

Mayfield Village Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2023

The Citizens Advisory Committee met on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mayfield Branch Library, 500 SOM Center Road.

Present:

Bob Haycox

Mark Granakis

Lorry Nadeau

Rosemarie Fabrizio

Patti Ferris

Maureen Washock

Sara Calo

Mary Salomon

Marilyn LaRiche-Goldstein

Sandy Batcheller

Robert Gessner

Absent:

Joanna McNally

Peter Gall

Katie Parker

Also Present: George Williams, Council Representative

Stephen Schutt, Council Alternate

Brenda Bodnar, Mayor

Al Meyers, Council Member

Kelly Gessner, Resident

Diane Wolgamuth, Director of Administration

Chair Bob Haycox opened the meeting and introduced Library Branch Manager Julie Liedtke. Ms. Liedtke welcomed the Committee to the Library. She explained that she is the Branch Manager here and at the Richmond Heights Branch as the staff is shared between both locations. She has been the Branch Manager since 2021, having worked here, then in Orange and Solon, and recently returning. She is attending a meeting next door with the Friends of the Library, but wanted to say hello. Ms. Liedtke advised the Committee that the Library is finally up and running full steam, post-Covid.

Mr. Williams administered the oath of office to new members Robert Gessner and Maureen Washock. The new members introduced themselves and the current members went around the table and introduced themselves as well.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Haycox asked if there were any changes to the meeting minutes from February 27, 2023, previously provided for review. There were none and the minutes were approved.

Presentation by Jade Walker Regarding Library Adult Services

Ms. Walker introduced herself to the Committee and apologized that she was having technical difficulties and the PowerPoint Presentation she prepared could not be shown on screen. She continued the presentation without the visual assistance, but agreed to forward the presentation so that it could be attached to the meeting minutes.

Ms. Walker began by advising the Committee that the Mayfield Branch Library is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. She reviewed some of the more popular offerings:

- **The Innovation Center** – Can be used by anyone with a Library Card. Orientation classes are available to show patrons how to use the Center and the equipment in it, that includes two Cricuts, a mug press, sewing machine, 3D printer, etc.
- **Craft Programs** are hosted in the Innovation Center and include sewing tote bags, printing images on t-shirts, laser engraving bookmarks, etc.
- **Seed Library** – the Library makes seed packets available to customers through the Cleveland Seed Bank, including 20 varieties of organic, open-pollinated, non-GMO vegetable, herb and edible flower seeds.
- **Digital Navigators** – by appointment, the Library offers one-on-one assistance to help customers connect to the internet, learn about their laptop, cell phone or tablet, and provide basic understanding of phone apps.
- **Libby (formerly Overdrive)** – through the Libby app, customers can explore a huge collection of eBooks and audiobooks.
- **Social Worker Services** are now available through the Library.
- **Genealogy Resources** are available to search ancestry and perform family searches.
- **Memory Lab** – following an orientation class, customers can digitize and share old videos, cassettes, vinyl records, 8 mm files, photos, slides and more.
- **Library2You** – all library materials can be mailed directly to customers for free. Curbside pickup is also available.

Ms. Walker advised the Committee that more traditional offerings remain available, like the monthly book club, large print collection, online research databases, online newspapers and magazines, music, television and movies—all free resources.

Ms. Walker stated that the Library also offers bike loans (with helmets) during the summer months, hosts blood drives, provides wi-fi hotspots, and does its best to serve the community. She concluded by stating that the Library also offers many volunteer opportunities. *[A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached and includes more detailed information].*

Council Report

Mr. Williams advised that a large construction project is beginning next week. The County will be resurfacing Wilson Mills Road from Lander Road to Alpha Drive. Mrs. LaRiche-Goldstein asked how long the project would last. Mr. Williams responded at least eight weeks. *[Post-Meeting Note: Updated information from the County is that project completion is expected in August].*

Mr. Williams further advised that the School District will be realigning Miner Road with a new High School driveway. One traffic light will be eliminated and there will be just one light at Miner. Mrs. Batcheler asked if the Lander Road exit will still exist and Mr. Williams responded that it will.

Other Matters

Mayor Bodnar advised that electric rates are expected to go up sharply in June. NOPEC will be re-enrolling everyone automatically at a 6.5 cent cost. Residents can opt out if they want to. A meeting is being scheduled in Lyndhurst on April 26 at 7 p.m. for those that would like more information.

Mrs. Calo asked when the Community Room would be re-opening. Ms. Wolgamuth advised that repairs remain on schedule and the building is expected to re-open next week.

Mrs. Calo asked about the road work being done in the intersection at Wilson Mills and SOM. Mayor Bodnar responded that First Energy is making repairs and upgrades in an underground vault. They expected to be done last week but it took a bit longer and they are just finishing up.

Mrs. LaRiche-Goldstein asked about the work in front of Smokin'Q's. Mayor Bodnar explained that Dominion is moving a previously underground vault on the east side of SOM to an above-ground structure on the west side, behind the restaurant. The work there is going to last a couple of months.

Mr. Williams reminded the Committee to let us know if there are topics they would like to cover in the future.

Mrs. Batcheller asked if Yours Truly is expanding its bar service as the construction sign says, "Yours Truly Kitchen and Bar." Mayor Bodnar advised that they have not applied to do anything different than before and no notices have been received by the Village.

Mrs. Batcheller asked about the work going on at Center School. Mrs. Washock responded that they are expanding as they needed more space. Enrollment has increased by a third.

Mrs. Fabrizio commented that Montebello seems to be doing well. Mr. Meyers estimated that about 30 homes have been built so far. Mrs. LaRiche-Goldstein noted that the price of the homes is twice what was originally anticipated. Mayor Bodnar responded that the cost of materials has increased substantially the past few years, driving up the cost.

Mrs. Washock stated that, during events, it can be difficult to find parking at Center School. She asked for thoughts about creative solutions, including coordination for crossing Wilson Mills to use the Civic Center parking. Mayor Bodnar agreed to consider options.

Mr. Granakis stated that he has an issue with The Grove but doesn't know if there is anything to do about it. "Residents can't get in because it's full." Mrs. Nadeau stated that she was speaking with resident John Michalko and they thought maybe residents could get stickers and designated parking spaces. Mr. Meyers commented that you need to arrive earlier to get a closer parking spot. Mrs. Nadeau said they were thinking we could actually close a parking lot for residents.

Mayor Bodnar responded that we have looked into those options and all present challenges to put in place and enforce. She agreed with Mr. Meyers that the best option is to arrive earlier. "Generally, there will be enough spaces, just not close. We are making adjustments this year to try to make things better, like booking bands with less local following, reducing the overall number of shows, and having concerts on Friday nights only."

Mrs. Nadeau asked why we no longer shoot fireworks at the center of the Village. Mayor Bodnar responded that the Fire Chief is opposed.

Mr. Granakis stated that he does not feel that telling residents to arrive earlier is the right answer. Mayor Bodnar responded that she did not say that was the only answer and assured him that adjustments are being made and will continue to be made going forward, if needed.

Mrs. LaRiche-Goldstein asked what happened to the idea of charging for concerts, to reduce the size of the audience. Ms. Wolgamuth responded that, as we have been looking into options, we learned that Ohio has "recreational immunity" statutes that limit a landowner's liability for injuries and damages to recreational users. If the Village charges for events, that immunity goes away and the Village would be responsible for any injuries occurring on the property. Ms. Wolgamuth suggested that needs to be a consideration as well if the Village decides to charge for events.

Mrs. Fabrizio added that because the Grove is such an open area, the Police have enough to do without worrying about collecting money or scanning people's passes.

Mrs. Calo stated that if you go to Disney, they have shuttle buses to front entrance, and suggested a shuttle from the parking lot. Mr. Granakis suggested that the shuttle be reserved for Village residents only.

Mr. Haycox offered a solution he and his wife have discovered by parking at lots on the other side of SOM and walking through the tunnel.

Ms. Wolgamuth stated that an additional adjustment this year is that no baseball games are being scheduled on concert nights. Mr. Schutt added that the pool will also be closing early on concert nights. Mayor Bodnar stated that all these adjustments are expected to make a difference. If not, more adjustments will be considered. Mr. Williams agreed that this is a complex problem, but getting rid of conflicts should help.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

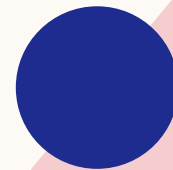
Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wolgamuth
Director of Administration

**CUYAHOGA
COUNTY PUBLIC
LIBRARY:
WHAT WE HAVE
TO OFFER!**

WELCOME TO THE MAYFIELD BRANCH!

If you can believe it, this building will
celebrate its 10 year anniversary next
month!



CCPL HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER. WHAT'S POPULAR?

- The Innovation Center
- Craft Programs
- Seed Library
- Digital Navigators
- Libby

INNOVATION CENTERS

- Mayfield, Garfield Hts, Bay Village, & Parma-Snow all have Innovation Centers
 - Warrensville Hts. & Fairview soon to come!
 - Mayfield has two Cricuts, a new mug press (thanks Friends!), a sewing machine, 3D printer and so much more!
 - Ask us how you can take an orientation to start using the space.

CRAFT PROGRAMS

- The Innovation Center allow us to host tons of fun and innovative craft programs:
 - Sewing tote bags
 - Printing images on T-shirts
 - Laser engraving bookmarks
- They fill up **super** fast so be sure to register ASAP.
- We will also have garden-based programs this summer to support our Seed Library!
 - Seed bombs, pot painting, etc.

SEED LIBRARY

- This year Mayfield was chosen as one of the CCPL branches to host a Seed Library!
- “To help make seeds more accessible to those in the community, the Cleveland Seed Bank Partners with 8 public library systems in Northeast Ohio [...]. Each location offers a selection of 20 different varieties of organic open-pollinated, non-GMO vegetable, herb and edible flower seeds.
 - Each month, customers are welcome to “check-out” five packets of seeds.

DIGITAL NAVIGATORS

- CCPL offers one-on-one assistance to help you connect to the internet, get a device, set up a telehealth appointment & more.
 - Become comfortable with your laptop, cellphone or tablet
 - Using your mouse or keyboard
 - Safely browsing the internet
 - Creating & using an email address
 - Basic understanding of apps & their usage
- Set up an appointment with them



LIBBY (FORMERLY OVERDRIVE)

- Explore a huge collection of eBook & audiobook titles. You can download the (free!) Libby app on your phone, tablet, etc.
- And hey! Need help getting that up and running? The Digital Navigators can help with that.

SOCIAL WORKER

- Free social service support to help you access resources & information
 - Basic needs
 - Benefits
 - Counseling & mental health
 - Education
 - Food & housing insecurities
 - Social challenges & support
- Call 216-398-3090 and leave a message

IS THAT ALL? NOPE!

- Genealogy resources
 - Ancestry
 - Family Search
- Memory Lab
 - Access, digitize, & share old videos, cassettes, & vinyl records, 8mm film, photographs, slides & more
 - Must take an orientation
- Library2You
 - Materials mailed directly to you for free!
- Curbside pickup

AND DON'T FORGET OUR MORE TRADITIONAL OFFERINGS

- Monthly book club
- Large print collection
- Health based programs at our Richmond Hts. Branch
- Online research databases
- Music, Tv, Movies
 - Kanopy, Hoopla, Acorn, Naxos (classical, jazz, world, folk)
- Online newspapers and magazines
 - Including New York Times & Wall Street Journal

IS THIS AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST? OF COURSE NOT!

The library aims to fill so many needs.

From the [Toy Library](#), to author events at our SEU branch ([Home of The William N. Skirball Writers' Center](#)), [Adult education and career services](#), wi-fi hotspots, bike loans, and a host for the Red Cross blood donations, we try our best to serve our communities.

For a more comprehensive list, check out the [100 WAYS TO DISCOVER MORE AT CCPL](#) page on our website in celebration of 100 years with CCPL.

VOLUNTEER WITH US!

- 123 Read
- Mobile Food Pantry
- Student Success Centers (There's one right at the Richmond Hts. Branch!)
- STEAM
- For more info reach out to 216-749-9400 or email volunteering@cuyahogalibrary.org