

**OAKLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting, February 7, 2006**

**Call To Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. All Board members were present with exceptions of Beth Dziech and Shannon Adams who both were excused.

**Welcome and Announcements**

- Speaker cards can be found on a table at the rear of the meeting room. Anyone wishing to speak needs to complete a speaker card and give to President.
- No plans have been submitted to the City of Cincinnati for future development of the Oakley drive-in site that was recently purchased by Circle Development.
- Cincinnati Neighborhood Summit was held Saturday, February 4, 2006 at Xavier University. The summit is sponsored by Invest in Neighborhoods. Mayor Mallory has agreed to a meeting on February 25 with all Presidents of Community Councils.
- Dave Schaff met with the Presidents of the Hyde Park and Madisonville community councils to offer collaboration with Oakley Community Council on issues that will benefit the three neighborhoods.
- Oakley TIF was approved by the State of Ohio. TIF is for 30 years and funds will be used to make infrastructure improvements in the Oakley Business District.
- There are 2 openings on the Oakley Community Council (OCC) board. We have received 5 applications. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. via the OCC email at oakleycouncil@fuse.net.

**Senior Citizen Liaison Report**

- Jim Walls reported that the Seniors are having a guest speaker on February 20 at 2:00 p.m. The speaker will be Cecil Cox and cost of the function will be \$10.00 which includes lunch.

**District 2 Police Report**

- This is Officer Bellamah's last meeting as the Oakley Neighborhood Officer. A new program is being initiated by the Police Chief. Each district will have several officers serving as neighborhood officers across all three shifts. Stephanie introduced Lt. Joe Williams who will be in attendance at next month's OCC meeting. Calls for service and Part I crimes were both down in the year 2005 compared to the year 2004.

**Cincinnati Recreation Commission/CNAS**

- Greg Pierson reported that the Advisory Board to the CRC Community Center staff had its third meeting last week. The Advisory Board will be consulting with the CRC staff to offer ways to improve the operation and activities at the community center. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be on April 8. Cost is \$5.00 per child. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 15.
- Greg asked if the OCC would write a letter of support for installing signage that identifies the Community Center to those individuals that visit the Hyde Park Plaza. OCC board agrees to write such a letter. Greg will let us know to whom the letter should be addressed.

## Standing Committee Reports

- The Beautification Committee reports that a meeting will be held at the Benken Greenhouse on Saturday, February 11 to discuss how communities can effectively participate in the Great American Cleanup in April.
- John Heilman reports that membership increased dramatically in the months of October, November and December of 2005. A large number of these memberships were unsolicited and resulted from the interest in the ongoing discussions regarding the Wasson Road Neighborhood Association and RP McMurphy's.
- Bob Luthy was quoted in an Eastern Hills Journal article regarding the "facelift" that Oakley Square and the Business District will undergo as a part of the gateway development sponsored by the OCC. An initial grant of \$50,000 from the City of Cincinnati will allow for the planning phase of the project. The Business Committee is looking for individuals who would like to be part of an Advisory Board to the Business Committee for this project. Tim Smith of BHDP Architecture presented information about his firm in hopes of the OCC utilizing the firm's expertise in the development of the plan for the gateway project. BHDP is currently involved in the redevelopment of Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati and was the architect for the expansion of the Cinergy Convention Center in downtown also.
- Vince Schirmer reports that the dues for CNDBU is going up from \$50 to \$100 for the year. Dan Bennie made a motion, seconded by John Heilman that we pay the \$100 dues to be a part of the CNDBU. Motion passed unanimously.
- At the March 7, 2006 meeting of the OCC, Kent Arnold, of Vision Land Development, will be presenting information regarding the transportation improvement associated with the Millworks development. Mr. Arnold hopes to bring the final site plan for the development to the May meeting of the OCC.

## New Business

- Terese Munro, from the Hyde Park Seniors Group, presented information about the collaborative efforts of the Hyde Park, Oakley and Madisonville Senior Citizens Groups. The 3 groups applied for and received a grant to produce a direct mail brochure describing the activities and services offered by the 3 senior groups. The brochure will be mailed 4 times a year to those households in the zip codes of 45208, 45209 and 45227 that have a household member 50 and over. Thus far they have received 50 calls and visits from senior citizens that received the first mailing of the brochure.
- The Fresh Market store, located at the old Jones the Florist property on Madison Road, is now being renovated. Shannon Adams will contact the property owner, Jo Lynn Gustin, regarding the need to upgrade the landscaping at the front of the property.
- OCC has received a letter from the Vice Section of the Cincinnati Police Department advising now is the time for the OCC to voice objections to the renewal of any liquor permits for establishments located in Oakley. OCC has until March 6 to respond with any concerns regarding renewal of liquor permits.  
The Neighborhood and Public Services Committee of the Cincinnati City Council will hold 2 public meetings to receive public input for objections to liquor permit renewals. The 2 public meetings are on April 4 at 6:00 p.m. and April 18 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall.

George Dyer, proprietor of RP McMurphy's, updated the OCC about the hearings being held between RP's and the City of Cincinnati regarding objections to the renewal of the liquor permit held by RP's. Testimony was heard on January 24 and will be heard again on March 14 and 15. The Establishment, located next to RP's, will be working with RP's to make the area near their businesses more neighborhood friendly. The Establishment will add another off duty police officer on Friday's beginning in April. Both businesses are sharing the trash pickup and RP's has become an Adopt-A-Spot sponsor. RP's would like to be involved in the Great American Cleanup in April.

Shannon Adams has been directed to begin making contact with businesses who may be able to provide the installation and removal of holiday lighting on Oakley Square during the 2006 holiday season.

#### **NSP**

- OCC will be voting on NSP budget at the March 7, 2006 meeting. This vote will need to be advertised in the newspaper as required by Invest In Neighborhoods.

#### **Minutes**

- Katie Carroll made a motion, seconded by John Heilman to approve the January 2006 minutes. Passed unanimously.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- John Heilman made a motion, seconded by Bob Luthy to approve the Treasurer's report. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by Vince Schirmer, seconded by Bob Luthy to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Becky Stephens  
Secretary