

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 10, 2023

Time: 6pm

Location: Corryville Recreation Center

Facilitator(s): Leah Hollstein, Secretary – Corryville Community Council
Bill Crawford, President - Corryville Community Council; Fran Larkin, VP and
Treasurer – Corryville Community Council.

Call to Order and Opening Comments

Bill Crawford – Note that we will be holding elections next month due to the full agenda for tonight's meeting.

Police and Safety Report

Jeff Meister, CPD

- Corryville's percent change in crime is going really well right now.
- Zero burglaries in the past 28 days.
- Auto thefts and thefts from autos are both down.
- CPD is monitoring the parties in homes in the neighborhood in preparation for Homecoming.
- Question from community about a senior Christmas party for this year – will be happening, still in planning stages.
- Question from community about what happened recently at Bogarts.
 - There was a rumor while the club was open that there was a gun in the club and the crowd responded by leaving the club. There was never actually a gun found.
- Corryville will be getting a new neighborhood liaison officer. Officer Bower is taking a different detective position with the force.

UC Officer Lt. David Brinker and Greg Valerius (presenting)

- Homecoming is this upcoming weekend. Will be a lot of traffic. Game is at noon. Party on Short Vine – Bearcat Bash – on Saturday.
- Football game 11/4 at noon against Baylor.
- Basketball starting up in November, first game 11/6. Two games a week starting in November with a lot of home games.



- One campus crime that is occurring is a lot of vehicle, scooter thefts. Student safety board is passing out “the club” to students with relevant Kias and Hyundais.
- Question from community about what to do when you find an unaccompanied bike. Response - Leave it alone.
- UCPD has been able to hire some new police and security officers. They’re always hiring for multiple positions.
- Ongoing pedestrian safety interventions are occurring at intersections.
- Friday (10/13) UC student government will do flyer event to try to help students to be better neighbors re: parties.
- Can reach out to Greg Valerius with concerns about parties and houses.
- Reach out to UCPD for any nominations for the Shop with a Cop activity that will happen later in the year.
- Question from Community about speed humps on Jefferson Avenue – asking if there will be more speed humps added to the street.
 - Note from UC representative that UC is doing a traffic study on Jefferson to MLK to better understand traffic patterns in the area.

New Business

Gil Guthrie, Uptown Properties – Pedestrian Safety

- Project at 47/49 William Howard Taft (demolition of Superior Bank building has already occurred, will be replaced with new Superior branch as well as off-campus student housing.
- About pedestrian safety along Calhoun and WHTaft facilitating pedestrian safety through this area.
- Guthrie is at the meeting to take questions and feedback from community and talk about use of Corryville TIF funds.
- Question from Community about what will be built on the Superior Site – housing.
- Question from Community about what will happen with former Mad Frog site – presenter isn’t involved with that project.
- Comment from community - a multi-modal path is requested to be located on the wider sidewalk, as well as shade at intersections.
- Comment from community – need for trees in Corryville. Corryville is one of the neighborhoods with very low tree canopy coverage. Comment that many of the large trees get knocked down when development happens. Also need to have pervious pavements in conjunction with these sidewalks.
- Comment from UCPD – we will need additional lighting in conjunction with trees for safety. Need to re-envision crosswalks for pedestrian safety and efficiency – all-way crosswalks.
- Comment from community – no right turn on red signs are going up in neighborhoods around the city, including downtown and Northside.
- Comment from community – there is a problem with people running red lights in this city



- Question from community – what portion of lot (47/49) will be building, what portion unbuilt – answer from presenter is that he’s unsure.
- Comment from community – timing of lights on William Howard Taft encourages speeding.
- Comment from UCPD – roundabouts is a trend that they see coming
- Question from community – will the garage be underground at Superior development – answer it is underground on one side, and at ground level on other due to change in ground level.
- Question from community – how many parking spots will be at the Superior development? Answer – more than required by zoning for residents
- Question from community – how much secure bicycle parking will be available at the ground floor level for residents?
- Comment from community – multimodal sidewalk should be delineated into area for pedestrians, area for bicycles.

Joe Willging, University of Cincinnati – University Ave. Improvements

- Asking for support to redesign University Avenue.
- Want to adopt some complete streets principles/ strategies for the corridor.
 - Want to create safer multimodal transportation along the corridor
 - Want a short term response (2025) and a long term reconsideration of the entire corridor (2027)
- Question from community – will the complete streets concept be on one side or both sides or how to decide which side – answer from respondent is that they’re looking for support right now to consider doing this (don’t have details figured out yet). Street is 36’ wide, Right of way is 60’.
- UC hired an engineer to figure out the basics on the street parameters.
- UC started this out by thinking about how to safely get UC students to campus and the Innovation Corridor and how to connect the campus to the community.
- Opportunity to connect to the CROWN network through uptown along University Ave.
- Interim Goals: Multimodal connectivity within the context of existing constraints (today’s 36’ roadway)
- Longterm Goals: Larger scale streetscape revitalization.
- Comment from community – keep parking on one side of University Ave. for resident parking
- Comment from community – need to have resident parking (RPP?)
- Question from community – how short is short-term goal to remove all parking – answer from presenter 2025. UC is open to finding partnerships to gain parking spaces – perhaps in UC garages at Innovation corridor. Long term within the 60’ right of way the parking would largely be replaced.
- Question from community – how to accommodate residents with disabilities who need parking immediately adjacent to their homes.
- Comment from community member who worked to create RPP (Residential Parking Permit) on Bellevue gave some insight about their experience with the RPP.
- Question from Bill Crawford - why does this have to be a 2-stage process? Concern is that the first stage will happen and then funding will go away and the parking spaces will



never come back. Answer – UC wants to make something happen soon to respond to the students who have been hurt recently in auto incidents.

- Joe Willging comments that UC P+D+C might think about going to the final step and skipping the intermediate step.
 - Good feedback from the neighborhood because the biggest concern from those at this CCC meeting appears to be taking the parking away in the intermediate step.
- Comments from neighborhood – need to look at the entire neighborhood and address the overall, holistic parking concerns of the neighborhood.
- Comment from neighborhood – for those people who get out of work late, it would be unsafe for them to be walking back to their homes from a centralized parking area that wasn't close to their home.
- Comment from community – keep the bicycle lane on MLK and that will alleviate some of the need for removing parking on University.
- Question from community – has UC studied the behavior and decision making of students in regards to their personal automobile use?
- Comment from community – worried that the value of the housing would go down with no parking.
- Comment from community – worried that the value of this multimodal parkway would not benefit the homeowners and would be more likely to push them out of the neighborhood.
- Joe will come back again with a different approach to the project. He suggests workshops that could encourage community engagement with the process.

2605 Short Vine – Uptown Properties Demolition Approval

- Uptown seeking CCC approval to demolish the building. They don't have any plans right now what to replace it with. They want to expedite the demolition. It is cost-prohibitive to renovate.
 - Took vote on whether to approve their request. One opposition, 7 approvals.

Old Business

CRC Report (send from CRC Director, Rachel Re via Email)

- They are conducting a survey to learn more about the types of programs the community wants to see offered. There is a QR code on the front desk.
- Halloween is on a Tuesday; that night the CRC will continue the Open Men's Basketball and will have Pizza and Candy for them.
- The CRC will have a Glow Pickleball evening, date is TBA - probably not until January.
- The CRC Senior program is growing - they go out on 3 monthly outings and a luncheon every third Thursday.



Stephanie – Branch Manager Corryville Library

- Will be Halloween part on October 21 2 – 4pm.
 - Games, Crafts, Free Face Painting.
- Saturday October 28 – Corryville Library Customer Appreciation Day
 - Activities throughout the day, morning storytime, afternoon DIY self-care products.
- Will be polling location for November election.
- Library also hands out free covid tests.

Next Meeting

November 14 | 6pm, Corryville Recreation Center

We now have an online payment button for membership fees on the CCC website!

<https://corryville.org/7-2-2/membership/>

Membership Dues:

- (a) Resident Individual Member \$5.00
- (b) Resident Household Member \$8.00
- (c) Nonprofit Entity Member \$10.00
- (d) Religious Entity Member \$10.00
- (e) Non-Resident Property Owner Member \$10.00
- (f) Business Owner Member \$25.00
- (g) Community Group Member/Institution Member \$25.00

