

CORRYVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: 8 April, 2025

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; Chris Valaski, Board Member – Corryville Community Council

Call to Order and Opening Comments

Police and Safety Report

CPD - Officer Sean Dent, CPD District 4

- Officer Dent attended an Ohio Crime Prevention Association course in the past couple of weeks. The topic was identity theft.
- Suggestions:
 - Never give out personal information to people who contact you unexpectedly.
 - Never carry unnecessary personal items with you in your purse, like your social security card.
 - Think about using a cash app card to use in places like drive throughs rather than your credit card, which can be scanned and copied or stolen if you use it.
 - When you buy gift cards, make sure that they haven't been interfered with.
 - Don't access your bank account from an open internet network.

UCPD - Officer Valerius

- UC Carnival 4/12 on Sigma Sigma Commons.
- Move outs 4/25 – 5/2.
- Big spring commencements 5/1 and 5/2
- 16 CPS schools will have commencements at 5th/3rd this year.
- Question from community about incident where UC student was arrested by UCPD after he allegedly impeded a protest. Student was charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.
- Question from community about UCPD role in confirming the identity of federal officers who may be on UC campus to detain visa holding students.



New Business

Working In Neighborhoods – www.wincincy.org

- HUD Approved Housing Counselling Agency
- Started 1978 Sister Barbara Busch
- Helps increase the housing market for low to moderate income households
- Offer Homebuyer's classes – online courses offered once a month or completely online paced as you go – no restrictions on eligibility.
- Net Zero houses in South Cumminsville
- Offer financial literacy classes – no restrictions on eligibility.
- Foreclosure prevention courses – no restrictions in eligibility.
- Revive and Thrive Home Repair program – 2% loans for some areas of Hamilton County. Eligible for people at or below 80% AMI in each census tract.

Corryville CDC – Brandon Williams

- First Topic – Under contract 4/4/25 to buy the former Mecklenburg Gardens building.
- Requesting \$1.2 million from Corryville TIF to complete acquisition
 - Currently \$13.4 million in TIF
- Intention to stabilize the structure and lease or partner with an operator
- CDC has six months to explore whether they want to finalize the purchase.
- Second topic – Seeking letter of support from CCC for Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program. \$49,000 to install banners on Short vine and neighborhood branded totems at several intersections near Short Vine:
 - Daniels and Jefferson intersection
 - University and Jefferson intersection
 - Charlton and Jefferson intersection
- This is an effort to reinforce that Short Vine is Corryville's business district. It's about district identity. DOTE is the one that installs these.
- Vote taken – 12 voted for, 0 against, 0 abstained

City Pedestrian Safety Banners / Yard Signs

- Given by Department of Transportation and Engineering. Residents can take one of the yard signs – they have no metal feet attached.

CPD FUSUS / CONNECT Project

- CPD has launched a new crowdsourced surveillance system
- Residents and businesses can voluntarily connect their cameras to the City's database, which then can be accessed at any point by CPD for "public safety" purposes
- Joining is free, City provides hardware necessary
- Informational meeting April 28, 6 - 7pm at 800 Evans St - The Police Academy



Old Business

NSP

- This year we want to fund:
 - Website
 - Landscaping Gateway Gardens

Community Ideas – to be voted on at May meeting

- Suggestion from Bill Crawford for us to spend money to take care of hillside mowing on north side of Nixon across from EPA.
 - Community suggestion to plant some native pollinator plantings that would not require mowing as frequently. Would Cincinnati office of sustainability have funding for the seeds and start-up cost?
- Suggestion to have a CCC table at Burnet Woods to get people involved with the community
- Suggestion to have CCC branded items created using NSP funds that can be posted at events and handed out as swag, etc.
- Get additional copies of Short Vine banners to hang on Nixon section – not a recognized Neighborhood Business District (as of yet) so ineligible for city funds to finance.

Burnet Woods – Rachel Wells

- Surveying started last week for the Dog Park and construction will start next week.
- Spring Fest on 4/19.
- Spring Wild Flower walks 10 am Saturday 12th and 19th.
- Trail Cameras have been put up in the park.
- The Lower Valley in Burnet Woods, with a pavilion and where Cricket it sometimes played – this is currently closed due to the existence of a combined sewer overflow. Signage will be going up about this.

CRC Report – Rachel Re

- 55/70 spots filled for Summer Day Camp.
- New programming coming up this fall.
 - Family Fun Nights – 3rd Friday of every month. Movie nights in gym, Halloween Dance, etc.
 - Actively trying to increase their network in the community.
 - Men's basketball league on Saturday morning.
 - 3 v. 3 tournament in September on outside court.
- Nobody got towed from the parking lot yet. Not a huge issue at the moment, and it will get better as summer semester starts.
- Voting here for special election May 6th.

Library – Stefani Hicks

- New programming created at the library.



Treasurer's report

- General Fund \$13,095.25
- Landscaping Fund steady from last month

Next Meeting

May 13, 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

