



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President, B. Smyth, at 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: J. Buening, D. Hapner, S. Hassell, J. Lovelace, N. Lewis, S. Mullin, T. Nelson, B. Smyth, G. Wollenweber, and Val Woodham

Advance Notice of Absence: D. Discepoli, A. Lewis, and T. Roe

Absent: E. Geiger Draugelis and A. Shikany

1. Guests:

Ron Miller and Alex Wolfs—spoke on behalf of residents on Herrick, Freeland, and Breen Streets (off of Grandin Road close to Summit Country Day) about ongoing parking issues. The majority of the homes in the area built between 1890-1920 do not have garages. Street parking is nearly impossible when school is in session as Summit does not have the capacity to support all the students' cars. They are asking for HPNC to support their request for a residential parking permit zone with restrictions in place M-F 7 am-10 pm. J. Buening moved, "The HPNC will send written request to the proper City authorities supporting the establishment of a residential parking permit zone on Breen, Herrick, and Freeland Streets to be effective M-F from 7 am-10 pm." Second by G. Wollenweber. All in favor, motion carried.

Hyde Park Farmer's Market—Owner, Liz Stites thanked the Council for its endorsement and support over the past year. The Market's mission is to provide healthy and clean food to visitors and to help vendors support their families. This year was the market's most successful to date. She talked about the live music and children's activities at each Sunday market and said that the bell ringing and Halloween events were some of the most well attended.

Clark Montessori—Principal Dean Blase talked about the loss of the large Oak tree on the school's campus this past fall. She shared that as part of a 5/25/200 year plan and as part of the celebration for the school's 25th year, 3 new trees have been planted. The largest of the trees will have a bench carved from the wood of the fallen Oak that will encircle the new Sugar Maple's trunk.

Cincy Flags-Lacey talked about the grant secured by Henry Frondorf founder of the Cincinnati Neighborhood Games to design individual flags for all 52 Cincinnati neighborhoods. 8 designers have been assigned between 6-8 neighborhoods for which to propose designs and seek community input. The idea behind the flags is to create pride of place. The flags are being designed to comport with the five rules of good flag design from the North American Vexillological Association (NAVA)

The rest of the rules are:

1. **Keep It Simple.** The flag should be so simple that a child can draw it from memory...
2. **Use Meaningful Symbolism.** The flag's images, colors, or patterns should relate to what it symbolizes...
3. **Use 2 or 3 Basic Colors.** Limit the number of colors on the flag to three which contrast well and come from the standard color set...
4. **No Lettering or Seals.** Never use writing on any kind or an organization's seal...
5. **Be Distinctive or Be Related.** Avoid duplicating other flags, but use similarities to show connections...

There are currently 3 proposed designs up for consideration for Hyde Park, visit www.cincyflags.com or Cincy Flags Facebook page to weigh in. The final decisions will be made sometime in January.

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2—Officer Berry in for Officer Tarvin delivered the Hyde Park Community Crime Statistics Report for the period ending November 3, 2018. She reminded residents not to leave any personal property in their cars and to instruct delivery services to deliver to back doors to prevent thefts. D. Hapner asked Officer Berry to request stepped up traffic violation enforcement in the vicinity of the new pedestrian activated flashing beacon at the intersection at Michigan and Observatory Avenues. Officer Tarvin can be reached at 979-4480.

Angela Ellard—Burch Avenue Resident expressed her concern and interest in promoting a sidewalk safety (including repair and maintenance) initiative in Hyde Park. She has noticed that many sidewalks are in disrepair and present a risk to pedestrians, strollers, kids on bikes and more. She talked about the importance of keeping our sidewalks safe and in good repair to help keep residents physically fit, enhance property values, and promote the connection between residents and businesses.

She said that currently Hyde Park side walk improvements are a joint responsibility of property owners and the City of Cincinnati, but the majority of financial responsibility on the property owner. She is not a proponent of handing out invoices to residents for sidewalk repair, but wants there to be constructive thought into financing this large endeavor.

She shared that organizations such as OKI have been established to help with the issue. The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments is the

Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Greater Cincinnati area. OKI works on an array of regional issues related to transportation planning, commuter services, and air and water quality. Currently there are substantial sidewalk projects occurring in Hamilton County that are both State and locally funded.

Moving forward, Ms. Ellard suggested the following objectives:

1. Establishing key players and have a meeting to discuss scope of work, budgeting and timing. Hope you can make suggestions/ provide contacts at the City level.

Key players: City of Cincinnati Sidewalk Board: Director of transportation and engineering, City Engineer, Law department representative, city/ citizen members.

2. Identifying the most commonly traveled sidewalks: (Plans to contact HP Blast, running groups, Go* Metro, City of Cincinnati.) Identifying roads/blocks that should be addressed first.

2. Officers' Reports

A. Recording Secretary's Report – S. Mullin

Minutes from the October 9, 2018 board meeting were sent by email. Without objection the minutes were approved as submitted.

B. Treasurer's Report – A. Lewis

The October 9-November 10, 2018 Financial Report was sent by email. Without objection the Report was adopted as submitted.

3. Committee Reports

A. Zoning Committee

G. Wollenweber reported on the proposed development at 2435, 2437, 2439, and 2345 Madison Road. The HPNC Zoning Committee recommendation was based upon a few inaccurate assumptions which were not corrected by the developer, and accordingly a revised analysis and recommendation were proposed.

The developer's proposal is to remove the structures at 2435, 24337, and 2439 Madison and erect an 18 unit, 3-story multi-family building. The project requires a density variance for 4 units at 24445 Madison as well as a deficiency of 2 parking spaces for the 14 new units to be constructed.

G. Wollenweber moved, "***The HPNC is opposed to a density variance of two units for a new multi-family and is also opposed to a second variance to increase the density of the existing multi-family at 2445 Madison Road. A variance for the parking is moot if the variance for the new multi-family is not granted.***" Second by N. Lewis. 8 in favor, one abstention. Motion carried.

G. Wollenweber reported that the Zoning Code allows for traditional hosted B&B's as a Conditional Use in residential districts (established after notice, public hearing, and establishment of limitations or conditions). G. Wollenweber moved, "***The HPNC recommends that short term (unhosted) AirBnB buildings and/or units should have a separate use category in the Zoning Code and if permitted in any residential zone district, may only be established as a conditional use after public notice and public hearing.***" Second by S. Hassell. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Hyde Park Square Business Association

J. Buening reported that the annual tree lighting will take place on November 24th at 6 pm. Santa will be there for the kids and hot chocolate and cookies will be provided. The last two Wine Walk Wednesdays will be December 5th (Ladies Night to shop for the men) and the 12th (Men's Night to shop for the ladies). Newstedt Loring Andrew's owner, Stan Kittel, has secured funds to improve holiday lights in the trees around the Square (smaller trees on the side streets are still too young and small to hold lights). A professional decorating service will handle the installation and the lights will be rented and not purchased.

C. **Plan Hyde Park** J. Buening reported that the Committee has been working on writing the actual Plan. The group will not meet again until January. J. Buening is busy writing the history of Hyde Park portion to incorporate into the Plan.

D. **NSP** N. Lewis reported that all but \$150 was collected from NSP for eth 2018 budget. Review for the 2019 budget is scheduled for November 29. N. Lewis requested that another Trustee join the Finance Committee to help with the responsibilities and work.

4. Old Business

A. **Coffee Emporium** Owners, Tony and Eileen Tausch, talked about the sign that has been installed to alert drivers that no parking is allowed from the closest parking space to the corner at Erie. They reported that they have connected with other local businesses to talk about how they deal with parking and traffic issues at peak hours and discussed potential solutions and fixes for that challenges. They had proposed to paint the curb in front of their store to alert drivers to the fact no parking is allowed, however the Code does not allow for that.

The current proposed lease has been approved by the Committee and will go to a full City Council vote in the next several weeks. The Tauschs have proposed that the portion of the City owned right-of-way from the pine tree down Victoria be the responsibility of the new adjacent property owners

B. **IDC 81** N. Lewis reported that the City's legal Department has the draft of the lot splitting regulations and that a public meeting will take place on November 28th in Centennial II. The current IDC is set to expire on December 8, 2018.

Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary