



## Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Treasurer, A. Lewis at 7:02 p.m.

*In Attendance:* J. Buening, D. Discepoli, E. Geiger Draugelis, S. Hassel, A. Lewis, N. Lewis, S. Mullin, T. Nelson, A. Shikany, and G. Wollenweber

*Advance Notice of Absence:* D. Hapner, J. Lovelace, T. Roe, and B. Smyth.

#### 1. Guests:

**Cincinnati Police Department, District 2—Officer Tarvin** circulated the Hyde Park Neighborhood Report for the period ending July 7, 2018. He reported that B&E's and burglaries are up this month, especially detached garages and apartment storage units. District 2 has obtained good photographs of a suspect in a number of Oakley property crimes and hopes to get him into custody soon. Officer Tarvin can be reached at 979-4480.

**Cincinnati Fire Department, Hyde Park Fire Station—Brian Doering (Firefighter and Paramedic in charge, Engine 46)** delivered the June 2018 Narcan Report. He talked about a double fatality fire in District 3, children were among the victims. He stressed the importance of sleeping with bedroom doors fully closed, and stated that in a bedroom with its door closed, a potential victim has 17 minutes to escape after smelling smoke, vs. 4 minutes in a bedroom with an open door. Doering can be reached at 352-2346.

**Margo Warminski—Preservation Director, Cincinnati Preservation Association** talked about the recently enacted IDC and the proposed conservation ordinance for Hyde Park and Mt. Lookout. She is hopeful that the conservation ordinance will create a mode template for other Cincinnati and Ohio neighborhoods. Warminski encouraged the Council to reach out to Beth Johnson, Cincinnati's Urban Conservator, as a resource for formulating the proposed conservation zoning regulations. She also offered Cincinnati Preservation Association's assistance with and information about what qualifies a property to have a historic preservation designation. Learn more about the CPS at [www.cincinnati-preservation.org](http://www.cincinnati-preservation.org).

## 2. **Officers' Reports**

### A. **Recording Secretary's Report** – S. Mullin

Minutes from the June 12, 2018 board meeting were sent by email. Without objection the minutes were approved as submitted.

### B. **Treasurer's Report** – A. Lewis

The June 11-July 8, 2018 Financial Report was sent by email. Without objection the Report was adopted as submitted.

## 3. **Committee Reports**

A. **Nominating Committee**—S. Mullin reported that the Nominating Committee has recommended that the Trustee vacancy created by the resignation of Lizzy Hill be filled by Valerie Woodham. The Committee will report back if Ms. Woodham is still willing and able to serve, and then the full Board will vote on the Committee's recommendation.

B. **Hyde Park Square Business Association** – J. Buening reported that the HPSBA is not happy about the Farmer's Market management and is considering voting to not close the Square for the weekly event.

"Wine Walk Wednesdays" begin July 11, \$10 wristbands will be sold at a table in front of the Miller Gallery.

The park in the center of the Square is looking shabby (weeds and patchy grass, however the Park Board claims to not have the funds for improvements). Sidewalks in front of crosswalk aprons are cracking as well, repair costs are attributable to business owners. The Business Association is upset about the proposed increased parking meter hours (9-9), and plans to submit a letter opposing the change.

J. Buening inquired if any Board members were familiar with The Loring Group (owner of the Cock& Bull, bead store, and Head Over Heels buildings). No Trustees seemed to know anything about the company.

C. **PLAN Hyde Park** —J. Buening reported that the group continues to meet from **6:30-8 p.m.** on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The 4 committees are hard at work writing the Plan. The August 28 Steering Committee meeting will take place at the HPCUM Church and the focus will be to review HP's zoning map. The September 25 Community meeting will be at Clark Montessori to share draft goals and objectives. The October Steering Committee meeting will be in the Library of the HPCUM Church.

On Tuesday July 24 a Public Meeting regarding IDC #81 will be held at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater at the HPCUM Church.

D. Zoning Committee—

G. Wollenweber reported that the building at 2633 Erie has been demolished and the plans submitted and approved in 2015 and 2017 presumably are moving forward. The 3 story building will house commercial/retail space of the ground floor and residential units on the second and third floors.

D. Discepoli reported that demolition permits for all the properties owned by CIG on Madison and Besuden have been issued, except for the building housing the law firm on Madison.

S. Hassell reported that the plans to construct an asphalt parking lot in the rear yard of 2443 Zumstein were approved, however the request to tear down the garage at 2623 Erie was denied.

4. Old Business

A. N. Lewis explained that for the IDC #81 Working Group, the HPNC representative must be a member of the Executive Committee. B. Smyth has volunteered to serve, however he will not be able to attend all meetings. N. Lewis has volunteered to serve when B. Smyth cannot, however N. Lewis is not currently a member of the Executive Committee.

J. Buening resigned from the Executive Committee. J. Buening nominated N. Lewis to serve as a member of the Executive Committee, second by G. Wollenweber. All in favor. Motion carried.

N. Lewis reported that the IDC Committee has asked City Planning to grant a 6-month extension for the IDC (set to expire August 25, 2108) so that the Committee can have more time to craft a proposal that will best suit the needs of the Hyde Park and Mt. Lookout communities.

B. **Scott Retta, UC Work-Study Intern** reported that he has updated the HPNC member database, the website is in “launch mode”, and that he is working on a draft newsletter to email to our membership. Scott has been working with S. Mullin, A. Lewis, and B. Smyth planning a back to school community event on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the new HP School Play Yard (6:30-8 pm) with ice cream, face-painting, outdoor games, door prizes, and family fun.

5. New Business

A. Hapner reported that the crosswalk at Clark Montessori should be aligned with Kilgour Lane to improve pedestrian safety. With the present configuration, pedestrians have to walk across the school’s driveway once they have crossed Erie in the designated crosswalk. D. Hapner moved, “***That the HPNC supports moving the crosswalk 40 feet east to line up with Kilgour Lane and improve pedestrian safety at Clark Montessori.***” Second by S. Hassell. All in favor. Motion carried.

## 5. New Business (con't)

- B. J. Buening reported the Community Budget Requests (every other year) need to be submitted by September 28, 2018. Each Community can make up to 3 requests for improvements that will benefit the neighborhood. In past years Hyde Park has asked for solar compacting trash cans, a traffic signal at Michigan and Observatory, playground equipment at Triangle Park. J. Buening will solicit community input on our website and HPNC will vote at our August meeting. D. Discepoli and Scott Retta volunteered to take on the responsibility of completing the necessary forms to submit the requests once they are voted on by the Board.
- C. Janet Buening reported on the City's proposal to extend the parking meter hours in and around HP Square from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The HPSBA is not pleased with the proposal, which is to take effect on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2108. J. Buening moved, "***That the HPNC opposed Cincinnati City Council's decision to extend parking meter hours in and around the Hyde Park business district until 9 p.m.***" Second by N. Lewis. One Abstention, All others in favor. Motion carried.

J. Buening moved, "***That the HPNC will send an official letter to Cincinnati City Council sharing the aforementioned motion and stating that the extension of hours would be a severe negative impact on the business and residential community of Hyde Park.***" Second by S. Hassell. One Abstention, All others in favor. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary