

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: 12 November 2024

Time: 6pm

Location: Corryville Recreation Center

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

Call to Order and Opening Comments

Bill Crawford

Police and Safety Report

CPD District 4– Officer Sean Dent

- Reminder that there is always an uptick in crime around the holidays. Thefts from autos, theft of packages after delivery (think about finding different ways to get your packages versus leaving them on your porch), etc. Don't leave your car running with your keys in it – it may be stolen.
- District 4 Christmas Party. Each neighborhood officer will have 10 tickets to distribute. It will be hosted by New Prospect Church, 1580 Summit Road – December 18th 11 am - 3pm. See attached flyer and contact Officer Dent shawn.dent@cincinnati-oh.gov to request a ticket. Ages 55+.
- CPD will be on Short Vine 11/13 to see if unhoused individuals have been offered services and given an opportunity to find housing.
- 11/11 CPD made an arrest of one young individual who was trying to break into cars at the Hampton Inn on Short Vine. This was one of two people sighted – the individual had a gun on them when arrested.



UCPD – Officer Cara Sparks

- Last UC football game 11/30, will likely be at noon.
- UC men's basketball has started. Games will be held 11/15, 11/27, 12/8, 12/14, and 12/22.
- Shop with a cop 12/7 at Red Bank Walmart. 42 kids will be participating this year.

New Business

Elections for Corryville Community Council

- Two people were nominated for the open Board Seat
 - Sheila Barnes, neighborhood resident (University Ave.)
 - Chris Valaski, neighborhood resident (Rochelle).
- Tabatha Adkins has resigned from the board, so there are now multiple open spaces on the Executive Board.
- Sheila and Chris were both elected for 2 of the 3 open spaces.

Bus Rapid Transit Presentation – Sharyn LaCombe, Senior Director for Bus Rapid Transit Planning & Design at Metro

- [Home | Metro BRT Project](#)
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is coming to the city; the first routes will be located on the Hamilton Avenue and Reading Road corridors.
 - There will be raised platforms to access the bus (like the Streetcar downtown)
 - Pedestrian walk lights and the timing of lights will be investigated all along the routes and optimized.
- Timeline – Reading Road planned to open in fall 2027, Hamilton Avenue in 2028.
- Metro wants feedback on station location for these two new routes as they pass through neighborhoods.
 - Vine / McMillan, Jefferson / University are locations that have been identified in the Corryville area. The BRT stop on Jefferson will be in the center of the street.
 - They also want feedback about whether stops should be on North or South side of intersections.



- 12/2, 3, 4 are meeting dates for people to come and give input to Metro. [Participate | Metro BRT Project](#)
- [Home | Metro BRT Project](#) is an online opportunity for people to give feedback.
- Question from community – will there be a difference in fare between BRT and non-BRT routes?
 - Answer – no decisions have been made yet, but Metro is studying a few plans and options.
- Question from community – how is the stop in Clifton on Ludlow going to be structured?
 - Answer - The stop will be at Ludlow and Clifton, near where the CVS currently is. The platforms could be located behind the CVS. If they end up removing street parking for the stop, they will look to replace it elsewhere.
- Question from community about future BRT routes.
 - Answer - Next ones in line are Glenway and Montgomery Road.
- Question from community about how this project will be redesigning intersections that are currently dangerous for pedestrians as well as cars.
 - Answer – they will be redesigned to be in compliance with APA standards.
- 400 million is total budget for both lanes. 20% will come from local sales tax (already collected). 80% will (hopefully) come from the federal government as a grant.

Parking in Corryville – Debra Benjamin and Tom Fruth

- Parking has gotten more difficult over the years and is at a tough spot right now due to the Rec. Center new policy about towing.
- Over the years, parking has been eliminated from multiple streets.
 - For example, seven spots are being held for bus parking which isn't in use (Hampton Inn), large turning intersections (Eden and University at Rec. Center), etc.
 - 30' setbacks from stop signs have eliminated parking spaces as well.
- Cincinnati DOT is getting more flexible with pedestrian safety with bump-outs and other innovations that can ensure pedestrian safety while also allowing more car parking. An example given was new installations along Hamilton Avenue.



- Tom is asking for a resolution for an emergency plan to address parking. He wants for the CCC to be in contact with city DOT to ask for some short term response to this issue.
 - Fran suggests to Tom that he contact Invest in Neighborhoods to ask for support and to talk with City Councilperson Jan Michele Lemon Kearney about parking.
 - Tom will write a letter asking for a group of the relevant city departments to come together to address the parking issues in the city, especially as Connected Communities is impacting neighborhoods.

Development at Corry and Euclid – Kingsley and Co.

- Developers are here for their third presentation in the project, the second one since they have largely redesigned their proposed building.
- They own 2600, 2608, 2612 and 2614 Euclid and 2622 is under contract.
- Their previous, 2023 plan was to build an 18-story student housing project, with little parking and over 500 beds. They received community pushback on this plan.
- Kinglsey then looked to 2016 University Impact Area Solutions Study (UIASS) for guidance on what the community desires to see added to Corryville. (**Note, there is no current Corryville Neighborhood Plan – a new plan has been requested from the city’s Department of Planning and Engagement.*)
- Now, the redesigned project includes 172 units of residential housing, 174 parking spaces, and 471 beds in 7-story building with internal parking capped by courtyard and wrapped by townhomes.
 - Connected Communities removed the parking requirements for projects like this. This project goes above and beyond what is required to provide.
 - Setbacks from the street, inclusion of townhomes, materials used to finish the project are all chosen to be in line with the surroundings and the UIASS.
- Development will be built to minimum of LEED certification.
- They are asking for a letter of support from the CCC and will be submitting their project for approval in December.



- Question from community – There is a shortage of parking spaces if every resident brings one – where will they park?
 - Answer – Not every student will be bringing a car with them. Also, connected communities doesn't require any parking as the city has a vision for this neighborhood not needing as much parking.
- Question from community – How does this parking provision compare to the other nearby developments? What was the prior parking required before connected communities? (It was 0.7 parking spots per bed.)
 - Answer – It's in range with other nearby student developments.
- Comment from community – Resident who was recently a student and now isn't, they live with 4 roommates and have 1 car for the house. The lifestyle for a lot of young professionals and students with all of the amenities nearby makes it easier for them to not have cars.
- Question from community – What is the construction schedule?
 - Answer – They will be submitting for Planned Development approval in December. Construction will start in 2025 and will open in Fall 2027 for residents.
- Question from community – What is the price point?
 - Answer – They haven't finalized rental prices yet. Everything will be priced per room. Parking will be included in rent. Cost will be determined by the market.
- Question from community – How are you ensuring that the product will be quality and long-lasting and not shoddy?
 - Answer – Students talk amongst themselves and Kingsley plans to build something where students want to live and feel safe and can compete with the other nearby options for students.
- Question from community – Resident asked about parking and a parking study and whether Kingston would be open to paying for a parking study.
- Neighbors voted in favor of the letter of support.

Old Business

Corryville Rec. Center Report – Fran reported on this from an email Rachel Re sent to him.

- Signs have been installed by Cincinnati Recreation Commission regarding towing. They are located at both entrances to the parking lot.



- Towing may happen during business hours, but only when Rachel is here as she is the only one who can give permission for this to happen.
- There will be no overnight towing until a plan has been worked out to accommodate residents.

Corryville Library Report – No one here to report this month.

- Please check out their website for activities going on: [Corryville | Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library](#)

Burnet Woods – No one here to report on this

- Please check out their website for activities [Burnet Woods & Trailside Nature Center - Cincinnati Parks](#)

Community Budget Report

- \$16,090.87 in General Fund; \$4,894.01 in Landscaping Fund

Next Meeting - There is no December Meeting. We'll see you in 2025!

January 14th, 2025 | 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

