

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. Councilwoman Yasinow moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of a public official at 5:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Roe.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow

Nays: None

Executive Session. Mayor Stephens presiding.

Councilwoman Roe moved to end Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Yasinow.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow

Nays: None

Executive Session concluded at 7:22 p.m.

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:40 p.m., Mayor Stephens presiding.

Council Members present: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow

Staff present: Briley, Freeman, Juliano, Lambdin, Mannarino, McRae, Mecklenberg, Niermann O'Neil, Raguz, Wagner, Wong

Mayor Stephens stated, "Good evening and welcome to Cleveland Heights City Council meeting for Monday, April 4, 2016. This is our regular 7:30 meeting. We're just a few minutes off. Mr. Raguz, would you call the roll for us please?"

Roll Call: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow

Tom Raguz stated, "All present, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We have no members to excuse. We have edits for our Council meeting, but we will hold off on approval of the minutes until Councilwoman Dunbar has submitted her review. At this time, it is our standard operating procedure to invite members of the community or residents who are present from other communities to speak to City Council this evening. If you would like to speak to us, you're invited to the podium to my left and your right. You will state your name, your address and begin to talk to us. We hope you can keep your comments to three minutes or less. Is there anyone who would like to speak to Council this evening? Ms. Marks. If you hang out with us enough, we learn your name."

Laura Marks stated, "That's right. Hi, I'm Laura Marks and I live at 1703 Pryor Avenue. I wanted to let you know about a project that I'm working on on Superior Avenue between Taylor and

Washington around trees and sustainable landscaping. So, we have brought together for the first time the neighbors on that stretch of Superior have come together. We're going to be planting five trees on private property in their front yards and the Cleveland Heights Forestry Department is going to be working with us planting trees on several of the tree lawns. I think it's seven tree lawns. I'm also working with the... I've been working with both Steve Shergalis and Talisa Dixon at the School District. We're going to be planting trees on school grounds as well as creating some bio-swales to capture the rain/storm water runoff on the parking lot on the north side of Superior and I've brought in both technical expertise and volunteer expertise; trained volunteers from the Holden Arboretum for the project and I'm hoping that the City can further support me."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Did you talk with our City Manager about what you needed for support?"

Laura Marks stated, "No, I haven't. Would you like to hear this or should I..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Oh no, I thought you were paused. I thought you were done. I'm sorry."

Laura Marks stated, "No. Should I make an appointment with Tanisha or..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "It would be helpful because she's our detail person."

Laura Marks stated, "Okay, so do..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "You can tell... you can summarize for us."

Laura Marks stated, "Okay. Basically what I'm hoping for is that the City can help me by delivering some mulch and humus and I'm working with so many different entities. I'd also like – one of the things that kills trees is depleted, polluted, compacted soil and it's particularly exacerbated by heavy salt use and Dan Krizner has identified that Superior, being with the school and one of the major diagonal cut-throughs in the city, that there's a lot of salt use on that road. So, we're going to need to be careful with the species selection on the tree lawn trees. So, one of the things that I asked Dan for was that he and I work at placing stakes sooner rather later of where he plans to plant trees because I would like to take some humus and improve the soil so that the trees that Dan plants will have a better chance at survival. I also invite all of City Council and anyone on staff to join us on April 23 which is the Saturday before Arbor Day. We're going to be meeting at 10:00 and start planting the trees on the private property and I'll make sure to take anyone's photograph who shows up."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Where and when?"

Laura Marks stated, "So, again, it's the strip of Superior Road between Taylor and Washington. We're meeting at Steve Warner's house at 14787 Superior, kind of using that as the hub, and if we need larger areas, then we can humus and mulch either delivered to Steve's house or on parking lots at the Delisle Center. So, again, it's April 23, 10:00, 14787 Superior Road."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay. Thank you. Is there anyone else who'd like to speak with us? Thank you, ma'am."

Pat Brim stated, "Hi, my name is Pat Brim. I'm a resident of 3950 North Hampton Road in Cleveland Heights. I really didn't have anything much to say, but just to let the Council be aware that I am a participant of the Noble Neighbors and that we do in May have an event coming up that is going to be a fair on the 14th and 15th of May. Realtors are going to be in that area. Our area, our neighborhood is having a garage sale, music, food and I just wanted to make you aware of that and that there is the presence of a Noble Neighbor. If there's any questions."

Mayor Stephens stated, "We thank you for your commercial. Actually, one of the members of Council is a Noble Neighbor herself, Carol Roe and I believe Melissa. Last year I went to the festival. Did you go last year?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "I didn't go to last year, but I did go to a couple meetings so."

Pat Brim stated, "Okay. And we do meet the first Tuesday of every month. If anyone is interested, our... we always are inviting. There is an app. Carol, can you tell me what that app is? I'm not computer savvy."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "The website you mean?"

Pat Brim stated, "Yes, the website."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "www.nobleneighbors.com. Just as a follow-up too, there is also some activity on that Friday evening prior to the Saturday and Sunday events. There are some things happening at the Noble Library and the Noble Road Presbyterian Church. So the actual event is actually starting on Friday evening this year and happening on Saturday and Sunday as well."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Ms. Brim, are you going to come back in two weeks when we have our next Council meeting and give us another teaser for Noble Neighbors?"

Pat Brim stated, "Okay."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, good. It's a commercial time here – that everyone who watches us on cable or YouTube will see it and maybe it will stay on their memory if they get it in there a couple times. Thank you. Is there anyone that'd like to step up to share something with us? If not, we'll go about the City's business. Mrs. Briley, City Manager, if you would give us your report please."

Report of the City Manager

Tanisha Briley stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. I have three items this evening. The first is to notify Council that the bids were received for the 2016 Pavement Striping Program. The lowest and best bid was submitted by J.D. Striping & Services, Inc. in the amount of \$75,070.30. I would like to make this a Matter of Record."

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, "Ms. Yasinow."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Thank you very much. This has been made a Matter of Record to the Municipal Services Committee and I hereby move to authorize the City Manager to accept the 2016 Pavement Striping Program lowest and best bid or J.D. Striping & Services, Inc. for the amount of \$75,070.30."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Do I have a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Could I have a roll call please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Authority Granted

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, and she now has authority to move forward with that."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. My next item is to notify Council that the bids were received for the Lee Road Streetscape Project. The lowest and best bid was submitted by S.E.T., Inc. in the amount of \$3,496,417.58. I would also like to point out that this is grant funded and I would like to make this a Matter of Record."

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Congratulations on getting a good bid this year. Things are working out in our favor."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Amen."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Councilwoman Yasinow."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "All right. I would like to note that this has been made a Matter of Record for the Municipal Services Committee and I hereby move to authorize the City Manager to accept for the Lee Road Streetscape the lowest and best bid submitted by S.E.T., Inc. in the amount of \$3,496,417.58 which I'm happy to say is grant funded."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, Ms. Dunbar. If you would call the roll."

Roll Call: Ayes: Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Authority Granted

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This has passed and given authority to... and authority is given to the City Manager. Next."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. I would like to request permission to ask for bids for the 2016 Road and Parking Lot Resurfacing Program and I would like to make this a Matter of Record."

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, "Mrs. Yasinow."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Such has been made a Matter of Record and I move to authorize the City Manager to go to bid for the 2016 Road/ Parking Lot Resurfacing Program."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilman Stein stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "If you would call the roll please."

Roll Call: Ayes: Stein, Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. It's a home...it's three in a row."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. That concludes my report this evening."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Mr. Raguz, is there something you'd like to share with us this evening?"

Report of the Clerk of Council/Director of Finance

Tom Raguz stated, "I have one report tonight, Your Honor. I'd like to notify Council that one notice has been received from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control advising that application has been

made by the following: Cafe Bon Appetite Inc., DBA Cafe Bon Appetit Restaurant, 2767 Euclid Heights Boulevard, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44106, NEW, D3. I'd like to make this a Matter of Record."

Mayor Stephens stated, "This is referred to the Public Safety and Health Committee. Mr. Seren."

Councilman Seren stated, "All right. I see that we need take no action on this."

Mayor Stephens stated, "That is correct. I didn't want... I wanted to make sure you had a chance to comment if you wanted to."

Councilman Seren stated, "No comment."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we go to committee reports. The first committee to provide us with information this evening is Administrative Services Committee. Councilwoman Roe."

Report of the Administrative Services Committee

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Yes, Your Honor. I would like to move that we appoint four people to the Citizens Advisory Committee for one-year terms to end on December 2016. The four individuals are Bradley Eckert, Robin Koslen, T. Nadas and Dawn Ellis. I move their appointment."

Councilwoman Dunbar and Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Mr. Raguz, if you would call the roll for us please."

Roll Call: Ayes: Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Appointments

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. These four individuals have been appointed to the Citizens Advisory Council and they will serve for a full year. Next."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "I have three people to recommend for appointment to the Transportation Advisory Board for two-year terms to end December 2017. The individuals are Gayle Lewin, Sam Bell and Jeffrey Bendix. I move their appointment."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Mr. Raguz, if you would call the roll please."

Roll Call: Ayes: Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "Six ayes, Your Honor."

Appointments

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. These three individuals will now be able to serve on our Transportation Advisory Committee. Ms. Roe, do you have another committee?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Yes. I move that we approve Jane Williams to the Recreation Board for a four-year term to end December 2019."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, Ms. Yasinow. Mr. Raguz, would you please call the roll?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow

 Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Appointment

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This individual may be appointed to the Recreation Board now and begin to serve as soon as we have a committee meeting. Is there anything else you'd like to share with us this evening?"

Councilman Roe stated, "No, Your Honor."

Report of the Community Relations and Recreation Committee

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we have the Community Relations and Recreation Committee. As you know, I get to serve double duty here, but fortunately this is mostly about entertainment this week or information. I am not able to do ionic..."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Iambic pentameter."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you very much. I can't say it so I can't do it. A resolution proclaiming April National Poetry Month in the City of Cleveland Heights. It's just that simple. We believe in the arts and we love for poetry to be a part of our life and the well written word is so important to all of us. I'd like to introduce this. Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Mr. Raguz, if you would call the roll please."

Roll Call: Ayes: Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar
Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "Six ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. National Poetry Month will exist in Cleveland Heights during the month of April. The next resolution is Resolution Number 22-2016; a resolution proclaiming March 28 – April 2 (we kinda missed that one) National Community Development Week in the City of Cleveland Heights. Do I have a second on this one?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. If you would call the roll please."

Roll Call: Ayes: Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe
Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. A resolution joining with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and other communities throughout the nation in the observation of April as Fair Housing Month; reaffirming the City of Cleveland Heights' commitment to open and fair housing. That has been part of our lives since, in Cleveland Heights, since in the late 60s/early 70s, residents of Cleveland Heights took a stand against redlining and discrimination in housing. We've always held that to be a standard of housing here in the City of Cleveland Heights and we've had staff focused on those activities so that you find diversity not just in one neighborhood in Cleveland Heights, but throughout our community. Once again, we take pride in participating in this in this kind of legislation or resolutions. In addition, we provide money through our Community Block Grant dollars to help out in affirmative action activities in the housing arena. I'd like to move that we pass this resolution. Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "If you would call the roll please."

Roll Call: Ayes: Stein, Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren
Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This resolution passes. Now we're onto Resolution 24-2016. This is a resolution proclaiming April 10-16, 2016, National Library Week in the City of Cleveland Heights. Last week our... two weeks ago, our library announced its 100th year of service in Cleveland Heights and University Heights. We have one of the top five libraries annually in the country. Our system has grown to use technology as a way to provide our residents with information and it's not just a place where you can go look for things in a card box or search for books anymore. There are all sorts of things you can link up to from your home and search for. It is a marvelous place and our Small Business Center is also located there as well as computers and meeting rooms. It's one of the most vibrant pieces of our community and an anchor to the Cedar Lee Business District. It's also several people on Council's favorite place to obtain information and one of our members actually helped put the – what are they called? The little books on the stilts? What do they call it, Mary? You did it."

Several people responded, "The Little Free Libraries."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Oh, the Little Free Libraries. They're books on stilts. You have them raised in the neighborhood and people can go in and reach in and get a book and you don't even have to check it out. You just have to be committed to returning it or a book comparable to it. So, we love books. We love the written word and we couldn't be happier to pass this resolution. I'm looking for a second. Can I?"

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. If you would call the roll please, Mr. Raguz."

Roll Call: Ayes: Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "The written word is a marvelous thing. This resolution passes. I'm now finished with Community Relations and Recreation Committee and we move on to Finance. Mr. Stein."

Report of the Finance Committee

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. I have five pieces of legislation that we went over more in depth at our last meeting two weeks ago, so these are all of second reading tonight. So, they're going to be very brief. Ordinance Number 11-2016; an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$125,000 for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring and improving motor vehicles and related equipment for use by the City's Fire Department. I offer Ordinance Number 11-2016 for passage tonight."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Ordinance Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Resolution 11 – Ordinance, sorry – Ordinance 11-2016 passes. Your next ordinance, Mr. Stein."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Next, an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$110,000 for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring motor vehicles and related equipment for use by the City's Police Department. I offer Ordinance Number 12-2016 on second reading tonight."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Mr. Raguz, would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Ordinance Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. The next ordinance, Mr. Stein."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$205,000 for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring and installing computer hardware, software and related equipment for use in performing the City's management and administrative functions. I offer Number 13-2016 for passage tonight."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Mr. Raguz, would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar
Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Ordinance Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Ordinance Number 13-2016 passes in its second reading. Mr. Stein."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$375,000 for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring motor vehicles and equipment for use in performing the functions of the City's Department of Public Works. I offer Ordinance Number 14-2016 on second reading."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "I second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "If you would the call the roll please, Mr. Raguz."

Roll Call: Ayes: Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe
Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes I believe, Your Honor."

Ordinance Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "And a couple seconds. Thank you. Ordinance Number 14-2016 passes with its second reading. Mr. Stein."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$785,000 for the purpose of paying costs of resurfacing and making other improvements to City surface parking areas. I offer Ordinance Number 15-2016 on second reading."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Would you call the roll please, Mr. Raguz?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Stein, Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren
Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Ordinance Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. That resolution passes as well. The final resolution this evening for Finance Committee is Resolution Number 25-2016. Mr. Stein."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "This one is not on second reading. This is a resolution authorizing the Director of Finance to establish an account with Nirvana Public Funding, LLC for the investment of municipal funds; designating signatories for said account. Nirvana Public Funding offers and inventory of bank products and investment vehicles designed to provide liquidity, safety of principal and optimal returns; and the Director of Finance has recommended the investment of municipal funds through this account. The above described account shall have the following named City employees as signatories for the specified account: Tanisha R. Briley, City Manager; Tom Raguz, Director of Finance. I offer Resolution Number 25-2016 for passage tonight."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar and Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Mr. Raguz."

Roll Call: Ayes: Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We move next to Municipal Services Committee. Councilwoman Yasinow."

Report of the Municipal Services Committee

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "I have absolutely no legislation this evening, Your Honor. However, I would note that today for those watching was supposed to be the home opener for the Cleveland Indians and due to snow this fine April day, it did not occur. So, for tomorrow being the official Indians home opener, Go Tribe and as always, please keep your cars locked. Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Public Health and Safety Committee. Councilman Seren."

Report of the Public Health and Safety Committee

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you. I'd like to introduce Ordinance Number 26-2016; an Ordinance amending Sections 1301.01, 1301.03, and 1303.01 of Part Thirteen, Building Code, of the

Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to adopt in perpetuity the most recent editions of the Residential Building Code of Ohio, the National Electric Code and the Ohio Building Code and to comply with Ohio Revised Code 731.231 and declaring an emergency. Just a little bit about this ordinance – there aren't substantive changes being made except in the thought that we don't have to amend this over and over again in order to be up to date on the latest standards and the codes that we reference in our ordinances. I offer this for passage tonight."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Is there a second?"

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Mr. Raguz, if you would call the roll please."

Roll Call: Ayes: Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Ordinance Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "We're a little eager tonight, aren't we?"

Tom Raguz stated, "A little bit."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you so much. This resolution passes and it will be an emergency ordinance. Our final committee report this evening is Planning and Development Committee. Councilwoman Dunbar."

Report of the Planning and Development Committee

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Yes. I don't have any legislation tonight, but I would like to highlight a few upcoming events in our community. As the weather improves, more of us are out and about walking, running and bicycling. Cleveland Heights is home to quite a few running races and we have one coming up on Sunday, April 10 at Forest Hill Park. It's a 5K which means 3.1 miles and your entry fees benefits the student run free clinic of the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. You can register that morning as early as 7:30 a.m. and then a one-mile walk begins at 8:30. The 5K race starts at 9:00 a.m. Go to Break Out of the Bubble for more information or to pre-register. You can pre-register for just \$20 until March 8 and it costs \$25 if you wait until that morning. Parking is in the Cleveland Heights lot just off Forest Hill Boulevard, west of Lee Boulevard.

Later that same day, April 10 from 1:00 – 3:00, the Friends of Forest Hill Park will be hosting a garlic mustard pull and tree tagging. Garlic mustard is an invasive species that pushes out native species of plants and our wonderful oak trees are in danger by a blight, so the tree tagging is to inventory what we have now. Come and show that you care about our habitat.

On the biking front, Heights Bicycle Coalition is having a meeting at NightTown on Sunday, April 17 at 4:00 p.m. to examine the question, 'How bicycle-friendly are we?' Cleveland Heights was recognized as a bronze level bicycle-friendly community in 2013. It's one of just 13 in Ohio. We have to reapply in 2017 to continue to be recognized as a bicycle-friendly community and maybe move up to silver from bronze. So, what has Cleveland Heights done since 2013 to become more bicycle-friendly and what would people in the community like to see improved further? This is a chance to provide input to answer the question, 'Where do we go from here?' The Bicycle Coalition will have a brief meeting to elect officers for the coming year and approve its budget. All are welcome. There will be free hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. That's it."

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. The Mayor's Report. One of the things I want to focus on – many of you may have gone to our website and seen that, this item, or others may have heard me talking about it. There's a program our Recreation Department is fostering. It's called Women Out Walking. If you go to our website, you'll see a logo that says WOW and it has a women walking in the center of it. This is a program that focused on getting women to be healthier. We want to start you off with a short walk of a mile and then for 12 weeks beginning April 17th, we'll be encouraging you to walk further, to learn more about being healthy and ways to help your family be healthier with something as simple as walking. So, if your budget goes up or down and you can't afford that health club membership or you don't have the time to go to the health club because it takes you 20 minutes to get there and 20 minute to get back to your favorite health club. There's the block and there's the eight blocks that might make up a mile and there's a couple of miles. Inside Cleveland Heights you can walk too and you can get healthy in under an hour walking in our community, so I want to encourage everyone to take a look at our website to find out if they have the time to participate. I'm gonna be there. The City Manager's going to be there. The Deputy City Manager is gonna be there. Members of Council are gonna be there and our Parks and Rec staff and we're also partnering with MetroHealth and several businesses in the community. More details at our next official Council meeting. This concludes our Council meeting for April 4, 2016. Our next official Council meeting is Monday, April 18, 2016. Thank you for your attention and your time and God bless Cleveland Heights."

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Stephens, Mayor

Tom Raguz, Clerk of Council

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