



COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

Thursday, April 10, 2025 @ 3:30-5:00
Clifton Library, 351 Ludlow Avenue, 45220

AGENDA

- Group Introductions
- Neighborhood Updates
- Plan Overview & Update
- Guest Introductions
- Community Discussion
- Next Steps
- Final Thoughts

GROUP MEMBERS

- Jan Checco
- Jason Franz
- Tim Noonan

GUESTS

- Cincinnati Police Department - Jillian Desmond & LTC Matthew Hammer
- Clifton Area Neighborhood School LSDMC - Cole Brokamp
- Clifton Recreation Center - Brittany Havens
- Clifton Library - Jeanne Strauss-DeGroote

MEETING GOAL

To strength partnerships between Clifton residents (group members) and neighborhood stakeholders (guests) by providing a space to share ideas and resources. This first meeting is about introducing the plan to stakeholders, hearing about their involvement in Clifton, and exploring plan topics.

COMMUNITY TOPICS

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Report and enforce public nuisances
- Reduce criminal activities
- Increase effective police protection
- Coordinate with the appropriate agencies and services to help and decrease the presence of panhandling and homelessness
- Maintain presence of high caliber fire protection

NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE

- Coordinate with City departments to repair faulty sewers
- Lead pipe abatement
- Improve waste collection services
- Maintain an adequate post office

SCHOOLS & YOUTH

- Maintain existing schools
- Clifton School should maintain a general education program available to all children in Clifton
- Encourage a broad program of youth activities

PROGRAMMING

- Create multi-generational programming that brings all ages together
- Provide a wide range of educational opportunities
- Improve programming and increase usage of Clifton Rec Center
- Support and collaborate with Clifton Cultural Arts Center to ensure success and longevity
- Support Arts across the board
- Continue and develop existing special community events (Memorial Day Picnic, Clifton Fest)
- Expand and support community and cultural events

CARE TAKING

- Improve and retain the attractiveness of key corridors (Ludlow, Clifton, Central, Vine, and MLK)
- Create a maintenance and beautification campaign

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Maintain a strong, effective community council
- Improve community involvement and culture of the Clifton Town Meeting
- Promote a sense of community across the diverse population
- Coordinate with neighboring institutions (Good Samaritan, Cincinnati Zoo, UC)
- Support and coordinate with local businesses (Clifton Business Association)

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Tell us about your department/organization and your role?
- How is your department/organization involved with Clifton?
- What are department/organization resources that can help support Clifton residents?
- How can the City and/or Clifton better support your department/organization?
- Are there actions that the plan can include/recommend to address Community topics?

PUBLIC SAFETY DISCUSSION

- What are the key safety concerns in Clifton?
- What is the most effective way to report nuisances and crimes?
- Are there changes to infrastructure or environments that can help with criminal activity?
- What are CPD's policies on panhandling and homelessness? What agencies and services should Clifton explore to help people experiencing challenging circumstances?

YOUTH & PROGRAMMING DISCUSSION

- What are neighborhood-wide needs for Clifton children?
- Are there youth activities that are highly desired?
- What educational opportunities are needed in Clifton?
- What type of neighborhood programming is successful? What programming is less successful?