



CTM Minutes - Group: CTM Board Meeting

By Jan Brown Checco, Secretary

Date: September 14, 2020 7:00 pm

Location: Online Google Meet electronic meeting, invitations and links were sent out prior to the meeting for all to connect and listen in.

Present: *Peter Block, Patrick Borders, Jan Brown Checco, Joe Brunner, Gerald Checco, Brian Duffy, Robert Hamberg, Chris Harding, Mark Jeffreys, Rama Kasturi, Jennifer Krivickas, Malcolm Montgomery, Ioanna Paraskevopoulos*

Absent: *Teresa Hoelle, Buddy Goose* A quorum (13) is present, meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Brunner with statement of our mission. (U) below will represent a unanimous vote.

Public Attendance: (23) Sean Mullaney, Cindy Herrick, Emily Bourgeois, Brendon Cull, Clifton Rec Center, CCAC, John Osterman, Kevin Marsh, Ruth Ann Bumiller, Bruce Ault, Pat Olding, Carolyn Miller, Christina Willis, Marianne Brunner, Jim Cheng, Nicki Weitz, Lisa Hamrick, John McEvoy, Jim Goetz, + 4 phone numbers

- I. **Welcome to our Electronic Meeting on Google Meet** – Pres. Brunner. Advice for participation.
- II. **August Meeting Minutes** (attached) – Treas. Checco moves to adopt, Robert Hamberg seconds (U).
- III. **Police Report by guest Captain Gregoire and ad hoc Community Safety group:** Treas. Checco narrated the focus of conversations held by the ad hoc Community Safety coalition (CTM/CBA/CCF + others) that holds regular meetings. A long-term safety plan for

the neighborhood - particularly around Ludlow Avenue – will be drafted to share with District 5. This may include suggestions for specific lighting, sound systems, cameras and ideally include estimated costs that will allow us to write grants to fund such projects. Problems of drug deals and aggressive behaviors raise questions about how the community can cooperate with the police to implement solutions. He advises the Board to review of the Crime report from the City’s Law and Public Safety Committee meeting on Sept 1 2020 (View video at <https://archive.org/details/14200901-lps>) and invites everyone to tomorrow’s/Sept 15 meeting at 9 am at Council chambers (View video at <https://archive.org/details/14200915-lps>.) Guest Captain Gregoire mentioned complaints about Bishop Street drug trafficking and concurred with the need for long term strategies. Citizens should gather the most complete information possible to tell police, have eyes open, make descriptions of car, people and license plates. These are necessary for taking anyone to court. Lighting is important in crime hot spots, so residents can help by putting their outdoor lights on at night. The Captain says cameras including Ring doorbells are great, and every private camera can be registered with the Police. Some of the police that are presently patrolling are undercover, so intentionally not apparent. “Clifton Citizens on Patrol” is something that can be re-introduced and the program is successful in Northside and College Hill. Police will form volunteers to know best practices. Peter Block says that he’s felt unsafe at the Plaza these past few months. Robert Hamberg says that Lowell Avenue has 20 – 30 drug drive-by deals daily, and spoke of his past work with a police contact which created some short term relief, but the dangerous speed of vehicles and their frequency continues. Captain suggests that the “Citizens on Patrol” solution might reduce this activity. Our Community Safety group will put together a packet to send out to the community to canvas for volunteers.

- IV. Treasurer’s Report** – Treasurer Checco (report attached)
Projections and Austerity Plan for 2021-22. Ormond Street Crossing project budget requires \$5K from CTM, but this was not

included in our approved 2020 budget. The project was a commitment to the City from 2019 CTM Board. Patrick Borders says the City has already committed \$15K to this, and DOTE (?) accepted the project last week. A cash flow problem is anticipated to cover our \$5K commitment to this. Treas. Checco suggests the cashing in of a \$14K Certificate of Deposit to cover our bills. Treas. Checco moves to adopt, Malcolm Montgomery seconds (Vote: 12 yes, 1 abstention) Our need for fundraising could include a membership drive and estate planning.

- V. Clifton Cultural Arts Center Presentation of Conceptual Design Drawings for discussion and feedback – Leslie Mooney:** *(No sharing to people outside of this meeting is requested because these are conceptual docs presented for discussion only.)* A zoning variance request is anticipated concerning buffer zones to property lines for the parking lot edges and regarding the height of the building. 50' of overall height is allowed, and there are elements in the conceptual design (skylights and elevator box) on the rooftop that project above that. She suggests that a CTM discussion will be a helpful in preparation to that variance request. Participating Emersion design team members Jim Cheng, Christina Willis, Nikki Weitz attended to share conceptual plans to date. Leslie invites feedback about the physical presence of the building, and provided her email: leslie.mooney@cliftonculturalarts.org Concerning setback from the street: the ramp to the front door is on the property line and the façade is back 10'. Jim Cheng doesn't have costs estimates yet for the roof deck. Spaces throughout the building will be rentable. Carolyn Miller asked why there is no basement level suggested, Jim Cheng says it's a cost economy and also would not be a space with windows.
- VI. Arts and Culture Committee / Sean Mullaney:** All 7 Ludlow Garage murals are up, labeling with artist information will come next. Off Ludlow Gallery will have an open door walk-in show September 25 to October 30 2020 featuring the photos of Jane Alden Stevens, supported by a grant from FotoFocus.

- VII. Clifton Chronicle Guidelines report/** Rama Kasturi encouraged writing of articles by Board members and all meeting attendees. Deadlines are Oct 24 (ads) and Oct 31 (editorial) for the upcoming issue, submissions to be sent to Vicki Black at vblack1@cinci.rr.com. Trustee articles will have first priority for publication. Questions about the proposed Guidelines document presented: Malcolm Montgomery wonders if Editor Vicki Black should be the one making ultimate decisions about content, and asks if this is the proper balance of power with the CTM Board? Rama Kasturi suggests that this question can be discussed by the Board.
- VIII. Update on NSP/Neighborhood Support Program applications:** Suggestions were invited for the 2021 application, due in end of November 2020 (? please confirm). Some suggestions are Clifton Plaza security systems, including cameras, sound system with classical music... An update on the Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Grant Application: the Plaza Lights Expansion Proposal was declined. Kevin Marsh asks where two previously purchased deer cameras might be, and suggests looking for them in the Firehouse basement.
- IX. Clifton Business Association, Performances on Clifton Plaza and Quality of Businesses' Signage:** Scheduling and management of busker/pop-up performances by professional musicians on Clifton Plaza will be discussed at the next CBA meeting. CBA will fine tune a message including City Code texts (proposed draft by Secretary Checco.) The finalized document will be shared with local businesses. Clifton Plaza Rules Signage: in an effort to reduce campouts, drug use and other negative behaviors, two metal signs for Clifton Plaza have been purchased and will be installed.
- X. Transportation and Safety, Mark Jeffreys:** The Ludlow Avenue Road Diet community engagement plans were described. Temporary Bike Lane on Clifton Avenue project is now collecting letters of support from stakeholders and traffic counts are being

requested. Full City Council will learn about this by next week and DOTE will provide info about associated costs. Volunteers may be called upon for cleaning litter and debris from the proposed bike lane. Some concerns for general public safety: online discussions (Slow Down Clifton Avenue on Facebook) about vehicular speeding on Clifton Avenue, and the complicated Woolper/Clifton/McAlpin intersection with suggestions of possible solutions including a roundabout. Next week's committee meeting will welcome community members to come and share concerns and details for discussion. Contact Mark Jeffreys at jeffreys.ms@live.com. Resolution for a vote (attached) that re-manifests CTMs support of general bike infrastructure: Pres. Brunner moves to accept, Malcolm Montgomery seconds (vote U)

- XI. Clifton Branch Library News/Lisa Hamrick** (report attached): Copies of the autumn Clifton Chronicle are being put into lockers and into books on hold. Over 300 books have been sent out to the community. 10 am – 6 pm Monday through Saturday are current business hours. The library has been helping kids get online for school work and has a special support for parents of school kids. Donation of books to the Library by citizens has restarted, but not in Clifton because of our small parking lot area. The Friends group doesn't currently have the capacity they have had in the past.
- XII. Trustee, Committee, Liaisons Announcements** – The Community Planning Committee/Chair, Pres. Brunner: Meetings will begin to review the existing 30-year-old plan and a kick-off survey is being developed that will go out to all residents. Chris Harding recaps the ad hoc Safety committee's work on public safety in Clifton, Joe asked about working with some social service non-profits and Chris answered this will be pursued. The Social Media Committee/ Chair Ioanna Paraskevopoulos will be meeting this Saturday, contact to participate: ioanna.para@gmail.com.
- XIII. Community Questions/Concerns**

XIV. Motion to adjourn by all, seconded by everyone (U)

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Brown Checco, Secretary

Attachments:

September 2020 Agenda

August 2020 Minutes as approved

Treasurer's Report for September 2020

Clifton Plaza Rules art for new signage

CBA/CTM Business District Signage Guidance message in draft

Clifton Chronicle Guidelines

Proposed Resolution for Supporting Bike Activity in Clifton

Clifton Branch Library Update



Meeting Agenda, online Google Meet: September 14, 7:00 p.m.

A link to the meeting is sent via email and posted on the CTM website prior to the meeting.

Time	Topic	Topic Lead	Scope of Discussion
7:00 / 1 min	Welcome to the Google Meet electronic meeting, advice for participation	Brunner	Trustees
7:01 / 1 min	Approve prior month's meeting minutes	Brunner	Trustees
7:02 / 15 min	Police report Capt. Gregoire and ad hoc Community Safety group's notes from 9/9/20	Brunner, G. Checco	Trustees/Community
7:17 / 10 min	Treasurer's Report/ Ormond crossing, Need for Fundraising (estate planning, membership drive), Projections and Austerity Plan 2021-22	G. Checco, Brunner	Trustees/Community
7:27 / 30 min	CCAC Presentation	L. Mooney	Trustees/Community
7:57/ 5 min	Arts and Culture Committee	Peter Block	Trustees/Community
8:02 / 10 min	Clifton Chronicle Guidelines report	R. Kasturi	Trustees/Community
8:12 / 10 min	NSP application: Suggestions for 2021 (Plaza security, cameras, sound system, classical music...) KCB Grant Application update (re: Plaza Lights expansion)	Brunner	Trustees/Community
8:22 / 5 min	CBA Quality of Businesses Signage Discussion revisited, Plaza Rules Signage, Permission and Scheduling of performances by professional musicians	Borders	Trustees/Community
8:27 /15 min	Transportation and Safety: Ludlow Avenue community engagement, Temporary Bike Lane; General public safety; Woolper/Clifton/McAlpin intersection	Jeffreys	Trustees/Community
8:42 /5 min	Clifton Branch Library News	L. Hamrick	Trustees/Community
8: 47 / 6 min	Trustee, Committee, Liaisons Announcements	All Board	Trustees/Community
8:53 / 7 min	Community Questions/Concerns	Brunner	Community/Trustees
9:00	Adjournment	Brunner	Trustees/Community



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Absent: *Rama Kasturi*. A quorum (14) is present, meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Brunner with statement of our mission. (U) below will represent a unanimous vote.

Public Attendance: Andrew Smith, Emily Schneider, Marianne Brunner, Tom Lohre, Gina Marsh, Kevin Marsh, Michael Elovitz, Jibril Thiaw, June Schlipf, Sean Mullaney, Tom Reese, +2 by phone

- I. **Welcome to our Electronic Meeting on Google Meet** – Pres. Brunner. Advice for participation.
- II. **July Meeting Minutes** (attached) – Patrick Borders moves to adopt, Mark Jeffreys seconds (U).
- III. **Treasurer’s Report** – Treasurer Checco (report attached) Patrick Borders moves to adopt, Robert Hamberg second (U)
- IV. **Burnet Woods Post Office hours reduction/** Treasurer Checco: It has been announced that hours at our local post office are to be reduced to M-F 9 am – 1 pm, as of August 22. (Current hours are

M-F 8:30 am – 1 pm, 2-4 pm.) 15 other branches in the region are also reported to soon have their hours reduced. The critical early morning and afternoon closing hours are being eliminated. Such change is anticipated to be damaging to our business district. He suggests a letter be sent to our federal legislators and to the Cincinnati Postmaster to protest this change. Peter Block shared that Louise Bettman is organizing a protest, and that she can be reached at 513 978 6027. Kevin Marsh suggests that we request a meeting with the Postmaster to gather data and to request that the hours remain as they are at present. Ioanna Paraskevopoulos will use our social media accounts to inform the community of our response to this proposed change, and Treasurer Checco will draft the letter (see attached) and send to the Board for review. CBA and CCF will be invited to join as signatories of this letter. Motion to communicate CTM's position and vote (U)

- V. Public Safety/On Ludlow Avenue re: dangers at Plaza, Diggs Plaza and Telford** – Patrick Borders. The relationship of homeless camps in Burnet Woods to our business district, and our engagement with police and businesses. Merchants, visitors and Plaza attendant Hillary Williams have been impacted by erratic behavior and threats of violence this past month. An ad hoc group including members from CTM, CBA, CCF, and Stewards of Burnet Woods has been meeting weekly to discuss this and to engage with the Park Board and police. Chris Harding will join this group and anyone interested is welcome to attend weekly meetings scheduled every Saturday at noon at the Burnet Woods Bandstand. Treas. Checco's conversations with other neighborhood councils show that the same problems (drug sales and use, prostitution and fist fights) are also happening in CUF and Roselawn. Some of this might be happening because of local prisons' releasing low level offenders to reduce their populations during the COVID period. Ioanna Paraskevopoulos suggests that we ask for help from Cincinnati agencies like St. Vincent DePaul, Strategies to End Homelessness/Kevin Finn (for permanent housing) and Maslow's Army. Chris Harding asked which stake holders are reliant on Burnet Woods where homeless individuals

are camping? What are the best resources to help these individuals? Secy. Checco shared that Krystn Metzger, a professional social worker, has provided us with a long list of services including shelters, medical attention for drug addicts and the mentally ill, and these lists have been printed and posted in three locations around the business district since mid-June (attachment). What besides these printed lists can be good tools to communicate help to those in need? What impact is COVID having on the available space in shelters? Buddy Goose wants to make sure that our business district is not a scene of violence, and wants meetings to result in action, not just a report. Who can offer a regular presence on the street to maintain order? Social workers, the police? Patrick Borders says that CBA would be happy to pay for professional services to communicate with troubled individuals. He spoke to the employees at Clifton Barbers about an aggressive incident during which their concealed carry weapons were presented on the Plaza. Borders said the police did come when called about this aggression, and they spoke to one of the 2 knife fighters who had remained on the Plaza. The police offered the man 3 solutions, but he refused all of them. Patrick Borders said that District 5 is meeting with Parks administrators this week, and Capt. Gregoire is supposed to check in with local business owners to gather info about their experiences. Gina Marsh offers to invite social service professionals to any meeting convened. Is there CARES money to help with this problem? Patrick Borders suggests that the group currently meeting is a good one because it's a coalition of neighborhood groups. Chris Harding would like to bring some experts into the discussion to help us set some objectives. Treas. Checco, Patrick Borders/CBA VP, Mark Jeffreys, Chris Harding, officers of CCF and also from Stewards of Burnet Woods will continue to meet every Saturday to work on solutions to this problem. Buddy Goose asks that this group not be obligated to ask the Board for approval of plans and thinks they should act as a community coalition. Malcolm Montgomery wants to know what we are empowering the ad hoc group to do and Teresa Hoelle suggests that they share their information with the wider

community through our social media. Brian Duffy suggests that the police have to be involved, as they are the ones capable of action and Ioanna Paraskevopoulos suggests that we invite the police to come back to our CTM meetings so that we can discuss the problem with them as community. Pres. Brunner said he has extended invitations and will do so again. Teresa Hoelle believes that this problem will escalate as COVID impact continues. Secy. Checco suggests we all need to be regularly present in the business district as a counterbalance to negative activity. Motion statement by Pres. Brunner for a vote: *“CTM finds that the increase in the homeless population and other factors present issues to the safety and wellbeing of Clifton’s public spaces, including the business district, Plaza and parks. CTM designates Chris Harding, Gerald Checco, Patrick Borders and Mark Jeffreys as Trustees authorized to represent CTM’s interests in discussions with other neighborhood groups, social workers, and city officials. CTM adopts this motion out of concern with those experiencing homelessness and others, as well as for the safety and wellbeing of the residents and visitors to Clifton. CTM is committed to finding compassionate and humane solutions to these difficult issues. These individuals are authorized to:*

1. *Convene and participate in meetings, with all interested community members and other interested parties to discuss and propose solutions and to represent CTM’s interests.*
2. *Offer CTM’s support in finding and executing solutions to these issues.*
3. *Make periodic reports to CTM and the community regarding the status of these efforts.”* Seconded by Chris Harding (U)

VI. Arts and Culture Committee: Ludlow Garage Murals installation, Off Ludlow Gallery – Sean Mullaney. Two murals are up, Judy Collins to be installed next. He will rent a lift for the rest. \$1K Grant from OAC to be applied to a Hookah Bar alley wall project, with a plan to be developed. CCF’s gift of the Shakespeare Bench to community will be maintained by CBA. Appreciation to all who helped with Telford seating area refresh. Off Ludlow Gallery is

having an Ursula Roma art show in the windows, Kevin Harris is up next. Reopening plans may begin with the FotoFocus Janie Stevens show.

- VII. Housing and Zoning – Malcolm Montgomery.**
- 1.** Reports that his visit to Avondale Community Council about shared boundaries proved to be positive. Motion by Malcolm Montgomery to accept adoption of **H&Z Committee goals and objectives** (resolution attached), seconded by Patrick Borders (U).
 - 2. Report and motion on Neighborhood Boundaries:** The City's map is wrong for Clifton's boundaries, and we want the City to correct it. Move and second to adopt this request. (U)
 - 3. Report and motion on signage at "Taylor Jameson Advanced Academy at Head First Salon"** at 329 Ludlow, rear entrance. It is recognized that the business district needs an aesthetic standard that building owners and businesses are asked to respect. Graphic for the sign was shared (attached). Peter Block thinks we should have a say about the look of signs but Jennifer Krivikas doesn't think design aesthetics are part of CTM's charge. Kevin Marsh points out that we do have an **Urban Overlay District** mandate that has already been accepted by CTM. Motion by Pres. Brunner to accept the variance, Malcolm Montgomery seconded: *"CTM has no objection to the requested variance because of the unique situation presented by the facts as described in the City Staff Report, including the fact that the business has no frontage on Ludlow Avenue."* Vote (U)
 - 4. Improved Signage Standards in the Business District /** Malcolm Montgomery moves that: *"CTM Housing & Zoning and Business Committees collaborate to seek ways to improve the look and feel of signage in the business district."* (U)
 - 5. Information to be shared about 321 Resor Avenue:** Demolition and subsequent development of 2 homes is planned (attached info sheet). The developer will have a discussion on site 8/5/2020 from 3-5 pm, which will be publicized in our social media.
- VIII. Governance Committee / Malcolm Montgomery.** Motion for charge to the committee (deferred to next meeting.)

- IX. NBDIP Applications update** / Pres. Brunner. We will resubmit CTM's application for Clifton gateway elements. Discussion about how to improve this proposal (submitted in the past, but not chosen.) Consider adding suggestion of traffic calming features to remedy the eastbound speeding up Ludlow Avenue, especially the danger at Whitfield Avenue, possibly with speed bumps, narrowing of lanes with boulevard hardscape and/or landscaping.
- X. KCB Clean and Safe Grant Application** / August 7 deadline, offering up to \$10K: Pres. Brunner, Treas. Checco, Malcolm Montgomery. Discussion about where to add 3 more benches for which we already have received approval of \$6K from a previous successful KCB grant application. Possible placement for the new benches could be addition of one at a bus stop on Jefferson at Diggs Plaza, and one at a bus stop on Clifton near Bruggers. John Osterman is planning to refurbish the 3 old removed benches, possibly yielding 3 more benches to place. Suggestions for other new projects: Secy. Checco would like to see improvements and repairs for the electric and water operations on the Plaza. Malcolm Montgomery says that the overhead and lower outlets are already separated, and John Osterman is working on a lock to be installed on the faucet. Patrick Borders says CBA will get all electric and water into a good operation. Malcolm Montgomery proposes another grant application project - "Lights Out to Ludlow" - an extension of Clifton Plaza overhead lights out to the Ludlow sidewalk (presentation with 2 drawings attached). Teresa Hoelle suggests that any electric and water repair work and all volunteer hours for this project be part of Clifton's matching funds on the application. Vote on submitting the "Lights Out to Ludlow" – Passes (13 yes), approved by all but one board member.
- XI. Trustee, Committee, Liaisons Announcements** – Pres. Brunner (deferred to next meeting, see reports in memo attached.)

XII. Community Questions/Concerns – We'll need to have a second August meeting, watch for a date for this. Topics will be designation of members to the Nominating Committee, a Housing and Zoning presentation about a requested variance, a presentation by Mark Jeffreys for a temporary bike lane on Clifton between Calhoun and Ludlow, completion of the CTM Board communications and committee members lists.

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Respectfully submitted,
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Attachments:

August 2020 Agenda
July 2020 Minutes as approved
Treasurer's Report for August 2020
Post Office Hours Reduction announcement flier
Post Office letter from CTM, CBA and CCF
CTM Committees Reports
List of Resources for Homeless Relief
Housing and Zoning Mission
Housing and Zoning – Boundaries Correction at City
Housing and Zoning signage for Taylor Jameson business document
321 Resor Ave Development info session
KCB Grant Proposal - Clifton Plaza Lighting Extensions drawings (2)
Clifton Branch Library Update

WELCOME TO CLIFTON PLAZA

This is private property owned by Clifton LLC, co-owned and operated by Clifton Town Meeting and Clifton Business Association.

To ensure the public's well-being and to preserve the Plaza, the following are prohibited:

- **Littering**
- **Smoking**
- **Drug use or any other illegal activity**
 - **Weapons or firearms**
 - **Camping or Sleeping**
- **Bike riding, Rollerblading or Skateboarding**
- **Defacing, damaging or stealing property**
- **Interference with a community-permitted event**

To maintain a safe and clean space for dining, please clear off tables and dispose of waste to our trash cans.

Please keep all animals on leash.

The Plaza is open for use from 6 am to 11 pm daily.

For information about use of the Plaza, or to volunteer to help care for it, please email Clifton Business Association at contact@cliftonbusiness.com

Proposed Resolution for Supporting Bike Infrastructure
For Consideration in September 14, 2020 Board Meeting

Whereas the CTM Board has voted twice (July 2014 & January 2016) to support bicycling infrastructure such as bike lanes with the below resolution language; and

Whereas, CTM desires to make Clifton into a premiere bicycling community within greater Cincinnati in order to improve the vibrancy, safety and overall health of visitors and residents; and

Whereas, to do so requires continued investment in on-street infrastructure such as the Central Parkway protected bikeway, bike lanes, sharrows and bicycle related signage; and

Whereas, those features add tremendous value for local businesses and help make our communities more livable and attractive to active individuals and families; and

Whereas, our neighborhood supports to initiative to promote more on-street bicycle infrastructure that connects Clifton to other neighborhoods in Cincinnati given residents of Clifton use bicycles on established roadways in order to commute to work, school and shop; therefore be it

Resolved, that just like it did in July 2014 and January 2016, the Clifton Town Meeting Board of Trustees supports the full usage of roads for cyclists for a full and productive lifestyle, not just recreational riding on off-road trails.

Clifton Branch Library Update for Clifton Town Meeting – Monday 9/14/2020

In-Person Service is happening

- Masks On? Come on In!
- 1-hour visits
- Curbside is still an option

Virtual Zoom Programs and Outdoor Programs

- We have a 12'x12' canopy we can use while the good weather holds out
 - Book club met this month and will plan to meet next month outside☺

Request to Vote by Mail and Registering to Vote

- If you didn't get one from the state or other organization, the Library can offer you the form
- If you don't know if you are registered to vote in Ohio, the Library can look that up for you - <https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx>
- Come to the Library and register to vote using the online registration system: <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>

Bibliocommons

- The Library has a new catalog and website
- Register with Bibliocommons to create lists and rate Books, CDs and DVDs and make Tags
- If you don't want to register, you can always use www.Classic.CincinnatiLibrary.org
- Need HELP? For the new catalog? In the top right of the new webpage is the word HELP
 - Choose Catalog & Account Guide from the dropdown menu
- Call us or come in with questions

Clifton Chronicle

- We began putting the Clifton Chronicle into the books on hold for community members and into the lockers reserved for a community member.
- Clifton Chronicle is also at the Greeter Station in the Lobby

School is In Session

- Educators need help and we are reaching out to them
- Children's Librarian Mr. Eric and Teen Librarian Ms. Liz are working with schools and teachers to help them obtain class "sets" of Ebooks!
- We took Discover Summer materials to neighborhood schools to share
- Do you want great books for your children? Ask and we can help match their interests and reading level to a great book!

Customer Safety

- We continue to use best practices to sanitize and minimize risk of COVID exposure for our customers and staff.
 - These safety protocols take a little extra time and might mean slight delays for you.
 - It is worth it to for us to interrupt regular operations to keep you safe
 - Call Ahead with questions/requests so we can help you stay on time and avoid delays – 513-369-4447 option 2



From: Clifton Business Association
To: Our Valued Building Owners and Business Owners
Date: August 2020

Did you know that Clifton Business District is an Urban Design Overlay District?

As we work to make our business district the best it can be to attract the customers we all want and need, we're working to display a shared standard for our facades and signage.

This means that there are 15 important points concerning the "look" of our great Gaslight businesses. Be assured, you are one of those important entities that make Clifton special!

https://library.municode.com/oh/cincinnati/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIXIZOCOCI_CH1437URDEOVDI

That's a link to the entire code so that you can understand the big picture, but we'll break down the most important points for you below...

The Zoning Administrator has the duty to review the following permits in an established Urban Design Overlay District for compliance with the base requirements of the district.

Signs: Permits for the installation of all signs.

S1. Prohibited Signs:

- All blinking, flashing, rotating or moving signs, except barber poles and theater marquees;
- Neon signs;
- Banners, portable or temporary signs;
- Rooftop signs, signs or awnings extending above the roofline of the building, or signs or awnings that extend above the window sill line of the second floor of the building;

- Any advertising sign on or about an unoccupied building, except those related to the sale or rental of that building;
- All signs, handbills, or flyers on utility poles, except those installed by the city and state.
- All outdoor advertising signs, as defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code [Chapter 895](#).

S2. Projecting Signs

- Projecting signs shall not be used except for small identification or trademark signs symbolic of the business identified.
- The copy of all signs should identify the predominant business on the premises or its principal product or service.
- Advertising signs are prohibited.
- Projecting signs shall not exceed six square feet per sign face and shall not exceed 12 square feet for all faces.
- Projecting signs should be located over entry doors or building columns or piers and shall be limited to one projecting sign per business.
- All sign supports shall be simple in nature, have no visible guy wires and be made less obtrusive with camouflaging color in harmony with the surrounding environment.

Awnings: Permits for the installation of all awnings.

- Awnings shall project no more than two-thirds the width of the sidewalk or six feet, whichever is less.
- Awnings shall run parallel to the face of the building.
- Awnings shall be located within the existing building framework - between columns and below spandrel panels. Awning colors and design shall be compatible with the colors and design of the building.
- Structural supports for all awnings shall be contained within the awning covering.
- Each storefront bay shall have a similar awning to the other storefront bays on the same building.
- Awnings shall be designed to be harmonious with the architecture of the building that they are to be placed on. They shall relate in shape and proportion to the building's architectural elements such as window and opening shapes, facade articulation and general character of the building.

Please direct any questions to your Clifton Business Association at contact@cliftonbusiness.com