

**Mayfield Village Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Oct 24, 2016**

The Citizens Advisory Committee met on Monday, Oct 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Historical House.

<u>Present:</u>	Lorry Nadeau	Rosemarie Fabrizio
	Allen Meyers	Mary Singer
	Mary Salomon	Sandy Batcheller
	Joanna McNally	Sara Calo

<u>Absent:</u>	Bob Haycox (Chair)	Kay Phillips
	Merv Singer	Patricia Russo
	Marilyn LaRiche-Goldstein	Loretta Williams

Also Present:
George Williams, Council Representative
Steve Jerome, Council Representative
Diane Wolgamuth, Director of Administration
Residents Ron Lear and Steve Schutt

Approval of Minutes

In the absence of Mr. Haycox, and at his request, Mrs. Nadeau chaired the meeting. She asked if there were any additions or changes to the minutes of Sept 26, 2016, previously provided to the Committee. There were none and the minutes were approved as written. Mrs. Nadeau welcomed resident Steve Schutt and asked him to introduce himself. Mr. Schutt stated that he previously lived on Thornapple and currently resides on Hickory Hill. He has six children between the ages of 5 and 15 and plans to stay in Mayfield Village for some time. His wife has become involved on the Parks & Recreation Board and he wanted to get involved with the Village as well.

Shirley Jay

Mrs. Nadeau spoke about long-time CAC member Shirley Jay who recently passed away. Mrs. Nadeau stated that she met Shirley when she joined the Citizens Advisory Committee. She never met anyone who so enthusiastically participated in all that the Village offers. "Shirley knew all the Village happenings." Mrs. Nadeau stated that she would often see Shirley at the grocery store and once overheard her talking to one of the dairy employees who also worked as a local disc jockey. Shirley was telling him that she gets up early on Tuesday mornings to attend a swimming class at Parkview Pool and asking him to keep the music a bit more mellow those mornings. Shirley's daughter told Mrs. Nadeau that Shirley had lived in the Village for more than 55 years and that Mayfield Village was like

heaven to her. Mrs. Nadeau stated that Shirley was a wonderful addition to the Committee and a wonderful friend. She will be missed. Mrs. Singer added that Shirley's family had a beautiful memorial service for her.

Heritage Home Program

Mrs. Nadeau introduced Colin Compton of the Cleveland Restoration Society, here to speak about the Heritage Home Program. Mr. Compton thanked the Committee for inviting him and for choosing the Historical House as the venue. As a student of historical preservation, he very much appreciated the opportunity to see the house. Mr. Compton began his presentation by explaining that the Cleveland Restoration Society is a non-profit corporation, located in downtown Cleveland, with 12 employees. They attempt to tie together historical preservation with neighborhood development and believe this results in greater neighborhood stability. He described that the Heritage Home Program was started 24 years ago to provide assistance to the owners of older homes. The Heritage Home Program offers two things: Free technical assistance and financing options. The only eligibility requirements are that the home be in a participating community, at least 50 years old, and must contain three units or less.

Mr. Compton distributed a copy of a PPT presentation (attached hereto). He described that the technical assistance is impartial advice and guidance regarding home repairs. The assistance generally starts with a home visit from one of their in-house contractors who, while there, will point out any additional problems that they see. They will help prioritize repairs and can help with finding an appropriate contractor and bidding the job. Mr. Compton stated that they typically help with windows, electrical work, and energy audits that can pinpoint energy loss. Sometimes they do color consultations, using a historic color palette to match the age and style of the home. Mr. Compton emphasized that technical assistance is the heart and soul of the Program, providing an impartial view of the needs of the home.

Mr. Compton advised that financial assistance is also available at a 2% rate for repair and remodeling. Loans range between \$3,000 and \$150,000 with a 5 to 10 year term. Loans cannot be used for landscaping or to purchase appliances. Also, no luxury items like pools or spas are eligible. The program also does not fund new vinyl siding. Siding can be replaced if it already exists on the home. Funds are available to both owner-occupied and rental properties. Mr. Compton described that the funds are kept in escrow and contractors are paid directly by the Restoration Society.

Mr. Compton shared a summary of the Village's July-Sept 2016 Quarterly Report. He stated that Mayfield Village has been a participating community for several years and he would love to see an increase in usage. He described the direct mailings sent and added that it is sometimes helpful to have the Mayor send a letter so that residents understand that the program is legitimate.

Mrs. Calo inquired about ineligible additions and Mr. Compton said that typically homeowners cannot double the size of the house. Mrs. Singer asked how the program is funded and Mr. Compton

advised that member cities pay a contract fee and the Society also seeks grant funding. Mrs. Calo asked if they only operate in Cuyahoga County. Mr. Compton responded that some work is also done in Summit County.

Mr. Williams asked if Key Bank is the Society's only lender. Mr. Compton said yes, currently, but they are looking at additional lenders. Mrs. Calo asked how long the money can remain in escrow and Mr. Compton responded, 18 months. Mrs. Singer asked what areas tend to be more active as there does not appear to be much activity in the Village. Mr. Compton stated that it is not uncommon for the program to take years to gain steam in a community. They started in Cleveland and the inner ring suburbs and most work is done there. Mrs. Batcheller asked if a loan has to be taken out if advice is sought. Mr. Compton said, no, just seeking advice is fine. Mrs. Singer asked if there were any income requirements to obtain a loan and Mr. Compton advised that there are not. Mrs. Batcheller suggested that a letter explaining the program would be better than a postcard. Ms. Wolgamuth advised that letters from the Mayor have gone to residents in the past and agreed that another mailing could be arranged. Ms. Wolgamuth advised that Mayfield Village's fee to be a participating community is approximately \$700 per year.

Mrs. Nadeau and the Committee members thanked Mr. Compton for the presentation.

Council Update

Mr. Williams provided the following report:

- The Manager of the Mayfield Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library came to the last Council meeting to talk about three new programs—the Innovation Center, Tuesday Senior Programs and a Library App that can be used to download all books and magazines. More information is available in the Oct 17 Council minutes or on the Library's website.
- The Beech Hill, Bonnieview and Glenview paving project is complete, as well as the SOM re-paving, south of Wilson Mills
- At I-271 and Wilson Mills, the bridges are going to be replaced by ODOT. Work is not anticipated until next April.
- There have been many discussions with residents and the Administration about traffic issues at Wilson Mills and Worton Park Drive. The Mayor and the Police Chief are working on a solution.
- A public hearing had been scheduled for November 7th at 7:00 p.m., to discuss a zoning change at 730 SOM Center Road from residential to office/lab. The Committee discussed the reason for the zoning change and the property owner's desire to build an assisted living facility on the property. This meeting will be a good opportunity to raise questions or concerns.

- Mr. Williams and Council Member Jerome attended the annual meeting of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA). They had a speaker who spoke about healthy communities and the need for walking and bike paths. He said that communities need to think about the needs of future generations and this type of development. The speaker specifically mentioned the Bruce G. Rinker Greenway Trail here in Mayfield Village and pointed to the Village as a place that encourages healthy living. The speaker also talked about how this type of development increases property values and helps properties sell faster. If this Committee is interested in learning more about healthy and active communities, Mr. Williams will arrange for a presentation. The Committee members agreed that they would be interested in such a presentation.

Mrs. McNally brought up a situation that she had raised with Mayor Bodnar about weapons at the Village's soccer fields. A father showed up with a gun and got into an argument with his ex-wife. Mrs. McNally stated that there is no signage banning guns at the fields so she brought it to the Mayor's attention. Ms. Wolgamuth advised that the Mayor discussed the situation with the Police Chief and Prosecutor and was advised that, since Ohio is a concealed carry and open carry state, weapons cannot be banned from public parks. Mrs. McNally asked if this was a state-wide rule and Ms. Wolgamuth said that she believed it was. Mr. Jerome commented that a sign will not deter someone who wants to bring a weapon onto public property and added that the man in question was cited for other reasons. Mrs. Batcheller stated that schools are public property but they are permitted to prohibit weapons. Mrs. Calo suggested inviting the Chief and/or Prosecutor to speak to the issue at an upcoming meeting. Mrs. McNally asked what people are supposed to do about this situation. Mr. Williams responded that we can vote and understand the positions of the people we are voting for.

Upcoming Events

Ms. Wolgamuth distributed the Calendar of Events from the Fall issue of the VOV, which should be delivered to homes during the first week of November. She advised that in addition to the Public Meeting regarding the property rezoning, another Public Meeting is scheduled for Nov 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Room. This meeting is to discuss the plans for construction of a band shell at The Grove. The Village is seeking County funding to assist with the project and a Public Meeting is part of the requirements for the grant. Ms. Wolgamuth encouraged all members to attend.

Ms. Wolgamuth also mentioned that the first in a series of Cleveland Institute of Music concerts had been held in Reserve Hall. Approximately 30 people attended and enjoyed the program very much. It was a trombone quartet. The next concert is scheduled for Thurs, Dec 1 at 7:30 p.m. and is likely to be a string quartet.

Mr. Williams asked how everyone enjoyed Appreciation Dinner. Mrs. Batcheller said it was very nice and the food was delicious. She thought the music was a bit too loud and interfered with conversation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 28.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Wolgamuth, Director of Administration