



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President, B. Smyth, at 7:06 p.m.

In Attendance: J. Buening, D. Discepoli, D. Hapner, A. Lewis, J. Lovelace, N. Lewis, S. Mullin, A. Shikany, B. Smyth, G. Wollenweber, and V. Woodham

Advance Notice of Absence: S. Hassell and T. Roe

1. Guests:

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2—Officer Shawn Tarvin distributed the HP Neighborhood Report for April 28- May 25, 2019. He reported on the US Bank attempted robbery where a suspect attempted to take money from a teller's cash drawer. He also reported on an assault at Withrow High School involving 7 students that jumped another student, several juveniles are being held at 20/20. Thefts from autos were down during the period. Captain Aaron Jones reported on the spike in shootings in Evanston and Walnut Hills, the District has deployed additional resources including bike and canine units in those neighborhoods. A. Shikany inquired about parking enforcement for cars blocking driveways, Captain Jones urged residents to use the police non-emergency line for those instances (765-1212. Shawn.Tarvin@cincinnati-oh.gov. Officer Tarvin can be reached at 979-4480.

Melanie Bates—Cincinnati School Board Member noted that there will be 3 levies on the ballot in the next 4 years. She said that Laura Mitchell, new Superintendent, is doing a good job and is focused on improving neighborhood schools. She mentioned the Vision 20/20 program which gives neighborhood schools a specific focus, statewide, schools with a specific focus have shown distinct improvement in state indicator scores. CPS remains committed to installing a preschool in Hyde Park and will work with the Preschool Promise organization to see that through. In 2018-2019 three new CPS schools opened, and three more are expected in 2109-2020. The School Board office can be reached at 363-0400.

Hyde Park Library—Manager Blossom reported that the facilities master plan for the next 10 years is underway and the Library wants community input. Wednesday July

17 from 6-9 p.m. a “community listening session” will be held at the HP Branch for residents to provide input. Information about the master plan is available on the Library’s website at <https://www.cincinnati.library.org/info/facilitiesmasterplanfaq.html>.

Josh Berkowitz—Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge Judge Berkowitz has served on the Court for the past 4 years. He is a Norwood resident and is married with 3 children who attend St. Mary School in HP. He serves on the Board of the Hamilton County Law Library and is involved in the centennial celebration of the Hamilton County Courthouse. Events for the centennial will take place on Friday October 18, 2019 at the Courthouse.

City Homes at Wasson Way—Ken French and Laure Quinlivan talked about a proposed development of 6 homes adjacent to the Wasson Way Project at the corner of Paxton and Wasson. The proposed houses would be wide and shallow each approximately 2,600 sq. ft., and sit on compact lots (three stories along Wasson Road, and 2 stories along the Wasson Way Trail). The developer is willing to pay up to \$100,000 for landscaping and sidewalk replacement in front of the development and is seeking community input related to landscaping surrounding the houses. The developer wants the houses to be a part of the Wasson way Trail and is a big proponent of walkable communities. The development’s proximity to Hyde Park Plaza will be a great benefit to potential buyers.

Resident, Linda Garry asked about a tree buffer for the houses. Mr. French said he would seek community input about landscaping and a tree buffer on either side of the residences.

Another resident inquired about whether retail or professional office/commercial operations would be allowed. Mr. French said home offices would be allowed, but no retail operations.

P. Rudolph inquired about the railroad’s ownership of the underlying property. Mr. French indicated he has the property under contract for purchase and has a limited time in which to move forward with the purchase for his project.

G. Wollenweber inquired and talked about the zone change issues and whether a Planned Development would be sought. Sean Suder, attorney for Mr. French, responded that they intended to keep the SF-6 zoning, but possibly a Planned Development District would be sought for the project. G. Wollenweber noted that a vote by the Council on approval of the proposed plans was premature, and opined that the plans really did not suit SF-4 or SF-6 zoning and that it would really be more of a custom zoning district. He expressed concern that the curb cuts for the driveways, parking lot for the Doctor’s office, and the billboard in the mix made things more complicated.

Michael Hinckley suggested that the project was the best option for a development of the area. He noted that sidewalk improvement and pedestrian safety was a paramount concern.

Mr. French indicated that a meeting with City Department heads was scheduled for June 25, 2019 to get the individual offices' input about the particulars of the project and what approvals and restrictions would come into play.

2. **Officers' Reports**

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

Minutes from the May 14, 2019 board meeting were sent by email. Without objection, the minutes were approved as submitted.

B. **Treasurer's Report** – A. Lewis

The May 14-June 10, 2019 Financial Report was sent by email. Without objection the Report was adopted as submitted.

3. **Committee Reports**

A. **Nominating Committee** S. Mullin reported that following the recent Meet and Greet, the Committee recommends Rich Postler, Annie Pryatel, Paul Rudolph, and Blair Whitney to fill the unexpired terms of Emily Draugelis, Jeff Lovelace, Andy Lewis, and Theresa Nelson. S. Mullin moved that the Board vote to approve the nomination and election of the 4 candidates. Second by B. Smyth. All in favor. All 4 nominees were present at the meeting and are eager to get to work on the Council!

B. **Zoning Committee** G. Wollenweber reported on the variance application of for the property at 3641 Edwards for a side yard setback. The applicant proposes to enlarge the third floor of an existing structure. The Committee believes that the current use is a 2 family rental, established prior to 2003, which is non-conforming with the current zoning code (SF-6). The Committee is reviewing the documents, but if the expansion is as significant as they expect, they will oppose the request.

C. **Traffic and Safety** D. Hapner reported that Councilman Landsman has recommended rectangular rapid flashing beacons (solar powered) at Mad Tree Brewing on Madison Road in Oakley.

D. **Hyde Park Square Business Association** J. Buening reported that the HPSBA didn't meet this morning. She believes that maybe Mark Walters of Delamere and Hopkins and the Awakenings Owners will take the helm as Co-Presidents. She has heard many complaints about the condition of the park in the Square, HPNIC engages a landscaping company to take care of the street trees, mulch, and care for the flower pots on the Square. Lori Wellinghoff is going to meet with the Park Board about the condition of the park and proposed HPNIC \$10,000 and \$10,000 matching grant from a donor to improve the park (including replacement of bushes and improved fencing).

E. Plan Hyde Park J. Buening reported that no meeting was convened in April. The next meeting is June 25th at 6:30 at the Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church.

4. **New Business**

Andy Lewis thanked his fellow Trustees for his 6+ years on the Board and announced his resignation from the Board effective immediately. He wants to spend more time with his family and coaching his kids' sports. He is considering serving as a LSDMC member for the Hyde Park School and in turn would be the HPNC liaison to the LSDMC.

Officer Elections

President

B. Smyth nominated **D. Discepoli**
Second by J. Buening
Nomination accepted
All in favor

Vice-President

D. Discepoli nominated **S. Hassell**
Second by S. Mullin
Nomination accepted
All in favor

Recording Secretary

J. Buening nominated **S. Mullin**
Second by B. Smyth
Nomination accepted
All in favor

Communications Secretary

B. Smyth nominated **V. Woodham**
Second by G. Wollenweber
Nomination accepted
All in favor

Treasurer

J. Buening nominated **N. Lewis**
Second by B. Smyth
Nomination accepted
All in favor

Executive Committee Member

N. Lewis nominated B. Smyth
Second by G. Wollenweber
Nomination accepted
All in favor

Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary