

Columbia Tusculum Community Council  
Meeting: 2/18/18

Matt Yauch, President called to order at:

Cincinnati Fire Station 18: Captain Monty Safety Update: Not present.

Cincinnati Police District 2: Officer Butler Crime Update: Went over stats for January. Made one auto break-in arrest. When weather is nice, be aware when parking cars at parks—don't leave valuables in plain sight. Cold weather—don't leave car started in driveway with key in ignition. (See copy of Neighborhood Report).

Steve Megerle: Chief of Staff of Council Member Jeff Pastor. Chairs the neighborhoods committee. Call any time with any issues. [jeff.pastor@cincinnati.oh.gov](mailto:jeff.pastor@cincinnati.oh.gov). Pastor reads all emails. Any issues he can help with, please reach out. 513-352-5243. Weekly newsletter to citizens to inform public about what is going on at City Hall. Janette Yauch brought up trash problems along 471 Exit to Columbia Parkway. Also on 71 North.

Riverview East School Update: Charlene Myers: not present because of flooding at the school.

Community Games Intro: Michelle de la Vega (See copy of 2018 Cincinnati Neighborhood Games document).

Eastern Avenue and Handman Avenue Home Development Projects: Mark Zaring. [levans@evans-eng.net](mailto:levans@evans-eng.net). Variance and support request. Want to tear down structure at 3739 Eastern Avenue and build new house. Currently have a house under contract to tear down structure and build \$600,000 custom home, LEED Certified. Current home basically falling apart, rear garage imploded. Question re: tearing down home in historic district. Where home is located is not part of historic district. Concern re: having garage in the front of the house instead of the back and preserving the historic character of the neighborhood in new housing. Expression of support/desire to build more houses like this. Concern re: tax abatement on new homes/increase to taxes for existing homeowners. Homebuilder looking for variance approval. Current house is mixed-use. Needs letter saying no objections or approval of residential zoning on the lot. Matt: we will send a blast email to the community to allow commentary and do an electronic vote. Mark Zaring also discussed project on Handman. Contract to demo site and put in six townhomes on the property. \$700,000-800,000. 2200-3200 square feet. Similar to project next door but hopefully not as expensive. Dirt needs to be removed, sewer needs to be extended. High cost project, lots of work. 30-foot wide lots. 12 foot side yards to each adjoining property.

Treasurer Report: Karl Preissner. See attached Treasurer's Report. Spent \$2300 roughly. Largest expense is that we donated \$1900 to sweatshirt drive to the elementary school.

2018 Goals Review: put a pin in this. Matt Yauch will bring copies for everyone for next month so we can go over more thoroughly.

Next Meeting: March 19, 2018 @ 7pm

Eleonora Fusco announced meeting at her house (529 Tusculum Avenue) on Wednesday February 21, from 6-8pm. Everyone who is interested is invited. Mentors African American kids and is a member of the NAACP. Wants to educate community re: Cincinnati Chapter. Joe Mallory will speak. Appetizers & drinks will be served. (See attached Building Bridges announcement). RSVP To Eleonora Fusco at [me@eleonorafusco.com](mailto:me@eleonorafusco.com).

Discussion re: pole banners. One has fallen. We have budget for new ones and will take care of it.

Matt Yauch, President adjourned at 7:42 pm.