

**Columbia Tusculum Community Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 21, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President, Kathie Hickey at 7:00pm on Monday, August 21, 2017.

**Speaker: Kathy Hickey**

Spoke about the trash problem in our neighborhood. Suggested if everyone picked up a few pieces of trash every day, it would really make a difference.

**Speaker: Office Kevin Butler, Cincinnati Police Department, District 2**

Officer Butler gave the crime report. Fuel Coffee was robbed and suspect was arrested. Drug activity on Stites; one arrest was made. He suggested Columbia Tusculum collaborate with the police department and organizing a cleanup day (Greenup Day). For questions or concerns, Office Butler can be reached at (513) 979-4480 or at [kevin.butler@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:kevin.butler@cincinnati-oh.gov).

**Speaker: Yvette Simpson, Candidate for Mayor of Cincinnati**

- Believe in being a leader who listens to the needs and concerns of all residents.
- Committed to the flood issue, crime prevention, increase business districts, workforce development program.
- Focus on neighborhoods. 50% of her time will be spent in the neighborhoods.
- Will apply for \$300M in grants and private funds for neighborhood programs.

Q- Do you support Cincinnati being a sanctuary city?

A- Yes. Local law enforcement officials want to be focused on responding to issues in our neighborhoods, and not profile and detain individuals who appear to be here illegally. Federal funding will not be withheld.

**Speakers: Laurie Quinlivan, Candidate for City Council**

- Will focus on a cleaner, greener, smarter Cincinnati
- Supports flowerpot program, job creation, CEDs
- Main reason for her return is to see the Wasson Way Bike Trail completed.
- Cincinnati leads the nation with the first net zero energy police station. Invited residents to the preview & discussion of a documentary film on Wednesday, September 20, 5:30-7:30pm.

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**Speakers: Mark Mossman, Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition**

Committed the eradication of homelessness with respect for the dignity and diversity of its membership, the homeless and the community. The Coalition works towards this goal by coordinating services, educating the public, and engaging in grassroots organizing and advocacy. Asked for support with their education program, OTR Walking Tour, Streetvibes.

**Speakers: Charlene Myers and Phil O'Neil, Riverview East Academy**

Riverview East Academy applied for and received a \$250,000 grant. Funds will be used for a poetry café, robotics program, and athletics. Community volunteers are needed to help with new programs.

**Speaker: Kathie Hickey**

Kathie Hickey gave the treasurers report.

**Ali Anoff, Columbia Tusculum Home and Pub Tour Committee Member**

Ali gave information on the home tour being held Saturday, October 7, 11am-4pm. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tour features 10 homes, 6 pubs with specials, live music, trolley transportation. Volunteers are needed for the day of the event and cleanup.

**Speaker: Paul from Steiner Associates/Hoge Handman project update**

- Project was on hold due to storm water issues. MSD issues were addressed.
- Project can move forward with the following changes: parking lot raised, additional storm sewers. Details are still being worked out

Q&A:

Q: What is the set back of the building?

A: Four feet.

Q: Are you flexible with the design to make it fit in with existing architecture of the neighborhood.

A: The final look isn't determined yet.

Q: Can the community provide input with the design?

A: They will bring it up with their committee.

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Q: How many parking spots are there per unit?

A: 1.5 spots.

Q: Is there an entrance on Delta?

A: No.

Q: What is our solution for the flooding issue?

A: They feel they have a solution by raising the elevation to allow proper drainage.

**Speaker: AnnMarie Kerby, Planning and Development/Cincinnati**

There is a meeting on Friday, September 1.

The plan cannot change by more than 10%.

There is a review process.

Encouraged all residents to come to the review process meeting.

The review committee is elected by the mayor.

They might apply for tax abatements for the apartments.

16% are 1 bedroom units. The rest are 2 or 3 bedrooms.

**Speaker: Gerald Checco, Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD)**

They became involved because of the flooding issues. They opposed the development until they came up with a solution.

Upgrades need to be made to a 50 year old system.

The water will go to the river with the new system.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:13pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,  
Alison May