



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President B. Smyth at 7:02 p.m.

In Attendance: J. Buening, D. Discepoli, E. Draugelis, D. Hapner, S. Hassel, A. Lewis, N. Lewis, J. Lovelace, S. Mullin, T. Nelson, A. Scarpitti, B. Smyth, and G. Wollenweber

Advance Notice of Absence: T. Roe and A. Shikany

1. Guests:

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2—Officer Butler (in for Officer Shawn Tarvin) distributed the Hyde Park Neighborhood Report and corresponding crime report for January 14-February 10, 2018. During the period there were 3 burglaries, 3 thefts from autos, 1 auto theft, and no violent crimes. Officer Butler introduced the new District 2 **Captain, Aaron Jones**. Captain James grew up on Maple Park Avenue in Oakley and Michigan Avenue in Hyde Park. He attended the Hyde Park School, Walnut Hills High School, Xavier University, has a law degree from Chase College of Law. He has been a police officer for 20 years and is looking forward to serving District 2 for many years to come. He is very responsive to email and can be reached at aaron.jones@cincinnati-oh.gov. Officer Tarvin can be reached at 979-4480.

Cincinnati Fire Department, Medic 46---Brian Doering distributed the January Narcan Report and the Fire Company's Annual Report for 2107. Copies of both Reports are attached. Doering reported that the CFD has gotten a Red Cross Grant to distribute smoke detectors to Cincinnati residents, priority to households of CPS students. The Fire Department will provide and install the smoke detectors. The Department's upcoming recruit training program is hoping to attract women and minorities. Training is paid and no experience is necessary. Applicants must be 19 by 2019, applications available at all firehouses. Doering can be reached at 352-2346.

The Energy Alliance—Get Efficient Program—Kevin Tolan The Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance is a non-profit founded in 2009 to facilitate energy efficiency and renewable energy. The 2018 Get Efficient Program is working in conjunction with the City's Office of Environment and Sustainability to help residents save money and have more energy efficient households. The program starts with residents taking a survey

about their household and energy usage and then the information generates a report rating their home's energy efficiency and making recommendations for improvements. The assessment is free to residents and once complete, residents can schedule a consultation with a contractor vetted and approved by the Energy Alliance to discuss options. Learn more about the program at www.GetEfficient.org or call (513) 562-4831.

2. A. **Recording Secretary's Report** – S. Mullin
Minutes from the January 9, 2018 board meeting were sent by email. Without objection the minutes were approved as submitted.

- B. **Treasurer's Report** – A. Lewis
The January 8–February 12, 2018 Financial Report was sent by email. A. Lewis will revise the report to add the NSP numbers for approval at our March meeting.

3. **Committee Reports**

- A. **Zoning**--G. Wollenweber reported that the presentation regarding the Summit scoreboard has been delayed following the revelation that some advertising is planned for the video display on the scoreboard.

D. Discepoli reported the group that has formed in opposition to the proposed CIG development on Madison Road will hold an informational meeting for residents on Thursday February 15th at the Oakley Rec Center at 7 p.m. The current CIG plans will be presented by the group, along with the group's list of concerns and action plan.

- B. **Finance**--N. Lewis circulated the revised budget proposal for 2018. He reported that the expenditure approved by the Board for the website rebuild is allowable under NSP guidelines. N. Lewis will revise the budget proposal to move funds for the website rebuild to pay for a UC work-study intern to assist with implementing the new website, building our membership database social media, membership, and community outreach.

- C. **Traffic & Public Safety**—D. Hapner reported that the vertical yield sign on the north side of the Square in front of Alfio's is gone. He will follow up with DOTE to get them to reinstall it ASAP. He will follow up with ODOT about the status of the traffic study in light of the proposed CIG development in the vicinity of Edwards Rd., Madison Rd., Wasson Rd., and Zumstein Ave.

- D. **Hyde Park Plan**—J. Buening reported that Katherine Keough-Jurs has been appointed Director of City Planning and Stacey Hoffman has replaced Ms. Keough-Jurs as facilitator of the HP Plan process. Next steering committee meeting is 2/26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hyde Park Community Methodist Church. All residents are welcome to attend and help craft and define the Plan.

- E. **HPSBA**—J. Buening reported that the scaffolding has been taken down from in front of the Alfio's building at 2724 Erie and the granite façade has been

removed, but no one knows what the plan is to restore the facade. Because the building is within the Hyde Park Square EQ-UD #4 and any changes to the facade require public review and approval.

(Note: The EQ-UD is an overlay zoning district that has specific guidelines designed to “protect and enhance the physical character of the business district” and to ensure changes do not adversely affect the physical character of the area.)

The annual sidewalk sale will take place the Saturday before Labor Day. A new business on the south side of the square in the former Raul Haas space is being worked on, but no business owners seem to know what it is. The Association is concerned about retaining the retail character of the Square. Many storefronts are filled with offices and real estate firms. The Farmer’s Market will begin in May.

F. Committees—B. Smyth circulated a current Committee list by email. He requests that all Trustees submit their preferences for committee service.

4. **Old Business:**

A. HPNC Website and Intern—E. Geiger reported that the scope of work for the proposed website rebuild has been circulated to the committee members. The goal is to create the working framework for the new site and transfer the content and images from the current site to the new one. It will have the capability to accept inquiries, membership registrations, improve the Council’s on-line presence, and provide timely relevant news and information to our residents.

A. Lewis reported that he has been in contact with the work-study program administrator at UC to find a summer intern (urban planning, political science, public relations, or government major). The UC program subsidizes non-profits participation and requires the organization to cover only 25% of the intern’s hourly wages (approximately \$450-500). The intern would help with the upgraded website, build our membership database, plan fundraising events, send membership acknowledgments and renewals, attend zoning hearings and other City meetings related to Hyde Park, and assist with other administrative matters. A proposal/job description is due at the end of February, intern interviews take place in March, and work would begin in May. The intern would work 15-20 hours per week for 12 weeks. S. Mullin and A. Lewis agree to serve on the ad hoc committee to hire a summer work-study intern.

N. Lewis moved, “***That the HPNC authorize the revised 2018 budget to reflect a shift allowing the \$500 previously allocated to the cost of the website re-build to fund the UC summer work-study intern.***” Second by J. Buening, all in favor. Motion carried.

B. CIG Development— Gregg Fusaro and Christian Dial from CIG reported that an updated traffic study from December 4-11, 2017 has been done. They will share the study and request feedback. Residents voiced concern that the

dates of the new study missed the mark to capture data from the busiest holiday shopping season right between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The City's traffic count data does not support another signal at the entrance to the proposed site at Madison and Zumstein. CIG proposes a signalized intersection there to slow traffic on Madison and suggests that the bike/pedestrian traffic be routed through their development to cross Madison Road.

CIG's architect is finalizing new plans and will share them when they are complete. They are looking at ways to reduce/or possibly eliminate development on Besuden. In the new plans the configuration of the proposed building is different but the density remains the same. At present CIG is meeting with potential retail/restaurant tenants to gauge demand.

Fusaro said that there is no chance that the Lemon Grass building and adjacent house will be part of the proposed development. A resident inquired about ongoing maintenance issues with one of the 4 family residences on Besuden. Fusaro said he would refer any inquiries to the property management team. The 4 family buildings on Besuden are still being rented to tenants on a short term basis.

5. **New Business**

A. A hearing on all City Liquor license renewals is scheduled for April 16, 2018. Any opposition to renewal for any business can be made at the meeting in Council Chambers.

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

Submitted by: Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary

Revised by: Carl Uebelacker