



## Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President, B. Smyth, at 7:05p.m.

*In Attendance:* J. Buening, D. Discepoli, D. Hapner, A. Lewis, J. Lovelace, N. Lewis, S. Mullin, T. Nelson, T. Roe, A. Shikany, B. Smyth, and G. Wollenweber

*Advance Notice of Absence:* S. Hassell

*Absent:* E. Geiger Draugelis

#### 1. Guests:

**Cincinnati Police Department, District 2—Officer Butler (for Officer Tarvin)** circulated the Hyde Park Community Crime Statistics Report for the period ending August 10, 2018. He reported that the number of offenses was trending down, however still cautioned residents to lock doors of cars and residences to minimize thefts. Officer Tarvin can be reached at 979-4480.

**Judge Dennis Deters—First District Court of Appeals** will be up for re-election in November. He said that the Appellate Court is seeing many cases involving termination of parental rights, due in part to the opioid epidemic. He mentioned that there will be a Constitutional Amendment on the November ballot that will make drug paraphernalia offenses misdemeanors. Learn more about Judge Deters and his campaign at [www.Dennisdeters.com](http://www.Dennisdeters.com). Judge Deters can be reached at 946-3500.

**Julia Elkins—New Director, Oakley Recreation Center** introduced herself and talked about the success of the Center's summer camp, with 130-140 kids attending on a weekly basis. The before and after school programs at Hyde Park School and Kilgour are already full, an overflow program at the Oakley Rec Center has been added. A meeting for residents to weigh in on the design of a Neighborhood flag will be held at the Center on August 20 at 6 pm.

#### **Victoria Avenue/Coffee Emporium**

G. Wollenweber on behalf of the Zoning Committee provided a summary of the Committee's written report of the history and timeline regarding the Revocable Street Privilege (RSP) and Right of Way (ROW) adjacent to the Coffee Emporium at 3316 Erie Avenue.

Janet Huston, Victoria Avenue resident, spoke about the neighbors' concerns that the green space buffer between the business and neighboring residences had been eroded over time and that the neighbors want it restored. She talked about the fact the parameters of RSP had been exceeded by the removal of an Osage Orange tree in the ROW, business use of property zoned residential, and the erection of permanent fixtures in the ROW. Ms. Huston asked for a motion in support of her position and that the HPNC take a position on the Zoning Code and DOTE violations by the Coffee Emporium.

Julie Perry, Victoria Lane resident, spoke about the notice requirement to adjacent residents for the greater than 2,000 sq. ft. addition to the Coffee Emporium, which should have triggered a public meeting involving the project plans and increased demand for parking resulting from the addition.

Sue Hebling, 30 year Victoria Lane resident, spoke about her frustration with parking issues resulting from patrons of the Coffee Emporium. She said her driveway is often blocked and urged police to enforce the no parking zones close to the Erie and Victoria intersection to improve driver and pedestrian safety. She would like the natural buffer replaced between the ROW and residential parcels to restore privacy and provide a buffer between houses and businesses. She values the benefit that the Coffee Emporium provides to the community and is hopeful that the residents and business can work together to restore the buffer area.

Tony Tausch, Owner of the Coffee Emporium since 1996, talked about his business being an asset to the Hyde Park community and providing a desirable amenity to the neighborhood. His business has been very successful despite the fact there are 10 other coffee shops within a 1 mile radius. The Coffee Emporium has served the neighborhood with Santa Claus, Holiday Carolers, The Easter Bunny, and has hosted bridal and baby showers, memorial services, and even a wedding. Countless joggers, bikers, police officers, and families with young children have enjoyed themselves at the Coffee Emporium.

G. Wollenweber moved, ***“HPNC requests the City direct the Coffee Emporium, 3316 Erie Avenue, cease commercial use of the SF-6 zoned City owned right-of-way and revoke the 2103 Revocable Street Privilege because 1.It violates the Zoning Code and 2. Tausch Holdings (Coffee Emporium) has exceeded the privileges granted by the 2013 RSP. Furthermore, HPNC opposes the sale of this ROW to any private entity.”*** No second to the motion as it was disclosed that the City has started action on the matter. Motion dies without a second.

G. Wollenweber moved, ***“HPNC opposes the sale of the public right-of-way to any private entity.”*** Second by J. Buening. One vote abstained, all others in favor. Motion carried.

A Cincinnati Police Department Field Training Officer introduced five (5) new Community Resource Officers that have completed their training.

## 2. Officers' Reports

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

Minutes from the July 10, 2018 board meeting were sent by email. Without objection the minutes were approved as submitted.

### B. Treasurer's Report– A. Lewis

The July 10-August 13, 2018 Financial Report was sent by email. Without objection the Report was adopted as submitted.

## 3. Committee Reports

A. Nominating Committee—S. Mullin reported on the Nominating Committee's recommendation of Valerie Woodham to fill the seat vacated by Lizzy Hill. Ms. Woodham was present. **S. Mullin moved to approve the Committee's recommendation to elect Valerie Woodham as a Trustee.** Second by J. Buening. Unanimously approved. Welcome to the Board, Valerie!

### B. Zoning Committee

J. Buening reported that the Hyde Park Master Plan Committee will be considering parcel assignments and zoning districts at the August 28th Plan meeting. G. Wollenweber moved, "**HPNC recommends the HP Master Plan modify the CC-A Zoning south of the Wasson Way Corridor to CN-M to eliminate the possibility of 85 feet tall buildings abutting single family SF-6 districts.**" Second by D. Hapner. All in favor. Motion carried.

G. Wollenweber moved **that the CC-M Zoning in East Hyde Park Business District be changed to CN-M thereby eliminating the possibility of 85 feet tall buildings abutting single family SF-6 districts.**" Second by D. Hapner. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Outreach CommitteeS. Mullin reported that plans for the September 6<sup>th</sup> Back to School Community Ice Cream Social at the Hyde Park School Play Yard are in full swing. Scott Retta, UC work-study intern, has secured door prize donations from some area businesses and hung flyers in windows. J. Lovelace created the poster advertising the event and will get the word out to the schools in the neighborhood. There will be face painting, UDF ice cream, corn hole/playground games, and the new playground is ready to welcome all. S. Mullin has purchased t-shirts sporting the HP 45208 logo, contact her to purchase one, cost is \$15.

D. Traffic and Safety T. Roe talked about his communication with DOTE and the four potential options for the stretch of Observatory between Madison and Edwards. They include: 1. Keep as is; 2. Center turn lane with one lane of traffic in each direction; 3. One lane of traffic in each direction with bike lanes on each side; 4. Four lanes of traffic.

Brent Rezenbrink, attorney for Observatory resident Matt Glacken (2667 Observatory), talked about his client's (and other resident's) concern for pedestrian and driver safety along this portion of Observatory. Mr. Rezenbrink has been in contact with DOTE and is eager to narrow the options and go through whatever notice and meeting channels are required to get a solution in place as soon as possible. T. Roe and Mr. Rezenbrink will work with DOTE and hopefully narrow the options and have a report on status of a survey at the September meeting.

#### 4. **Old Business**

- A. **IDC #81** N. Lewis reported that the weekly meeting of the working group have been productive and are ongoing. The IDC needs to be modified to incorporate vacant lots. The subdivision regulations have been written but not yet approved. On Friday August 17, the Planning Commission hopefully will endorse the newly written and proposed subdivision regulations. If endorsed by the Planning Commission, the vote would go to City Council on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

N. Lewis moved, **“The HPNC supports the updated Subdivision Regulations (revised draft dated 8/18/18), the draft enabling legislation that allows the City to enact neighborhood conservancy districts (Chapter 1436, 8/18/18), and Hyde park Neighborhood Conservation District Plan to cover the HPNC boundaries (less the current business overlay districts) that describe the maximum building envelop for replacement housing where demolition is involved.”**

The Chapter 1436 draft to allows neighborhood conservancy districts, and the draft Hyde Park Neighborhood Conservation District were included in B. Smyth's email to the HPNC Board on August 10 at 10:49 a.m. The Updated Subdivision Regulations were presented to the Public at the IDC working group meeting on 8/9/18. These documents are all products of the IDC #81 Working Group to be presented for endorsement at the 8/17/18 Cincinnati Planning Commission meeting and to Cincinnati City Council before 9/6/18, the expiration of IDC #81.” Second by G. Wollenweber. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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