

**Mayfield Village  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 23, 2012**

The Citizens Advisory Committee met on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mayfield Village Civic Center. Chairman Brenda Bodnar presided.

**Present:**

Brenda Bodnar      Chairman  
Mary Singer  
Merv Singer  
Joan Catalano  
Lorry Nadeau  
Kay Phillips  
Shirley Jay  
Steve Jerome  
Carole Marrie  
Bob Haycox  
Marilyn LaRiche-Goldstein

**Absent:**

Sandy Batcheller  
Joe Doran

**Also Present:**

Tom Marrie, Council Representative  
Diane Wolgamuth, Director of Administration/Committee Secy.  
Stacey O'Brien, Executive Director, Community Partnership on Aging

**Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Bodnar opened the meeting and asked if the Committee members had any changes to the Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2012. The Committee had no changes and the Minutes were approved as written.

**Community Partnership on Aging (CPA)**

Stacey O'Brien, Executive Director of the CPA, introduced herself and provided a brief history of the Partnership. The Partnership was previously called the Tri-City Consortium on Aging and consisted of South Euclid, Lyndhurst and Highland Heights. It was originally organized to provide congregate meals for seniors and then expanded to provide transportation. The participating Mayors established a Council of Government. Mayfield Heights joined in 2011 after the retirement of their Human Services Director. Mayfield Village has joined on a temporary basis starting May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The CPA's mission is to support older individuals to allow them to live independently. The CPA tries to improve their quality of life and pays particular attention to people who are vulnerable or at-risk.

Ms. O'Brien described that the CPA's main office is in South Euclid and programming rotates between the communities. Ms. O'Brien stated that she has found that each of the participating cities and their needs are very different. The CPA tries to tailor their program to the residents of each city and the culture that exists there. She asked the Committee to call the CPA if they know of someone who could benefit from the services offered.

Ms. O'Brien distributed materials to the Committee, including a volunteer form. Not only do the resident benefit from receiving volunteer services, but this also gives older people an opportunity to volunteer to help others.

Mr. Jerome asked if the seniors will still receive the same services they have been getting from the Village. Ms. O'Brien responded that they would and advised that she is working on programming with Bill Thomas and Donna Heath. Donna will still be the primary contact for senior snow plowing, tax assistance, etc. They are working with the Health Dept. to be able to hold luncheons in the Civic Hall with afternoon matinees in Reserve Hall. Ms. O'Brien stated that the addition of social work, transportation and volunteer services will be the biggest change. If a Village resident wants to attend a program in one of the other cities, the bus will transport them.

Mrs. Bodnar asked how residents will know what fees are charged. Ms. O'Brien advised that the information is in the materials being distributed or they can always call. Mrs. Singer asked who pays the fees. Ms. O'Brien advised that the fees are paid by the resident, but they are minimal.

Mr. Marrie stated that Council agreed to join the Partnership until the end of the year. They are excited about this and think it will be good for many seniors. Mrs. Bodnar stated that marketing will be important. Mr. Marrie suggested that this Committee could help by talking to senior residents.

Ms. Wolgamuth described the initial marketing plan. She distributed the pages from the upcoming issue of the *Voice of the Village* dedicated to describing the new services. She also distributed a flyer that will be mailed to all residents with the CPA's May Newsletter and asked that the Committee review it and provide her with any feedback. A press release has been sent to all the local newspapers and the Hillcrest Patch.

Mr. Marrie suggested that the flyers and newsletters be distributed at the Pancake Breakfast and at Cruise Night. Ms. Wolgamuth advised that the Commission on Aging had suggested the same thing and Donna Heath is preparing materials and a poster.

Mrs. Nadeau suggested talking to Heinen's about providing a spot in the store to distribute root beer floats along with CPA information. She stated that Heinen's has done similar promotions in the past that seemed very popular with seniors. She would be happy to volunteer to help work such an event.

The Commission on Aging Anniversary Party is coming up. Ms. Wolgamuth advised that materials will be distributed there as well.

### **Video – "Shots Fired on Campus"**

The Committee viewed a short video entitled "Shots Fired on Campus". The video was produced by the Center for Personal Protection and Safety (1-800-990-4541) and was brought in by Lorry Nadeau. It provides strategies and suggestions for dealing with armed intruders. Overall, the Committee thought that it was very well done and very informative. Mrs. Bodnar commented that it should be included in college orientations. Mrs. Nadeau advised that it is part of the orientation program at her workplace.

Mrs. LaRiche-Goldstein asked if people are able to text to 911. No one on the Committee was sure of the answer. Ms. Wolgamuth offered to find out. [*The Mayfield Village 911 system cannot receive text messages*].

### **Memorial Day Update**

Mrs. Singer reported that everything is on track. She is still waiting to confirm the attendance of Deacon McNulty and another speaker. She asked that the Committee members be supportive and plan to attend the ceremony on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Council Report**

Mr. Marrie reported on the following items being addressed by Council:

- The building permit for the Library has been issued.
- The solar panels on the police station are complete.
- The building expansion at Preformed Line Products has been approved.
- Ted Esborn obtained a grant from the Solid Waste District to purchase recycling containers for all the public facilities in the Village.
- The Village will be going out for bid for asbestos removal and the demolition of the old Village Hall and Police Annex.
- The Village has put a hold on the plan to move the police trailer to the soccer fields for use as a restroom. The bids came in four times as much as expected. Alternatives are being discussed.

- Council approved going to bid for final shaping of the amphitheatre area. The Village received free topsoil for this project.
- Bids were recently accepted for new playground equipment at Wiley Park.
- ADA compliance changes are being made at the pool.
- Shred Day is on May 19<sup>th</sup> and Pancake Breakfast is on May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- There is a prescription drop-off at the Police Dept. this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### **Comments from Members**

Mrs. Marrie advised that the Garden Club is holding an Arbor Day event on Friday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m. They are planting a tree at the lot next to the Fire Station.

Ms. Wolgamuth distributed information about the Greater Cleveland Trails & Greenways Conference being held in Independence on June 6<sup>th</sup> and invited the Committee members to attend. Mayor Rinker has been asked to speak at the conference about the Village's trail which is due to go to bid this winter with construction beginning in Spring 2013. This conference is held every two years and we have been asked to host it in 2014.

Mrs. LaRiche-Goldstein commented that she had received a letter from the Village about sidewalk repair in her neighborhood. Mr. Marrie explained that resident Joe Prcela had done an excellent job organizing the repairs. Ms. Wolgamuth explained to the Committee that the Village has a sidewalk repair policy that provides for reimbursement of \$125 per block for sidewalk blocks damaged by tree lawn trees. Mr. Prcela organized his neighborhood and hired one contractor to do all the work at a lower price.

Mr. Jerome shared an article in *Scene* Magazine that honored Progressive Insurance as one of the best companies in the area to work for and complimented Mayfield Village.

Mrs. Phillips complimented the Garden Club for the gorgeous daffodils planted at the Police Station. She also commented that she heard the Holiday Inn was planning to rebuild the hotel closer to I-271.

Mr. Haycox reminded the Committee members to sign up to volunteer to work at the Pancake Breakfast.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Wolgamuth.

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## Why a Trails/Greenways Conference

Cities throughout the U.S. recognize the value of trail & greenway development as part of a strategy towards improving the quality of life and attracting & retaining business. Trails and greenways positively impact individuals and improve communities by providing recreation and transportation opportunities, and influencing economic and community development. Some of the many trails and greenways benefits include:

- Encouraging physical fitness and healthy lifestyles
- Facilitating non-motorized transportation and walkable communities by providing safe, alternative access between neighborhoods, parks, schools, local shopping, and employment center
- Providing access to culturally & historically valuable areas
- Making communities better places to live by preserving and creating open spaces and wildlife habitat
- Protecting / enhancing stream corridors and other natural areas that help mitigate stormwater impacts
- Strengthening local economies and increasing property values while providing amenities which help attract potential homeowners and businesses

In Greater Cleveland, several governmental entities, planning agencies, and non-profit organizations have recognized the value of greenways and trails. This is reflected in a multitude of trail, open space, transportation and community master plans and proposals, including, for example, the Cuyahoga County Greenprint, and the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail and its system of suburban and neighborhood connector trails. However, a significant gap remains between planning and timely implementation of many trail projects.

Impediments to trail and greenway construction include a scarcity of resources and funding, and in some areas, a lack of acceptance and support. A need exists to raise awareness of the value and benefits and thus the priority given to trail and greenway projects. Additionally, tools are needed to help communities, planners, and advocates transform trail plans and concepts to construction ready projects and then into completed and well maintained trail infrastructure.

## Conference Planning Partners

- Bike Cleveland
- Cleveland City Planning Commission
- Cleveland Metroparks
- Cuyahoga County Board of Health
- Cuyahoga County Planning Commission
- Environmental Design Group (formerly Floyd Browne Group)

- Friends of Big Creek
- Friends of the Crooked River
- National Park Service: Rivers & Trails
- Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
- Northeast Ohio Sewer District
- Ohio Department of Transportation
- Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
- Trust for Public Land
- West Creek Preservation Committee

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## Preliminary Conference Agenda (Subject to change)

8:00–8:45 am	<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b>
8:45–9:00 am	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> <b>Mayor Gregory P. Kurtz</b> , City of Independence
9:00–9:45 am	<b>Trails and Greenways: A Greater Cleveland Priority</b> Moderator: <b>Brian Zimmerman</b> , Executive Director, Cleveland Metroparks Speakers: <b>Mayor Frank Jackson</b> , City of Cleveland; County Executive Ed FitzGerald, Cuyahoga County (invited)
9:45– 10:30 am	<b>Tools for Driving Trail Progress—Data, GIS and Maps</b> Moderator: <b>Elaine Price</b> , Program Manager, Greenspace, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission Speakers: <b>Stephen Mather</b> , Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Manager, Cleveland Metroparks; <b>Dan Meany</b> , Geographic Information Systems Manager Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, <b>Marc Von Allmen</b> , Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
10:30– 11:00 am	<b>Break / Exhibits</b>
11:00am – Noon	<b>A Trails Forum—What, Who, How</b> Moderator: <b>Rory Robinson</b> , Rivers and Trails Program, National Park Service Speakers: <b>Rhonda Romano</b> , Director, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Midwest Regional Office; <b>Dan Rice</b> , Co-Executive Director, Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition
Noon– 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch / Exhibits</b>
1:00– 2:30 pm	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>
	<b>1A – Trails and Greenways and Placemaking</b> Moderator: <b>Eric Oberg</b> , Manager of Trail Development, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy Midwest Regional Office Speakers: <b>Marlane Weslian</b> , Neighborhood Development Officer, Slavic Village Development; <b>Mayor Bruce Rinker</b> , Mayfield Village
	<b>1B – Why Trails and Greenways Are Important to Developers</b> Moderator: <b>George Cantor</b> , AICP - Cleveland City Planning Commission Speakers: <b>Liz March-Robinson</b> , Third Federal Savings and Loan; <b>Mitchell Schneider</b> , President, First Interstate Properties, Ltd.; <b>Frank T. Sinito</b> , President, Millennia Companies, American Preservation Builders
2:30– 2:45 pm	<b>Break / Exhibits</b>

2:45-  
4:15 pm

**Concurrent Sessions**

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**2A – Trends and Challenges in Trail and Greenway Design**

Moderator: **Jeff Kerr**, Principal, Environmental Design Group  
Speakers: **Andrea Irland**, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Rivers and Trails Program, National Park Service; **John Motl, P. E.**, Modes Management Engineer, District 12, Ohio Department of Transportation; **Gerard Neugenbauer, P.E.**, Environmental Design Group

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**2B – Innovative, Dedicated Funding for Trails and Greenway Development and Operations**

Moderator: **Dave Vasarhelyi**, Trust for Public Lands, Ohio Office  
Speakers: **Tim Donovan**, Co-Executive Director, Ohio & Erie Canalway, Director, Ohio Canal Corridor; **Debby Rolland**, Summit County Trail & Greenway Coordinator, Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition

4:15-  
5:00 pm

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**Closing Plenary - How Trails Hold Down Health Care Costs of Local Business**

Moderator: **Terry Allan**, Health Commissioner, Cuyahoga County Board of Health  
Speaker: **David Pauer**, MNO, Director, EHP Wellness, Employee Health Plan, Cleveland Clinic

5:00-  
7:00 pm

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**Reception – Greater Cleveland Trails & Greenways Awards**

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