All)

2 – Jane Street – report (Clifton)

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

4 – Safe Passage Initiative – report and further planning (Clifton & Crescent Hill)

5 – Street trees – continued discussion; report from Adam

6 – Kroger Fuel Project – report (All)

7 – Bus Stop – update from Adam on last bus stop before the westbound #19 bus turns south on Clifton (Clifton)

8 – Unused Rights of Way (All)

Other updates

New Business