

News In Brief

Cincinnatus Association NEWS IN BRIEF 07/02/2008

Excellence in Government Panel:

- >> The Panel held its annual retreat, reaffirmed its goals, and is continuing to debate potential future projects to include in its 2008-09 action plan.
- >> The Panel is planning several programs it might sponsor for Cincinnatus' members during the coming year.
- >> The Panel has begun to study the "environmental justice" ordinance proposed by Cincinnati vice-mayor Crowley.
- >> The Panel will consider whether Cincinnatus should endorse or oppose issues on the ballot this fall, which could include red light cameras and proportional representation voting in the City of Cincinnati and mandated sick leave and pay day lending at the State of Ohio level.

Community Inclusion Panel:

- >> Cincinnati City Manager Milton Dohoney sent a letter of thanks to Cincinnatus for its work on the Stable Integrated Communities report and has invited Brandon Wiers to present the results of the study at his August 5th weekly meetings with his department heads.
- >> Co-sponsoring organizations of the Greater Cincinnati Commitment are meeting to discuss and plan organizational implementation of this effort, while Agenda 360's Livable Communities committee has recommend the Commitment as one of its Action Plans.
- >> Two new studies related to race relations have recently been released by the Greater Cincinnati Foundation and Bridges for a Just Community and can be found on their websites at www.greatercincinnati.org and www.bridgescincinnati.org.
- >> Our next meeting is July 7th at 11:30 a.m. at the Health Foundation and new members are welcome

Education Panel:

The Education Panel discussed and decided on its strategic direction for the 2008-2009 year. It will include:

- >> Continuing the annual awards for outstanding public school teaching, administration and volunteerism
- >> Expanding the Principal mentoring program in leadership and management with the Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS)
- >> Beginning initiatives in the Newport and Covington Public Schools
- >> Exploring ways of finding and supporting more candidates for the CPS Board of Education
- >> Finding partners in education for CPS schools
- >> Exploring a broadened "Friends of CPS" program
- >> Jane Keller has been selected to be Vice-chair of the Committee.