

Mt. Airy C.U.R.E

Community Urban Redevelopment Enterprise



Mt. Airy Business Owners,

These periodic newsletters represent *C.U.R.E.*'s intent to update you with information relevant to the business district and provide transparency in *C.U.R.E.*'s activities since the previous newsletter.

Through the winter months, the structure at 5536 Colerain was razed and the land terraced and contoured to accommodate the next phase defined in the 2012 *Mt. Airy Revitalization Strategic Plan*. In February 2015, the 5536 Colerain property was officially conveyed to the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation also known as the County Land Bank. The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority serves as the management company and provides all executive and administrative services for this land bank. This relationship allows the County Land Bank to use the tools, expertise, and resources of the Port Authority to efficiently carry out the mission of returning properties to a productive use. Ownership of the property will eventually transfer from the County Land Bank/Port Authority to Mt. Airy *C.U.R.E.* After transfer, the expenses of ownership become the responsibility of Mt. Airy *C.U.R.E.*

During February and March 2015, members of *C.U.R.E.* as well as the Presidents of Mt Airy Town Council and Mt. Airy Civic Club met with a team comprised from the City of Cincinnati Department of Community & Economic Development and the Architectural & Urban Design section of the Department of Transportation for the purpose of designing the redevelopment of the property to include public parking and community green space. After several staff meetings, field inspections and open public discussions at *C.U.R.E.* monthly meetings, DOTE presented the final design plan at the April 2015 *C.U.R.E.* meeting. Three business owners as well as 10 additional community residents were present for the delivery of the plan at the April public meeting.



The transformation of the lot, illustrated by the facing schematic, is placed between the buildings located at 5530 and 5542 Colerain. As designed, it will provide a well lighted and landscaped green space as well as public parking for 20-25 cars and handicap vehicles. This plan and its construction budget will be the topic for *C.U.R.E.*'s application for the current round of Year 2015 NBDIP funding available from the City of Cincinnati. The Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program is a source of limited funding from which

the City's 34 neighborhood business districts can apply and compete for grants. Through numerous mandatory meetings, field trips and presentations, *C.U.R.E.*'s board and leadership will attempt to win part of the 2015 NBDIP funding total for our Mt. Airy project. A formal application and request for the parking & community project was delivered to the City's Department of Community & Economic Development on April 17th.

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Earlier in the first quarter of 2015, the *C.U.R.E.* board applied for and was approved for Year 2015 Neighborhood Business District Support Funds. Under the fiscal year 2015 NBDSF budget, Cincinnati City Council appropriated \$4,800 to each business district. To receive funds, each eligible neighborhood business district must fill out a detailed application and complete a short, informal presentation at a CNBDU (Cincinnati Neighborhood Business District United) meeting. While the City administers and provides funding for the program, CNBDU reviews and votes to recommend all proposals before funding is awarded. CNBDU is a coalition of volunteer business owners representing the 34 business districts in the City of Cincinnati and serves as the City's advisory group on neighborhood business districts development. The funds can be used at the discretion of each business district to fund projects to benefit the business district and neighborhood. In the absence of a strong business district presence at our monthly meetings, members of *C.U.R.E.* went door to door through the Mt. Airy businesses seeking ideas and votes for the Board's options in expending the awarded \$4,800. As in the recent past, *C.U.R.E.* is focusing on community collaboration efforts as well as safety and beautification of the business district as a use of the funds. In subsequent years, the *C.U.R.E.* Board anticipates using the NBDSF for expenditures relating to the 5536 Colerain property which will soon be transferred from the Land Bank.

As we have previously stated in these mailings, the primary goal is to invite each of you to participate in our monthly meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly located at 5530 Colerain at 7 PM. The purpose is to provide a setting for collaboration with the business owners, property owners, concerned residents and *C.U.R.E.* Board members. These meetings provide an opportunity to share ideas, concerns, opinions and discuss topics impacting your specific business, property or the district in general. The Board of *C.U.R.E.* continues to develop multiple resources to assist you in your business goals. We will continue in implementing the *Mt. Airy Revitalization Strategic Plan* and in our mission to complete goals we believe are in the best interest of the Mt. Airy business community. Your participation will help us ensure that our mission is aligned with your business goals. Please consider joining us for a monthly meeting.

Visible changes are occurring in your business district and we invite you to be part of the journey and become involved in this change. *C.U.R.E.* along with Mt. Airy Town Council (*MATC*), the community faith-based organizations, civic groups and community volunteers, and the City of Cincinnati's various departments are all working together to achieve the goals that we all envision for Mt. Airy. It is most important that we have the engagement and input of our property owners and businesses.

We will continue to gather as a group to implement the *Mt. Airy Revitalization Strategic Plan*. **We need your help.** We need your advice and suggestions as we continue to ask for financial help. Please send your tax deductible contributions with checks made payable to Mt. Airy C.U.R.E. to:

Mt. Airy CURE Parking Lot Fund
PO Box 531245 Cincinnati OH 45253

Thank you in advance for any assistance to help our endeavor. Please consider attending our monthly meetings and feel free to contact the group.

You can contact us at:

- mtairycure@gmail.com
- C.U.R.E. meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at 5530 Colerain in the business district.

THANK YOU
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