



Up Front

Newsletter of the Finneytown Civic Association

Election of FCA Officers and Board of Trustees at the March 16th Annual General Membership Meeting

The Nominations Committee has recommended these candidates for FCA officers and board of trustees:

President

JOE GORMAN

Recording Secretary

SUE HUMMER

Trustee

TROY EDIE

MAZIE HEIDINGER

MATT ROSENSWEET

Finneytown Schools to share information and seek input on future school facilities options at March 16th FCA Meeting

The public is invited to the annual general membership meeting of the Finneytown Civic Association, Sunday, March 16 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Springfield Township Senior / Community Center, 9158 Winton Rd.

Mr. Randy Parsons, Superintendent of the Finneytown Local School District, will discuss the growing educational obsolescence and energy inefficiency of the Finneytown school buildings, and the potential for matching funds from the Ohio School Facility Commission (OSFC). A 2007 OSFC assessment of Finneytown's buildings found that they would require more than \$41million in renovations to bring them up to current standards. Based on OSFC guidelines, since the renovations exceed two-thirds of the cost of replacement, it is recommended that Finneytown replace the buildings instead of renovating them. It is anticipated that in Fall 2009, OSFC will offer to assist Finneytown with matching funds. A formula based on school district wealth per student would set the OSFC match at 36%. The Finneytown Local School District would be responsible for the remaining 64%.

In response to the OSFC assessment, a committee composed of parents, teachers, staff and other community members was formed in 2007 to consider potential building options in the event the district chooses to participate in the OSFC program. The committee has produced a list of potential building options to help initiate a community discussion (see options on next page).

The March 16th FCA meeting is free and open to the public. All FCA members and residents are encouraged to attend.

Land Use / Development Update

- The former Kroger store purchased by Cincinnati Financial to be used as a data center received zoning approval from the Township for building renovations and site improvements.
- The Winton Road widening project (Fleming to Reynard) should start up again this month (March) and the next phase (Reynard to North Hill) should begin early this summer.
- Former Walgreen's store is now occupied by Deal's, a dollar-type store.
- The retail site at Compton & Winton has been approved. A bank and three retail sites will be built opposite Valvoline.

Volunteers needed for Great Finneytown Cleanup Saturday, April 26, 2008

9:00 A.M. until 12 P.M.

- Registration begins at 8:00 with light breakfast offered
- Goodie bags for volunteers

Where to meet: Springfield Township Administration Building

Other details:

- Volunteers receive a T-shirt
- Trash bags & latex gloves supplied

More information:

- Contact Melanie McNulty at 522-1410 mmcnulty@springfieldtwp.org

Finneytown Civic Association

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Finneytown Schools Facilities Options for Community Input

The following **eight options** have been selected by the Finneytown School's Long-Term Facilities Committee for consideration by the greater Finneytown community:

Option 1:

- Maintain / improve existing facilities (MS/HS, Whitaker (3-6), Brent or Cottonwood (PK-2), close the other. Do **NOT** participate in OSFC funding.
- Cost - \$15.7 million (4.7 mills; \$128 /yr for \$100,000 home)

Option 2:

- Renovate secondary campus (5-12) and Whitaker (PK-4). Close Brent and Cottonwood.
- Do participate in OSFC funding.
- Cost - \$32 million (\$20.5M local; 5.4 mills; \$167 /yr for \$100,000 home)

Option 3:

- Renovate secondary campus (5-12) and NEW Whitaker (PK-4). Close Brent and Cottonwood.
- Do participate in OSFC funding.
- Cost - \$37.2 million (\$22.9M local; 6.1 mills; \$186 /yr for \$100,000 home)

Option 4:

- Renovate secondary campus (6-12). NEW Whitaker (3-5). Renovate Brent or Cottonwood (PK-2)
- Do participate in OSFC funding.
- Cost - \$38.6 million (\$24.7M local; 6.6 mills; \$201 /yr for \$100,000 home)

Option 5:

- NEW secondary campus (9-12). Renovate Whitaker (5-8). NEW Brent or Cottonwood (PK-4)
- Do participate in OSFC funding.
- Cost - \$41.5 million (\$26.6M local; 7.1 mills; \$217 /yr for \$100,000 home)

Option 6:

- ALL NEW buildings. PK-6, 7-12
- Do participate in OSFC funding.
- Cost - \$43 million (\$27.5M local; 7.3 mills; \$224 /yr for \$100,000 home)

Option 7:

- Renovate secondary campus (7-12) and renovate Whitaker (3-6). Renovate Brent or Cottonwood (PK-2).
- Do participate in OSFC funding.
- Cost - \$40.2 million (\$28.6M local; 7.6 mills; \$233 /yr for \$100,000 home)

Option 8:

- Renovate secondary campus (7-12) and NEW Brent (PK-6). Close Whitaker and Cottonwood.
- Do participate in OSFC funding.
- Cost - \$41.3 million (\$29.3M local; 7.78 mills; \$238 /yr for \$100,000 home)

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"Future School Facilities" w/ Randy Parsons
FCA General Membership Meeting
Sunday, March 16th, 7-9pm
Springfield Twp. Senior & Community Center