

**Columbia Tusculum Community Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 18, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President, Kathie Hickey at 7:00pm on Monday, September 18, 2017.

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

Officer Butler gave the crime report. August was quiet. 100% down in burglary and theft. Zero auto thefts. High visibility of D2 officers contributed to lower crime.

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: Matt Ackermann, CT Community Council Treasurer**

Matt gave the Treasurers report. Matt reviewed the Profit & Loss Statement and the Balance Sheet. He answered questions about CTCC supporting the Tusculum Street Fest with \$1,900 and how TSF in turn donated back over \$4,500 to CT for beautification.

**Speaker: Matt Ackermann presented the NSP proposal. It was approved 14 yays, 0 nos, 0 abstentions.**

Matt described how we historically have used the NSP funds and reviewed the current proposal to the community (see NSP proposal for details.) Janette Yauch inquired if we could use some funds to maintain the flower bed at the Gateway on the corner of Wilmer and Airport Road. Kathie and Matt agreed that TSF would pay for the fall clean up, as they did last year, with spring and summer maintenance to be determined. Claire Davison asked if we could use some of the NSP funds for banners and Matt Yauch told the group about the \$30,000 grant he got approved for the CT Business District to replace those banners. Joe Fowler asked if we should have another person hired to mow the Gateway (\$1,000) if Joe Corcoran is not healthy enough to manage it. We will continue to monitor that situation and make adjustments as necessary.

**Speaker: Janette Yauch, CT Home and Pub Tour Committee**

Janette gave a home tour updated. She reminded the group that we needed more volunteers and that all should clean-up around their home and local neighborhood areas. An informal clean up on 9/30/17 was mentioned with a call for volunteers to meet on Eastern between Delta and Tusculum, at 9am. Locations of homes are on a map on the website.

**Speaker: Laurie Petrie, Senior Services Levy**

Lori described who the program benefits, both the elderly and their families. It supports middle and lower income seniors. She asked for support of the increase of \$10.85/\$100,000 of property value. See [www.helpourellderly.org](http://www.helpourellderly.org) for more information.

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**Speaker: David Tornheim, Library Privatization**

North building of downtown library considered to be sold for \$8 million. Cost \$40 million to build. There is concern that the Library Board of Trustees has many corporate ties. He encouraged more public input and that more information be shared with the public. Concerned that building only 20 years old and now underused. The plan to modify use of the building as been ongoing since 10/16. For more information visit <http://savenorthlibrary.blogspot.com/>.

**Speaker: Phillip O'Neil, NEW Athletic Director-Riverview East Academy**

Phillip has spent 6 years with CPS and AD for the first time here at Riverview. He's excited to make improvements in many areas and is looking for support with attendance at games and financially to improve the weight room, get a scorer's table, and a bench for basketball games. He was excited to announce the addition of a new basketball coach.

**Open Items:**

A group of CT residents is concerned with the proposed development at Hoge and Handman. They are forming a development/architectural review committee. Eleonor Fuscso, Chuck (new owner on Hoge), and Melanie Walls will be part of that committee. They will get answers on what the process is going forward in terms of further community input.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Submitted by,  
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CTCC Secretary