



# CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 16, 2007

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 6:15 p.m.

Edward Kelley, presiding

Council Members present: Caplan, Dietrich, Evans, Kelley, Montlack, Tumeo, Wilcox

Council Members absent: None

Staff present: Carter, Czaga, Downey, Gibbon, Malone, Mannarino, Niermann O'Neil, Ruane, Wong

Topic of discussion included general information pertaining to the City Manager's weekly memo.

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:38 p.m.

Edward Kelley, presiding

Council Members present: Caplan, Dietrich, Evans, Kelley, Montlack, Tumeo, Wilcox

Council Members absent: None

Staff present: Carter, Czaga, Downey, Gibbon, Malone, Mannarino, Niermann O'Neil, Ruane, Wong

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Wednesday, April 4, 2007 were approved and signed by Mayor Kelley along with the ordinances and resolutions passed at that meeting.

Mayor Kelley continued, "We usually begin with personal communications from our citizens, but it's our honor tonight to continue the great Cleveland Heights tradition of the poet laureate. I am going to ask Peggy Spaeth to come to our podium and introduce herself and tell us what we are about to embark on again this year."

Peggy Spaeth stated, "Good evening, Mayor Kelley and City Council. I wanted to thank you for inviting us back for the third year in a row to appoint Cleveland Heights' third annual Poet Laureate. Tonight we have with us our first Poet Laureate, Meredith Holmes, our outgoing Poet Laureate Loren Weiss, and our new Poet Laureate, Mary Weems. Also we have our committee here, some members of our committee. We have a committee called Heights Writes. Not everything we do has Heights in front of it, but almost everything we do does. The Heights Writes Committee is comprised of Kelly Harris, who is not here and John Panza who is not here and Bunnie Breslin who is here. This committee, annually meets and invites submissions from the community to apply for this esteemed position of

Cleveland Heights Poet Laureate. We have many talented poets and it's always a really difficult decision. This year we had three finalists, which included Mary, and the other two finalists were Gail Bellamy and Jason Williams. It was a very difficult decision because we have so many talented poets, but we're sure that you're really going to enjoy Mary's tenure as Poet Laureate.

I also wanted to mention that we were mentioned in the Washington Post recently. There was an article about poet laureates around the country and they mentioned six big important cities, among which was Cleveland Heights.

First, I'd like to invite Loren Weiss up, the outgoing Poet Laureate, to read his outgoing poem."

Mr. Weiss stated, "Thank you, Peggy. I'm not sure this is a poem that's feelings [*sic*] about poetry and it's called Flash-back.

Twelve months ago,  
after I left these chambers,  
I said to myself,  
a new door has opened,  
And I'm walkin' in.

Soon I praised the mission of  
Heights Youth Organization, in  
a poem I was privileged to read  
in a lush garden on Stillman,  
part of a Garden tour fundraiser.

On stage at Cain Park,  
I shared my words to honor  
Cleveland Heights volunteers,  
We also shared the hundredth  
birthday of our local arts hero,  
Vicktor. What a thrill, as I passed him,  
he shook my eighty-one year old  
hand and said, "Nice job young man."

In September I wrote about  
the new library's written words  
shared in love with visual  
and spoken arts, arcing across  
the bridge for all seasons.

Now it's up to Mary.  
Enjoy each other, as I have.  
Words in a new world.

Thank you."

Ms. Spaeth continued, "I just want to thank Loren for a really wonderful year. He spread poetry throughout the community and he spoke to many groups and I think met many people and enjoyed himself very much. I wanted to mention also that when we were interviewing the applicants, they were

asking the former poet laureates questions like what did you enjoy about being a poet laureate? And both Meredith and Loren said that one of the high points was going to Cain Park and standing on the stage and looking out over the community of their friends and families and neighbors and reading poetry and being so appreciated by that audience. So this is fertile ground. So, without further adieu, I'd like to welcome Mary Weems to the podium to read her first poem in her new job."

Ms. Weems came forward, "Good evening. It is an honor to be here. I'd like to thank Peggy Spaeth, HeightsArts and the poet committee for selecting me. I'm looking forward to it and the poem I have to share is called Missing Feet.

In Iraq, a boy is dying in his father's arms.  
His nickname English Ali, his body burning,  
his feet missing.

His father thinks two missing feet are nothing  
compared to losing a son while he looks inside  
death's eyes, trying to pretend this is a dream,  
34 boys are not dying; his other son has not just died  
on the same street.

Newsprint and paper smell like car bombs;  
the words, people standing in line for help;  
hope the last thing anyone talks about, most  
of them missing a boy at their table.

Grief the same everywhere,  
their anger local and familiar. Not even revenge  
can help the fathers feeling like failures, mothers  
violated, womb-stunted, organs  
snatched without reason, tears that don't  
soothe, sorrow that kills and makes you walk  
around showing people you're dead.

Ali's father's face is one terrible tear, He says *Life has no taste.*  
*I even feel sick of myself,* and I'm in his one-room apartment  
with him, putting an arm around his shoulder, our silence  
a connection across cultures that needs nothing.

I think of my grown daughter, of all the children in my family  
who play in the street everyday not worrying  
about whether or not a truck bomb will kill them.

I think of a child's life without feet,  
the upturned soles of Iraqi men praying,  
the American soldiers standing in parked  
Humvees tossing candy to the children  
just before the booby trapped truck blew up.

I'd like to acknowledge the presence of my husband, James Amie, who is the wind beneath my wings. Thank you."

Mayor Kelley stated, "Thank you, Mary, for that very inspirational poem and very heartfelt and very timely and it really captured where this nation is at and where things are at across the world.

I also want to thank Loren for an amazing journey for the year we spent together and highlighted - it began here and it ends here. The exciting electrifying moment we spent at Cain Park together on a stage with Viktor. It truly was a great time and I was there when he called you young man and he really meant it and it was really touching.

Meredith, it's always a pleasure to see you here. You were really the first one and really laid the foundation for this and it's really great to see all three of you together. This is really what Cleveland Heights is about. This is what separates us from the other towns, not just here in the county but in the state and across the nation, that we do this here, year in and year out. It is expected of us. Every year, and Peggy knows this to be true, I get a call from somebody from another city wanting to apply to be our poet laureate and I say to them, "Go to your mayor, go to your council and ask them to start it. It is not a hard thing to start or to do." It's what separates us from the other cities and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. I want to thank you for all that you do. Mary, it's going to be an exciting year. We'll have a lot of opportunities for you and you just keep on doing it. That was so inspirational to us all and it really captured the moment and it captured this time and where we are at in this - as I said - as a country. And, Peggy, again, you just keep doing this and it's great, and looking forward to more things, not just the signage in Cedar-Fairmount and Coventry, but let's keep on going and thank you for all you do.

You are free to go. We don't need you to stay here for the meeting, so if you want to get up before we go into personal communications from our citizens you can. The Sun Press man, Mike, with his goofy Shaker tennis sweatshirt that's on, he may want a copy of a poem or two, so he'll step out in the hall with you and with all the exciting business while he's out there, get that sweatshirt off if you can. I'll give you a free dinner at Tommy's if you do that. We're going to move onto personal communications from our citizens, but thanks again for everything."

#### **REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Downey stated, "Thank you very much, your Honor. I have no formal report this evening."

#### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Malone stated, "Thank you, your Honor. I need 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: Cena Dionne, Inc., d.b.a. Monticello Bar, transfer D5 permit from Richard Spetrino, d.b.a. Monticello Bar, premises 2573 Noble Road, 44121. Your Honor, I need to make this a matter of record."

Mayor Kelley made it a matter of record and referred it to Public Safety and Health Committee of Council, the City Manager, and the Director of Law.

#### **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Council Member Dietrich stated, "Thank you. I have no legislation. I think we should probably start out by acknowledging that this is a terrible day for students and families of Virginia Tech and just what Mary read where she is reading about the poor Iraqi's father with the poor dead child in his arms. Grief is the same everywhere. I am sure that a lot of those families are grieving tonight and our hearts go out to them.

Makes me feel a little bad shifting gears, but I'm going to shift because we actually in Cleveland Heights have spring and summer. Recreation activities are beginning, although one would never know it to look outside. Actually, I think that the start of youth soccer and baseball, which was scheduled for last week had to be delayed because of the weather, but it sounds like we're going to have a really exciting summer sports' season. We already have 42 adult softball teams, 556 kids signed up for summer baseball, 14 teams of five and six year-olds and I guess the only team that's a little low on players are thirteen and fourteen year-olds. So if you are 13 or 14 and would like to play summer baseball, you're needed.

Nature walks in Forest Hill Park, begin again starting this week, beginning on Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup> and will be the third Thursday of the month, during the evenings, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. led by Wendy Weirich, as they have been in the past, and you meet at the Community Center and wear good shoes.

Coming up next weekend is our ice skating show. Here is a poster for it, it's called, 'Dancing to New Heights'. We haven't had our ice skating show in several years and so it's back now and it will be held on Saturday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. and again Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at the Community Center. I should have pointed this out in the poster, it features Victor Travis who is a Cleveland Heights boy and if you can see this picture of him, he has been competing and placing in national competition. 'Dancing to New Heights', will be very exciting with Victor. That same night, April 28, this isn't really a city function but there is, 'Taste of Coventry', going on in the B-Side Lounge which is part of the Grog Shop at 7:00 and this is a fundraiser for the Coventry Arts Fair, the summer street fairs that they have. They need to raise some funds this year in order to put those on. They are calling it, 'Save the Coventry Street Fairs', and having this fundraiser costs \$20.00 to buy a ticket to it and there will be food from all the different Coventry restaurants. It will be \$25.00 at the door. Hope to see lots of people, both at the ice skating show and at, 'Taste of Coventry'.

Another bit of good recreation news for people who swim in the summer at Cumberland and have been asking for a couple of years for a revival of the old Cumberland Swim Team, well, it's going to happen. These people lobbied very hard at the fall meeting that we always hold to sort of go over the past swim season and a group of people really spoke of their great desire to have the Cleveland Heights Swim Team revived and so tonight is actually the first practice. It's a young people swim team, mostly teens and younger, I think. So, tonight is the first practice being held at Heights High. They are going to practice at Heights High during April and May through a partnership that we worked out with Tom Hill, the new athletic director, and then they will move to Cumberland in the summer. They have hired Hillary Strong, who is an experienced coach. It always makes me feel really good when we are able to sort of actually produce something that a group of people have been wanting. That is a good thing.

The Spelling Bee, also the Reaching Heights Spelling Bee is coming up on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Heights High. That is always a really good *Cleveland Heights-ey* kind of humorous time. If you've never been to one, it is a fun entertaining thing to go to.

Finally, just a word about the civility ambassadors at Wiley and Monticello Middle Schools. Both of those middle schools have undertaken a very serious effort at instituting civility in the schools and they both have civility ambassadors, groups that have been chosen among the students to represent their schools and Wiley has been doing weekly breakfasts at 7:15 in the morning and inviting people like the University Heights City Council and the mayor. Last week they had people from the Small Schools go and have breakfast with them and at the Rec Board meeting last week we were hearing from both the library youth coordinator and one of the school board members and they were saying that expulsions at Heights High are down by 50% this year. Behavior in the library is supposed to have improved a great deal lately, and that is with over 2,000 kids a month going to what's called, 'The Spa at

the Library' [for] all teenagers. They actually have credited this change both to the Small Schools and to the effort to institute the civility programs in our public schools. That's really a great pat on the back and this week there is a civility display going on at Borders.

I can't believe I haven't even talked about Cain Park yet but I'll save that for another time because there is so much to do in Cleveland Heights. So I hope you're not missing out on too much and that's my report."

## **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Vice Mayor Montlack stated, "Thank you, your Honor. There are two piece of legislation from this committee. These are two kinds of legislation that are read every three years. One is authorizing an assessment, special assessments, for all property owners on every street for the expense of street lighting, the second is a companion piece authorizing special assessment for planting, maintaining and removing of shade trees in the public rights-of-way on the tree lawns. First let me make some general comments about these two pieces of legislation, because virtually every time it is read people come forward to ask or comment at the ensuing council meetings and to take some of those questions let me address them quickly. First of all, the legislation for street lighting is exactly what it is says. That is to say, the actual street lighting expense paid for by the city. With regard to both of the pieces of legislation, the legislation is based on the front footage of the property where the dwelling exists, where there are corner lots there is a formula in place that takes into consideration what would otherwise be an unjust system of overcharging and there is a process in each case for protesting the assessments. However, based on experience, those protests need to address whether in the specific case there has been some error made in the manner of calculating the assessment. With regard to Resolution No. 46-2007(F), declaring the necessity of assessing a portion of the expense of street lighting; and declaring an emergency.

I should say at this point, that in each of these pieces of legislation the proportion of assessment, the formula for assessment has been maintained the same as it was three years go. No small feat given the great stress of not only this city's budget, but most of the cities' budgets are under right now. It's good that we're able to hold the line.

Under this legislation, the cost will be in general, Sixty-Eight Cents (\$.68) per front foot. It applies for the property taxes collected during the years 2008, 2009 and 2010. After a process of which this is one step, the authorizations in these [pieces of] legislation will be forwarded to the County Auditor by September of this year and will then appear on the tax duplicate. The way each legislation works is that two percent (2%) of the entire cost, in this case, street lighting, plus the cost of lighting street intersections will be paid by the City and the remainder of the cost and expense will be assessed on lots and lands that are covered in this legislation. I will not read all of the streets of the City of Cleveland Heights, but it applies to every single dedicated street and there are some special parcels the are enumerated that do not directly appear adjacent to the streets, but receive obvious benefits and those also are handled according to a fair and partial formula. Notice will be provided by publication and through direct notice and then within two weeks after any complaints about the assessment must be made in the manner provided. If there are any questions, if there is information that you need about your assessment or the process, the Clerk of Council maintains, in his office, all of the information. Resolution No. 46-2007(F) is presented on first reading for passage tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 46-2007(F).

Roll Call: Ayes: Caplan, Dietrich, Evans, Kelley, Montlack, Tumeo, Wilcox

Nays: None

**Resolution passed**

Vice Mayor Montlack continued, "Thank you. Resolution No. 47-2007(F), declaring the necessity of assessing a portion of the expense of planting, maintaining and removing of shade trees; and declaring an emergency.

Most of the comments I made with regard to the prior legislation applies here.

This special assessment for the same years is at the rate of Fifty-Nine Cents (\$.59) per front foot. Resolution No. 47-2007(F) is presented on first reading for passage tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 47-2007(F).

Council Member Dietrich stated, "Actually, I have a brief comment. Just that sometimes one of the complaints that Vice Mayor Montlack was talking about is some people who don't have a tree on their tree lawn, can always ask for one. The city is happy to plant a tree on your tree lawn and if you call the city forester you can get one. If that is something you're thinking is unfair, anybody who wants a tree on their tree lawn can have one."

Roll Call: Ayes: Dietrich, Evans, Kelley, Montlack, Tumeo, Wilcox, Caplan

Nays: None

**Resolution passed**

### **REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Council Member Caplan stated, "Thank you. I have several pieces of legislation and last time we did a lot of purchasing of trucks and we're going to do some more tonight. First, I have Ordinance No. 48-2007(MS), authorizing an agreement with Bob Ross Buick for the purchase of a GMC Canyon Pickup Truck for the Public Works Department through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency. The City has determined to purchase a GMC Canyon Pickup Truck. There is Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04 [stating] that we can buy through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program without obtaining competitive bids. This Council in 1988, determined that we can participate in that and so we're going to purchase this selected truck at a lower price than could be obtained through bidding and it is in our best interest to do so. Beside the vehicle, we're also going to get a radio and strobe lights for this truck. The City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with Bob Ross Buick for the purchase of a Pickup Truck not to exceed a cost of Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$13,850.50). A radio and strobe lights for the truck shall be purchased from other vendors at a total price not to exceed One Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00). Notice of passage shall be given and this Ordinance shall be passed as an emergency. So I offer Ordinance No. 48-2007(MS)."

Mayor Kelley accepted Ordinance No. 48-2007(MS).

Roll Call: Ayes: Evans, Kelley, Montlack, Tumeo, Wilcox, Caplan, Dietrich

Nays: None

**Ordinance passed**

Council Member Caplan continued, "Thank you. Now I have Ordinance No. 49-2007(MS), au-

thorizing an agreement with Mike Bass Ford for the purchase of a Ford F250 Pickup Truck for the Public Works Department through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency. We can use this program and the City Manager has determined that this truck would be best obtained through the program rather than through bidding because we can do this at less cost. The City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with Mike Bass Ford for the purchase of a Pickup Truck at a cost not to exceed Eighteen Thousand One Hundred Thirty-one Dollars and Forty-nine Cents (\$18,131.49). A snowplow and other accessories for the truck shall be purchased from assorted vendors at a total price not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). Notice of passage shall be given and this Ordinance shall be passed as an emergency. So I offer Ordinance No. 49-2007(MS)."

Mayor Kelley accepted Ordinance No. 49-2007(MS).

Roll Call: Ayes: Kelley, Montlack, Tumeo, Wilcox, Caplan, Dietrich, Evans

Nays: None

**Ordinance passed**

Council Member Caplan continued, "Thank you. Now I have Ordinance No. 50-2007(MS), authorizing an agreement with Mike Bass Ford for the purchase of a Ford F350 Crew Cab for the Public Works Department through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency. Using the same authorization and the same program the City Manager has determined that this truck can be purchased at a lesser price than through bidding. A radio and strobe lights will be purchased from other sources. The City Manager is hereby, authorized to enter into an agreement with Mike Bass Ford for the purchase of a Crew Cab at a cost not to exceed Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Ninety-four Cents (\$26,315.94). A radio and strobe lights for the truck shall be purchased from other vendors at a total price not to exceed One Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00). Notice of passage shall be given and this Ordinance shall be passed as an emergency by voting on it tonight. Ordinance No. 50-2007(MS), I'm presenting it now."

Mayor Kelley accepted Ordinance No. 50-2007(MS).

Roll Call: Ayes: Montlack, Tumeo, Wilcox, Caplan, Dietrich, Evans, Kelley

Nays: None

**Ordinance passed**

Council Member Caplan concluded, "Those are all the ordinances I have, but I do want you to know that we do pay attention to the dollars and the Public Works Department just received a Forty Thousand (\$40,000.00) grant from NOACA, which is the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Association. This money is to retrofit the engines of five old trucks. The engines will be redone to be more efficient, more effective and we just got a \$40,000.00 grant for that.

I also want to tell you to mark your calendar on May 19<sup>th</sup> - we've been waiting for this for a long time. If you have lots of papers in your basement, attic, closet, you don't know what to do with them. They have personal information - maybe they are really old tax records, speaking of which tomorrow is tax day. I'm surprised the Finance Chairman didn't mention it - that all of those papers you can now take - you'll see in your water bill, if you haven't opened it yet, that there will be a community paper shredding day, Saturday, May 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. right here at City Hall in our parking lot. Bring paper, only paper. So old documents, paid bills, other papers that may contain your personal information and have made you a little nervous to be putting out in those bags, that I tell you about all

the time on garbage day, and if you don't want to do that, bring them now. They will be safely and securely shredded and recycled. Residential shredding only. No businesses. It is limited to ten boxes. Ten boxes is quite a bit, actually. Pre-registration is required. We need to have some sense about how many boxes are showing up. Call Community Relations at 291-2323. There is no cost for this. It is between 10:00 and 3:00 on May 19. So start gathering up all those papers that you've been wondering about how you are ever going to get rid of them and that will really be a wonderful service that we're offering to you.

Last but not least, I was particularly touched by the poems. It was quite sad by our new Poet Laureate and it also reminded me that today, in the Jewish tradition, is Yom HaShoa, commemoration of remembering and not forgetting how many millions of people were exterminated in the Holocaust and it is sixty-two years since World War II has ended. There was a special prayer that was said today down at Jewish Federation. They had a big event for public officials. At the end, I'd like to read to you, speaking of poems, a few of the lines:

That we shall never forget the importance of speaking out against intolerance, whenever and wherever it occurs.

We shall never forget the inextricable link among democracy, the rule of law, and protection of human rights.

We shall never forget the age old prophetic vision of a world of justice, harmony and peace.

And we shall never forget that each of us in ways large and small can help bring us closer to the realization of that prophetic vision.

And wouldn't that be nice, if we could see a world of justice, harmony and peace. That's all I have. Thank you."

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Council Member Wilcox stated, "Thank you, your Honor. There is one resolution from this committee tonight and that is Resolution No. 51-2007(PD), declaring May, 2007 as National Preservation Month; and declaring an emergency.

Before reading this resolution I just wanted to state the obvious, the City spends a great deal of time and resources on our housing stock, whether it's to promote new housing or to upgrade and maintain our existing homes, because we are a residential community. There are a number of pressures, however, that we're feeling from outside in terms of keeping our housing stock to where it needs to be, including predatory lending, foreclosures and other things we read about in the papers everyday. Some of those are going to require resources far beyond what the city has to correct, but it's appropriate that we do recognize the resources and time we do spend on programs that are available and that are making a difference and continue to make a difference in our community and communities like Cleveland Heights, which emphasize and value historical preservation, architectural integrity and liveable neighborhoods and cities that understand the importance of preservation to keep our communities vibrant. I want to first thank our Planning Department and the staff and particularly Kara Hamley O'Donnell for their attention to our historic preservation efforts in the city and also to our boards and commissions that deal with these issues every week including the Landmark Commission, Architectural Board of Review, Planning [Commission] and BZA. Also, when I read this legislation, you'll note there are a number of non-profit entities, as well, in our city that are involved in the historic preservation effort.

This Resolution provides as follows: Historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth,

revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability. *Making Preservation Work* is the theme for National Preservation Month 2007, which is cosponsored by The City of Cleveland Heights and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. City staff has been involved in a wide variety of projects that help the city to preserve and promote its historic resources, including helping residents research their home's history, entering original building permit data into a database, providing on-site rehabilitation advice on topics such as paint color selection, paint removal, and window repair, etc., and working with businesses through the Storefront Rebate and Loan Programs. The City also shows continued dedication to the city's history, architecture and historic preservation through partnerships with the Cleveland Restoration Society to administer the Heritage Home Loan Program. The City operates the Cleveland Heights Historical Center at Superior Schoolhouse which draws visitors for tours and research, including school children. Over the last several years the City has organized and co-sponsored the Schoolhouse lecture series, partnering with the Cleveland Heights Historical Society and FutureHeights. The City also partnered with HeightsArts, who are here tonight. The Cleveland Heights Historical Society and FutureHeights presented the exhibit *Cedar Lee: 1800 through Tomorrow*. The Landmark Commission continues to recognize the city's historic architecture by designating Landmarks, including the 50<sup>th</sup> designation this year for the Community of Living Hope. In order to celebrate Preservation Month, the City is partnering with the Cleveland Heights Historical Society and FutureHeights to sponsor the following events: On *Saturday, May 5, Tour of Historic Heights High, Wednesday, May 9, Cleveland Heights House History Workshop, Saturday, May 19, A Walk through the Inglewood Neighborhood, and Tuesday, May 29, Historic Landscapes*. So this Resolution in Section 1 provides the Council does hereby proclaim May, 2007 as National Preservation Month, and calls upon the residents of the City of Cleveland Heights to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance. I offer Resolution No. 51-2007(PD) for passage tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 51-2007(PD).

Roll Call: Ayes: Tumeo, Wilcox, Caplan, Dietrich, Evans, Kelley, Montlack

Nays: None

**Resolution passed**

Council Member Wilcox concluded, "I just had one comment. I also wanted to thank Mary for the poem tonight and just to point out that I really think we on Council are very honored to be the first ones to hear our poet laureate every year and it's a great pleasure and honor to be able to sponsor the poet laureates every year. That completes my report."

#### **REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Council Member Evans stated, "There is no report this evening."

#### **REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Mr. Tumeo stated, "Following that excellent lead, there is no report this evening."

#### **REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Kelley stated, "I have a very quick report. I just want to say spring is somewhat upon us, in the shadow sort of to speak. When you are out and about give Cleveland Heights a good look over. Our commercial areas are new and exciting. A lot of good things are happening that you may have missed over the winter time. I'm not going to go into all the details of what's happening there but there

will be some new stores, new things happening, they're upgrading. Things are happening in almost every corner of the city. New housing is around. The doldrums of winter are over and hopefully with the new administration in Columbus, you've heard me talk about it many a times, good things are happening, so give Cleveland Heights a once over again. Spend some time in Cleveland Heights. As the weather gets a little nicer, slow down as I always say, the kids will be playing in the streets and moving around and as always do not forget our fantastic athletic events of the young kids whether it's 4 year-old tee-ball or soccer all the way up to the 13 and 14 year olds. Great things are happening in our parks. Parks are for families and parks are for children and young adults and obviously do not forget our Community Center. We continue to bring more programming back for people of all ages, to use the athletic equipment, ice skating, basketball, senior programs, after-school programs. If you haven't been there in a while come back and take a look. If you are new to the community, come on and join up. It is the best deal dollar for dollar anywhere in this county. Just sign up - either buy a pass or get involved in a program. If there is something we don't have, we usually will accommodate you and get it. We've had requests for different things and it's there and it's exciting and it's happening. You may meet a council person or two, so you may be able to vent.

The other issue is an idea of a pool. We are still looking at pools with other communities. We are also having our staff look at other facilities that have pools; Notre Dame College, the YMCA at Mayfield and Richmond, Ursuline College and some of the other facilities, about looking into something possibly for the fall for our senior citizens or our residents to use, a pass situation or something like that. We have not forgotten about the pool. We continue discussions. I have talked to the mayor of South Euclid, Mayor Welo about their program - where they may be - so we've not forgot about it. It continues to be on our agenda. We'll listen for more ways to make that missing link happen. It may not happen here [but] we have not forgotten about that issue and we will continue to look outside the city and look for partnership in the form that's happening. That's why we have a great dog park right across from Denison on an angle. Quarry Park, people are using that even more and more. So we're looking for a more regional approach. We have not forgotten about that. As Councilwoman Dietrich said, the idea of a swim team has been percolating out there for a number of years and working together with our schools to make that happen and as she said tonight was the first night of practice. It's only about 35 degrees [outside] even though it is indoors. We're looking forward to moving that forward and we'll be using Cumberland Pool as the home facility once the weather gets a little bit nicer in the summer. Great things are happening in Cleveland Heights. Get out and take a look. Work with your neighbors and move forward.

This meeting will be adjourned at 8:22 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, May 7, 2007. Thank you for coming."

Respectfully submitted,

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