

Columbia Tusculum Community Council
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Kathie Hickey at 7:00pm on Monday, February 20, 2017.

Speaker: Lieutenant Neal, Cincinnati Fire Department

Lt. Neal gave the update for the fire department. Also, he reported on the new GPS system being used. The new system will reduce response time and make dispatch more efficient. He also reported that 911 drug abuse calls are still a big issue, they are very frequent.

Speaker: Officer Kevin Butler, Cincinnati Police Department, District 2

Officer Butler gave the crime report. He also suggested that if anyone has any questions or concerns he can be reached at (513) 979-4480 or at kevin.butler@cincinnati-oh.gov. A question was asked about reported gun shots (on Nextdoor.com). Officer Butler didn't have any information on this but said he would look into the situation and give a report during March's community council meeting.

Speaker: PG Sittenfeld, Cincinnati Community Council

PG Sittenfeld gave an update on the new Golden Cincinnati Initiative. He reported that the purpose of the project is to ensure that Cincinnati is a great place to age and that the City of Cincinnati has smart, senior-friendly policies. For more information please visit: <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/sittenfeld/news/sittenfeld-launches-golden-cincinnati-initiative-to-make-cincinnati-more-senior-friendly/>

He also reported on the following:

- The overdose epidemic from opiates continues to be a problem for the Cincinnati Police Department. They are working on programs that will help stop people from becoming addicts.
- Smart City Initiative. Details here: <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/sittenfeld/news/councilmember-sittenfeld-convenes-working-group-on-smart-cities/>

Speakers: Barry Rosenberg & Dwayne Furukawa-Steiner Investments, Kurt Platte-Platte Design Presented information on proposed residential development at Handman and Hoge. Details as follows:

- Development will be designed to emphasize sense of community.
- Create a smaller, more intimate urban residential property.
- Target price points for units will range from \$1250/month for smaller units to \$2500/month for the larger units.

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- The building is 4 stories. It has an elevator. It has a courtyard for gathering
 - Future design for the courtyard may include seating, a fire pit, and gas grills. They reported that the courtyard will not look corporate or institutional, but sexy.

Steiner Investments asked for a letter of support from the community council. Kathie Hickey stated that the bylaws indicate that after a presentation, the vote takes place during the next community council meeting. Steiner Investments and Platte Design will attend March's community council meeting when the vote will take place.

Speaker: Meredith Newman, Cincinnati Police Department/Victim Advocate

Gave information on the CCROW witness support program. The program provides a variety of services including court-related services, social services, and referrals to counseling services designed to meet the needs of witnesses. Local volunteers with a desire to make our communities safer and break the "no snitch" culture largely service the program. For more information or to find out how you can get involved, call 513-352-3542 or email Jennifer.mitsch@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Speaker: Tamaya Denard, Candidate for City Council

Ms. Denard introduced herself and provided information on her childhood/family home life, education, and employment history. She reported that she is running for city council because she wants to see change and a more innovative city hall. She asked the community for their support. For more information or to speak with Tamaya, contact the at: <http://tamayadennard.com>

Speaker: Alison May

Gave details for the two upcoming neighborhood spring cleanup projects.

- Great American Cleanup – as in the past we will partner with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. They provide supplies, we provide volunteers. This years' projects are, (1) prepare community garden for spring planting and (2) Pick up litter in the community. Date/time of event: April 22, 2017 – 9am-12pm

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Speaker: Alison May - Continued

- Go Local (formerly Go Cincinnati) – as in the past we will partner Crossroads Church. They provide volunteers, we provide some volunteers and supplies. This year's project is to cleanup the pedestrian tunnel that connects Eastern Avenue and Congress Avenue. We will concentrate on Congress removing a lot of trash, old tires, etc. This area has been neglected for many years. Date/time of event: May 20, 2017 – 9am-1pm.
- Volunteers are needed for both events.
- More information, and volunteer signup information will be given in March and April's community council meetings.

Kathie Hickey asked for a volunteer to lead the community garden for 2017.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Alison May