

Columbia Tusculum Community Council  
Meeting 5/21/18

Matt Yauch called to order 7:01pm

1. Cincinnati Fire Station 18: Captain Monty: not present.
2. Cincinnati Police District 2: Kevin Butler: not much going on in April. One auto theft—maybe landscapers. Matt question: patrolling for speed b/c of auto accident on Columbia Parkway? Butler: speed not a factor in that crash.
3. Riverview East School Update: Charlene Myers: last week of school. Dedication for Margaret's Place room—students have experienced trauma/challenges. Licensed therapist. Suicide rate high in the city with young people. Thursday at 2pm—opening. Supposed to have community members come to LSDMC (Local school decision making committee). They choose the principal. Approve the budget. Initiatives at school. Viable committee at school. Call or email Charlene with questions.
4. Treasurer Update: Karl Preissner: \$8 water bill, \$40 water test. Info at table.
5. Feemster One-Way: Patrick Donnelly: working on development of street & transition from one-way street Stites to McCulloch (W-E). Would make more safe. Looking for support. Need petition signed from everyone on the street, which they have. Need a letter from community council. Vote on letter of support. Vote: all in favor, 0 opposed.
6. American Legacy Theatre: Matt Gellin: theatre for social change. Opposite of traditional theatre experience. Bringing artists & audience together, making theatre accessible. Theatre only accessible by 8-12% of people—so, make low ticket prices and creating an atmosphere where everyone can engage.
  - a. [www.americanlegacytheatre.org](http://www.americanlegacytheatre.org) (Click "ON STAGE" & register)
  - b. Workshop 6/10 @1pm-2:30pm: free and open to public. People vote on the subject matter that theatre addresses in programming going forward.
  - c. At Carnegie Center
  - d. Another one 7/15 (once a month)
  - e. Junior Board development program: high school students are junior board members for organization/have access to budget; collaborate to create an original piece that they've conceived from start to finish. Will be performed first week in August.
  - f. Cards in back w/cell #
7. Madisonville Education Assistance Center (MEAC): not present
  - a. Meacincinnati.org
8. Tusculum Streetfest: Matt Ackermann
  - a. 1k funding request and vote
  - b. tusculumstreetfest.org
  - c. Grossed \$80k over last 2 years, donated \$29k back into community (esp. Riverview East), also beautification in the neighborhood @ gateway, pocket parks, medians, all funds raised go back into neighborhood, minus seed money to keep festival going.

- d. Last year: council donated \$1900.
  - e. Also asked business association for funds.
  - f. 3 bands
  - g. Vote: all yays, 0 nays.
  - h. Streetfest is June 16 from 2-10. More kids activities this year.
  - i. Cincinnati Neighborhood Games is same day—backyard games. Like Olympics for neighborhoods.
    - i. Facebook page: RedBike Ride
9. Classical Chamber Music Concert: Matt Umphries
- a. 6/3 at 3pm
  - b. columbiabaptistcincinnati.org
  - c. Free classical music chamber concert.
  - d. Church founded 1790. Moved here in 1865.
10. Great American Cleanup: Kathie Hickey
- a. 6/2, 9am @ Streetside
  - b. Streetside partnered with Great American Cleanup & Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. Want to start an event called “Tuesday Night Tidies”—mini cleanups every month.
  - c. Streetside will provide bagels & Coffee in the morning before the cleanup. 9-12. 12-2: pizza sponsor—still looking for one. Streetside will donate a portion of the proceeds of all drink sales to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful.
  - d. Kid friendly
  - e. Gloves, bags, etc. will be provided.
  - f. Register so they know how much to get
11. Judge Marilyn Zayas: Hamilton Co Ct of Appeals
- a. Incumbent Democrat
  - b. Ran in 2016—last democrat to take the seat from a republican incumbent was in 1993. Need balance at court of appeals—only democrat there. First Latina to be elected to any court in Ohio. Structure of court of appeals: trial courts make decisions between parties before them. 833 elected trial court judges. Also appointed judges and magistrates, well over 1,000 total. Appeal to court of appeals—that’s the level Judge Zayas is at. Binding law for all of Hamilton county whenever that issue comes up—only court that sets law in Hamilton county. Can go to Supreme Court of Ohio after that, but most cases get turned down. 400 cases in court of appeals, only one issue accepted by Ohio supreme court.
12. Any other business?
- a. Matt Yauch: Miami Sewer District—some unpleasant smells. There is a zero-tolerance policy for odors in the neighborhood. 513-557-5979. Please call. More calls = less odor. Keep calling.
  - b. Charlene Myers: shutting off gas on May 30, lots of construction outside building (Riverside East).
  - c. Matt Yauch: heard back from city today. Historic preservation of pavers & curbs on Morris Place. Plan was to remove asphalt and see

about condition of pavers. None salvageable. So there are some questions re: whether residents want to pay for it or not. News outlets are reaching out. Got 1-inch stabilization layer over it, not final.

- d. Teardowns in historic neighborhoods? No one has been in contact with city council. We have that protection with the historic overlay.
  - i. Columbia Tusculum has historic district protection, can't be torn down without city playing part of that. Other issue is that in City of Cincinnati, lot width size is only 25 feet. Some houses are on three lots. So it's a function of obsolescence—houses on three lots should be torn down, with three in its place, if house is just old, not historic.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm.