



# City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

## Agenda - Final

### Neighborhoods Committee

*Chairperson Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney*  
*Vice Chair Betsy Sundermann*  
*Councilmember Wendell Young*  
*Vice-Mayor Christopher Smitherman*

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Monday, October 25, 2021

11:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

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### PRESENTATIONS

#### Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses

Alexis Kidd, Executive Director

Tia Brown, Community Engagement Director

#### Renting Partnerships

Carol Smith, Co-Founder

Margery Spinney, Co-Founder

### AGENDA

- [202102891](#) **REPORT**, dated 10/20/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding illegal dumping abatement activities in the neighborhoods of South Cumminsville, North and South Fairmont. (SEE DOC. #202102029).  
**Sponsors:** City Manager  
**Attachments:** [Report - Illegal Dumping Abatement Activities 10-21](#)
- [202102923](#) **ORDINANCE**, dated 10/8/2021, submitted by Councilmember Seelbach, from Andrew Garth, City Solicitor, **AMENDING** Ordinance 375-2021 to change the location of the honorary, secondary name of Jean-Robert de Cavel Way in honor of Jean-Robert de Cavel from Sixth Street between Main Street and Walnut Street to a new location of Seventh Street at Vine Street.  
**Sponsors:** Seelbach  
**Attachments:** [Transmittal Ordinance](#)

3. [202102994](#) **ORDINANCE**, dated 10/14/2021, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, from Andrew Garth, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Ward Street at Prentice Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. Way in memory of Pastor Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. and in recognition of his contributions to the City of Cincinnati as a leader in the Madisonville community.

**Sponsors:** Kearney

**Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)  
[Ordinance](#)

4. [202103019](#) **MOTION**, dated 10/22/2021 Submitted by Councilmember Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration leave the temporary Clifton Bike Lane in place pending a final agreement on the future of the bike lane between the Clifton Town Meeting and the University of Cincinnati. **WE MOVE** further that before the end of November 2021 the Neighborhoods Committee convene a meeting for representatives from the Clifton Town Meeting and the University of Cincinnati to report on the status of the decision on the Clifton Bike Lane, issues of concern and plans to address those concerns. **WE MOVE** that the City Administration present a REPORT to City Council on the status of the temporary Clifton Bike Lane before the end of December 2021.

**Sponsors:** Kearney

**Attachments:** [Motion](#)

ADJOURNMENT

October 20, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager **202102891**

Subject: Illegal Dumping Abatement Activities in the Neighborhoods of South Cumminsville, North and South Fairmont

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### Reference Document #202102029

On May 24, 2021, the Neighborhoods Committee referred the following for a report:

MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Kearney and Sundermann, WE MOVE for the City Administration to work with all pertinent departments to ensure the cleaning and removal of dumped litter in the North and South Fairmont neighborhoods, as well as South Cumminsville. WE FURTHER MOVE that the Administration make recommendations for lighting, cameras and/or other remediation to stop the dumping and trash disposal on Faraday Road that stretches from the Villages at Roll Hill to South Cumminsville.

This report serves as the Administration's update on nuisance abatement activities at 3812 Cass Avenue, 2550-54 Beekman Street, 1794 Esmonde Street, and 1769 Westwood Avenue. These properties were toured by members of City Council, community members, and City staff.

The following information details City enforcement efforts, preventive strategies, and evaluation plans for each of these addresses. The Department of Buildings & Inspections (B&I) will continue to monitor these properties to determine the effectiveness of enlisted strategies for the identification of any outstanding solutions necessary to sustain the lots as blight free.

### ABATEMENT, PREVENTION, AND EVALUATION

**3812 CASS AVENUE** - This is a "ravine" type dump site with a significant accumulation of household rubbish.

1. **Enforcement:** Civil Citations and \$500 fines were issued to the owner on May 25, 2021, and on June 9, 2021. An order to install a fence was issued on June 8, 2021. During the course of enforcement and monitoring, additional dumping was found on the abutting lots at 3814, 3816, 3818, 3820 Cass Avenue. Civil fines of \$500.00, were issued to each owner on August 17, and again on August 24. Orders were issued to install a fence to the owners of the additional four properties on August 23, 2021. The owners failed to comply
2. **Abatement:** The cleanup was completed on August 25, 2021, at a cost of \$4,500.00.
3. **Prevention:**
  - a. A 6-foot chain link fence, at a cost of \$5,532, to discourage dumping will be installed by Security Fence Company, the vendor under contract with the city (owners to be

charged). The fence will extend 115 feet, from 3812 Cass to 3820 Cass. Security Fence has confirmed the work is scheduled for their soonest possible timeframe and will be completed by October 8, 2021.

- b. A No Dumping Sign displaying code section and penalties, and “area under surveillance warning” will be installed on the completed fence to discourage violators.
  - c. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful has installed a site monitoring camera.
4. **Tracking and Evaluation:** Inspectors will monitor the effectiveness of the preventive measures and take enforcement action against anyone photographed dumping. The property will be proactively inspected every 30 days for the first quarter, and if no dumping, inspected quarterly for the next 12 months.

**2550-54 BEEKMAN STREET** - This is a “ravine” type dump site consisting of two parcels with a significant accumulation of household rubbish.

1. **Enforcement:** Civil Citations and \$500 fines were issued to the owner on December 13, 2019, and on January 23, 2020. An order to install a fence was issued on June 8, 2021.
2. **Abatement:** The site clean-up work was completed on July 28, 2021, at a cost of \$14,011.00
3. **Prevention:**
  - a. A 6-foot chain link fence is under contract to be installed at a cost of \$7,841.00 along the front property line to discourage dumping. In consultation with DOTE, and due to the condition of the paving and retaining wall, a change order was necessary to bring the temporary fence into the ROW for stability and public safety. Security Fence has confirmed the work is scheduled for their soonest possible timeframe to be completed by October 8, 2021.
  - b. A No Dumping Sign displaying code section and penalties, and “area under surveillance warning,” will be installed on the completed fence installation.
  - c. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful has installed a site monitoring camera. As part of the cleanup work, the lower tree branches obstructing the view of the site were authorized to be cut and removed to improve coverage for cameras and visibility of the public.
4. **Tracking and Evaluation:** Inspectors will monitor the effectiveness of the preventive measures and take enforcement action against anyone photographed dumping. The property will be proactively inspected every 30 days for the first quarter and, if no dumping, inspected quarterly for the next 12 months.

**1769 WESTWOOD AVENUE** - This is a level site with an accumulation of household rubbish behind a vacated building.

1. **Enforcement:** Civil Citations and \$500 fines were issued to the owner on May 7, 2021, and on May 21, 2021. During a tracking and evaluation inspection of September 2, 2021, weeds in the front and rear of the property were cited and a \$500 fine issued for weeds. The weeds were cut on September 15, 2021.
2. **Abatement:** The abatement was completed on July 2, 2021, at a cost of \$1,491.42. The invoice for the weed cutting completed on September 15, 2021, has not been received.
3. **Prevention:**
  - a. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful has installed a site monitoring camera.
4. **Tracking and Evaluation:** The property will be proactively inspected every 30 days for the first quarter and, if no dumping, inspected quarterly for the next 12 months.

**NOTE:** 1769 Westwood Avenue has been certified tax delinquent for 8 (eight years) since 2013. There is no tax foreclosure found in the county records. The building is condemned and has a building value for tax purposes of \$1,210.00 (cleanup costs are more than the value of the building.) The owner was issued multiple civil fines and criminally prosecuted for failure to maintain the

property. The building is scheduled for a Nuisance Hearing to determine if it should be demolished by the City as a last resort. A cooperative system of working with County agencies to expedite foreclosures on high maintenance cost, tax delinquent, abandoned properties could move properties into responsible ownership sooner to eliminate protracted blight and reduce the high municipal costs of cleaning, cutting, barricading, and demolition.

**1794 ESMONDE STREET** - This is a hillside site with an accumulation of household rubbish. Due to sparse occupied housing and numerous vacant lots on Esmonde Street, several sites on this street are being used for dumping. Additional locations on Esmonde are included in the matrix below, and all are assigned for cleaning/cutting.

1. **Enforcement:** Civil Citations and fines of \$500.00 were issued to the owner on May 21, 2021, and June 7, 2021.
2. **Abatement:** The abatement was completed by July 30, 2021, at a cost of \$967.00.
3. **Prevention:**
  - a. No Dumping Signs are installed.
5. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful has installed site monitoring camera.
5. **Tracking and Evaluation:** Inspectors will monitor the effectiveness of the preventive measures and take enforcement action against anyone photographed dumping. The property will be proactively inspected every 30 days for the first quarter, and if no dumping, then inspected quarterly for the next 12 months.

**Additional Locations on Esmonde Street**

SR TYPE	RECEIVED	ADDRESS	HISTORY	CLOSED COMPLAINTS	PSA STATUS
Tall grass/weeds	05/21/2021	1784 ESMONDE ST	CIVIL CITATION ISSUED 5/21	OWNER ABATED 6/7	
Trash improper s	05/21/2021	1784 ESMONDE ST	CIVIL CITATION ISSUED 5/21	OWNER ABATED 6/7	
Litter private prc	05/21/2021	1772 ESMONDE ST	CIVIL CITATION ISSUED 5/21 & 6/7		ASSIGNED ON 7/23 LIST
Tall grass/weeds	05/21/2021	1758 ESMONDE ST	CIVIL CITATION ISSUED 5/21 & 6/7		ASSIGNED ON 6/25 LIST
Tall grass/weeds	05/21/2021	1752 ESMONDE ST	CIVIL CITATION ISSUED 5/21 & 6/7		ASSIGNED ON 6/25 LIST
Tall grass/weeds	05/21/2021	1740 ESMONDE ST	CIVIL CITATION ISSUED 5/21 & 6/7		ASSIGNED ON 6/25 LIST
Litter private prc	05/21/2021	1740 ESMONDE ST	CIVIL CITATION ISSUED 5/21 & 6/7		ASSIGNED ON 7/23 LIST
Litter private prc	05/13/2021	1794 ESMONDE ST	CIVIL CITATION ISSUED 5/14 & 5/21		ASSIGNED ON 7/23 LIST

Since the time of the neighborhood tour, the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation (The Landbank) has acquired title to 2550 Beekman Street. Buildings & Inspections will continue to refer chronically blighted properties to The Landbank for foreclosure of our cleaning and weed cutting liens. The liens facilitate reutilization by The Landbank by having abandoned lots transferred to abutting responsible property owners, or for other responsible reutilization and consistent maintenance.

**SITE PHOTOS ATTACHED:**



**2550-54 BEEKMAN ST**



**2550-54 BEEKMAN ST -CLEANED JULY 28, 2021**





**1769 WESTWOOD -Rear**



**1769 WESTWOOD Rear – CLEANED 7-7-2021**



1769 WESTWOOD



1769 WESTWOOD -CUT- 9-15-2021





1794 ESMONDE ST



1794 ESMONDE ST- CLEANED 7-24-2021





**3812 CASS AVE**



**3812 CASS AVE - CLEANED 8-24-2021**



CC: Art Dahlberg, Director of Buildings and Inspections



**Date:** October 8, 2021

**To:** Councilmember Chris Seelbach  
**From:** Andrew Garth, City Solicitor *AWG*  
**Subject:** **Ordinance – Amending Ordinance No. 375-2021 Honorary Street Naming Jean-Robert de Cavel Way**

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Transmitted herewith is an ordinance captioned as follows:

**AMENDING** Ordinance 375-2021 to change the location of the honorary, secondary name of Jean-Robert de Cavel Way in honor of Jean-Robert de Cavel from Sixth Street between Main Street and Walnut Street to a new location of Seventh Street at Vine Street.

AWG/AKS/(lnk)  
Attachment  
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# City of Cincinnati

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## An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

-2021

**AMENDING** Ordinance 375-2021 to change the location of the honorary, secondary name of Jean-Robert de Cavel Way in honor of Jean-Robert de Cavel from Sixth Street between Main Street and Walnut Street to a new location of Seventh Street at Vine Street.

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2021, Council passed Ordinance 375-2021 creating an honorary, secondary name of Jean-Robert de Cavel Way at Sixth Street between Main Street and Walnut Street in honor of Jean-Robert de Cavel in recognition of his decades of influence on Greater Cincinnati's restaurant scene; and

WHEREAS, it has been requested that the location of the honorary, secondary name be moved to a new location of Seventh Street at Vine Street; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Section 1 of Ordinance 375-2021, approved by Council on September 29, 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. That ~~Sixth Street between Main Street and Walnut Street~~ Seventh Street at Vine Street hereby receives the honorary, secondary name of Jean-Robert de Cavel Way in honor of John-Robert de Cavel, in recognition of his decades of influence on Greater Cincinnati's restaurant scene, including a decade as chef at The Maisonette, which was the highest rated restaurant in North America during his tenure.

Section 2. That all terms of Ordinance 375-2021 not amended by this ordinance remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

**Date:** October 14, 2021

**To:** Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney  
**From:** Andrew Garth, City Solicitor *AWG*  
**Subject:** **Ordinance – Honorary Street Name Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr.**

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Transmitted herewith is an ordinance captioned as follows:

**DECLARING** that Ward Street at Prentice Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. Way in memory of Pastor Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. and in recognition of his contributions to the City of Cincinnati as a leader in the Madisonville community.

AWG/AKS/(lnk)  
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# City of Cincinnati

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## An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

-2021

DECLARING that Ward Street at Prentice Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. Way in memory of Pastor Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. and in recognition of his contributions to the City of Cincinnati as a leader in the Madisonville community.

WHEREAS, Pastor Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. was born on November 2, 1938, in Cincinnati, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Godfrey served as the founder and Pastor of Harvest Time for Christ New Life Temple Church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Godfrey was often referred to as the “Mayor of Madisonville” for his deep involvement in the community including his work to address hunger and assist those experiencing homelessness by purchasing property for housing, providing clothing, and operating a food kitchen; and

WHEREAS, beyond the neighborhood of Madisonville, Dr. Godfrey was also active in Cincinnati ministries including serving as a member of the executive board of the City Gospel Mission and helping to establish the City Link project; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Godfrey, an advocate for education, founded New Life Temple Bible College, an accredited institution where students can earn an undergraduate and or a graduate degree; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Godfrey was also a radio host and author, having published Right Focus, Right Thinking, Right Results; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Godfrey passed away in 2017, but his legacy continues to live on through his family and church; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Ward Street at Prentice Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. Way in honor of Pastor Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. and in recognition of his contributions to the City of Cincinnati as a leader in the Madisonville community.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Section 1 herein, including the generation and installation of appropriate secondary street signage, which shall designate Ward Street at Prentice Street as Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. Way, in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering's procedures relating to secondary street designation.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to the family of Pastor Dr. Ralph Godfrey, Sr. via the office of Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk



**Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney**  
*Councilmember*

October 22, 2021

## MOTION

WE MOVE that the City Administration leave the temporary Clifton Bike Lane in place pending a final agreement on the future of the bike lane between the Clifton Town Meeting and the University of Cincinnati.

WE MOVE further that before the end of November 2021 the Neighborhoods Committee convene a meeting for representatives from the Clifton Town Meeting and the University of Cincinnati to report on the status of the decision on the Clifton Bike Lane, issues of concern, and plans to address those concerns.

WE MOVE that the City Administration present a REPORT to City Council on the status of the temporary Clifton Bike Lane before the end of December 2021.

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Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney

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## STATEMENT

*See attached Resolution from the Clifton Town Meeting.*



**Resolution on Clifton Avenue Bike Lanes**  
**Approved On October 4, 2021 Board Meeting**

Whereas the Clifton Town Meeting Board of Trustees voted in favor of a temporary bike lane in August 2020; after approval from City Council and the Mayor, the bike lane was opened in March 2020. It was intended as a pilot. The University of Cincinnati requested that it come down by August 2021, however, the city extended the installation to November 1 when they plan to take it down absent further action by City Council; and

Whereas, as a result of the bike lane there are >6,300 fewer cars per week speeding (28% reduction), which equates to >300K/year. The largest reduction in speeding occurred in the number of vehicles going over 40mph, which was reduced by 43%. Source: John Brazina, DOTE;

Whereas, feedback from the community via the City survey as well as the Neighborhood Committee meeting in Clifton on Sept 30 has been positive. Of the 147 citizens who responded to Department of Transportation & Engineering (DOTE)'s web survey 75% stated that they felt that constructing the protected bike lane on Clifton Avenue had increased or significantly increased traffic safety on Clifton Ave for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Another 78% stated that they would like to see a permanent protected bike lane installed on Clifton Ave. Community feedback at the Neighborhoods Committee was consistent with these numbers. Source: John Brazina, DOTE

Whereas, use of the bike lane has more than doubled as UC and HUC have gone back to in-person classes to an average of 69 per day near McMicken Hall and 33 per day near Dixmyth Ave. Source: TriState Trails data

	Pre UC in session average daily usage (Peak)	Post UC in session average daily usage (Peak)
McMicken Hall	28 (55)	69 (122)
Dixmyth Ave	16 (39)	33 (54)

Whereas crash data shows fewer crashes along entire stretch of bike lane vs 2 years ago (since last year benchmark is not appropriate given school was closed). However, South of MLK, Straight to Probasco there were 25 crashes in 2021 vs 19 in 2019. Including North of MLK: there were 34 crashes April-August 2021 (Straight to Howell) vs 36 in the same period in 2019. Note: the other difference vs 2019 besides the bike lane is that there was not construction in 2019. Source: CPD data

Whereas, crashes with injuries and property damage have significantly declined. Source: CPD data

	Pre: 4/1/2019-9/15/2019	Post: 4/1/2021-9/15/2021
Deaths	1	0
Serious injuries	0	0
Minor injuries	18	2
Property damage only	40	15

Whereas the University of Cincinnati has expressed their support with making the bike lane permanent and shared in the Neighborhoods Committee meeting that they are open to a "Comprehensive Interim Solution" that keeps it open until that permanent solution is in place as long as

it addresses their core concerns; DOTE has shared that timing on that permanent solution is 3-5 years at an estimated cost of \$3M;

Whereas, the University of Cincinnati has shared that their concerns with the current state are with traffic congestion (especially back-up going North on Clifton Ave), with the orange barriers and concerns with snow removal;

Whereas, the DeVou Good Foundation has offered another \$100,000 (after they funded the initial pilot with \$75,000) to beautify the lane (e.g. with planters vs orange cones) and fund a snow removal vehicle for the city. Additionally, Tri-State trails and Mark Jeffreys (CTM Trustee) have reached out to connect with the University of Cincinnati, however, it is unlikely that we can have that "Comprehensive Interim Solution" before the City plans to remove the bike lane (at a cost of \$25,000) without action by City Council;

Resolved, that the Clifton Town Meeting Board of Trustees joins University of Cincinnati, Tristate Trails, Queen City Bike and others in supporting making the Clifton Avenue bike lane permanent long term and encourages all parties to partner to create the safest and most effective design.

Resolved, that the Clifton Town Meeting Board of Trustees requests City Council to extend the current bike lane until such time as a Comprehensive Interim Solution is agreed to by the University of Cincinnati, CTM, CUFNA TriState Trails, and the City/City Council that addresses the concerns of University of Cincinnati with the need to beautify the lane and congestion through exploring solutions like making the left turn lane last longer during rush hour.

Resolved, that the Clifton Town Meeting Board of Trustees is concerned that absent any action then the bike lane will be removed resulting in >300,000 more cars/year speeding along Clifton Avenue, which is a significant risk to pedestrians, cyclists, and passengers in other cars.