



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Meeting Minutes

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

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

Advance Notice of Absence: D. Discepoli and A. Shikany

1. Guests:

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2—Officer Tarvin delivered the Hyde Park Neighborhood Report for the period ending December 29, 2018. He noted that thefts from autos were down for the period. He reminded residents to be mindful of speed limits and crosswalks in the neighborhood and said that District 2 will focus on traffic control and pedestrian safety in the coming year. Officer Tarvin can be reached at 979-4480.

Withrow High School—LSDMC—Trish Miller talked about the many events planned to celebrate Withrow's centennial year in 2019. She distributed copies of the "Tower News", a publication of the Withrow Alumni Association and copies of the boys' football schedule to interested residents and Trustees. She talked about Withrow's long history and the school's interest in building strong partnerships with neighborhood residents and stakeholders.

Hyde Park Farmer's Market—Owner, Liz Stites thanked the Council for its endorsement and support over the past year. She shared some of the successes of the Market's most successful year to date (2018). She asked for the Board's endorsement again for 2019, with which City and Parks permitting fees would be waived. A. Lewis moved, "***That the HPNC endorse the Hyde Park Farmer's Market for its 2109 operations.***" Second by T. Roe. All in favor. Motion carried.

3680-3682 Grovedale lot subdivision—John Cappanari expressed his concern about the proposed construction of 3 homes on the parcels (one vacant and one currently a two-unit condominium). He expressed the hope to be proactive and not reactive and welcomed the opportunity to engage in a dialogue with the developer before the project

gets underway. Some of the concerns include: the relocation of a 48” brick mixed-use sewer and the impact on natural drainage; adding 3 curb cuts for new driveways along a very narrow and already curved road and the danger of accidents and compromised pedestrian safety; and the removal of multiple 80+ year-old sycamore trees and the impact on the hawks that nest there.

Peg Moertl, Grovedale resident talked about the very narrow road without sidewalks and the potential danger to drivers and pedestrians alike.

Janice Alvarado expressed concern about the removal of the healthy and mature trees and its impact on the hawks that nest and hatch in them.

The matter is not yet scheduled for a hearing, however, C. Uebelacker noted that residents within 200 feet of the project will receive notice prior to any scheduled hearing.

G. Wollenweber, on behalf of the Zoning Committee, has been in contact with the developer. There are no planned variances for the project and unless there is great neighborhood protest, 3 new houses (or fewer) will likely be handled administratively. Any interested resident who want to ensure that the City is alerted to opposition should contact City Planning Director, Katherine Keough Jurs.

2. Officers’ Reports

A. Recording Secretary’s Report – S. Mullin

Minutes from the December 11, 2018 board meeting were sent by email. The minutes incorrectly noted J. Lovelace was present at that meeting, however he was absent. Without objection the minutes, as corrected, were approved as submitted.

B. Treasurer’s Report – A. Lewis

The December 11, 2108- January 7, 2019 Financial Report and proposed budget were sent by email. Without objection the Report was adopted as submitted. N. Lewis moved, “***That the HPNC adopt the 2019 proposed Budget submitted in the Committee Reports of 1/8/18.***” Second by S. Hassell. All in favor. Motion carried. J. Buening noted that the Hyde Park Center for Older Adults (“HPCOA”) budget for 2019 has been reduced by 20% and urged the Board to consider any surplus budget be allocated to a contribution to HPCOA.

3. Committee Reports

A. Zoning Committee

G. Wollenweber reported that the 1/9/19 hearing for the proposed variance at **3443 Stettinius Avenue** (garage height) has been postponed and not yet rescheduled.

3306 Monteith side yard setback variance for 3-story addition, no comment by HPNC, minimal variances and attempt to match the existing building.

2909 Erie Avenue 1/9/19 hearing on variance for over-sized garage postponed, not yet rescheduled. Anticipated opposition due to excessive size of proposed structure and potential second floor living space with ½ bath.

3767 Grovedale Place Variance 1' 9" rear yard setback, no comment (minimal increase to allowable setback).

2623 Erie Avenue (SSP Law Firm) 10/2018 Zoning Board of Appeals decision to disallow garage demolition has been appealed to the Court of Common Pleas.

B. Hyde Park Square Business Association

J. Buening reported that a quorum was not present for today's meeting, so no official business was transacted. She shared that retail Christmas sales were down this year. She mentioned that eh Loring Group is considering converting the Cock & Bull building into an extended stay hotel or possibly apartments. Some HPSBA members expressed concern about the disrepair of the former Pig & Whistle, and that it presents a poor introduction to the neighborhood.

- C. **Traffic/Safety** T. Roe met with DOTE about pedestrian safety issues recently and reports that there have been 13 incidents involving CPS students with one fatality. The crosswalk at Michigan and Observatory will receive new signage "STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS" and DOTE is open to adjusting the flashing lights to help alert drivers to the crosswalk. A 4-way stop at that intersection is not an option.

The paddles requested at all 4 crosswalks in Hyde Park Square on Erie are going to be installed as part of the City's traffic safety initiative.

The Clark Montessori crosswalk issue has been assigned to a different team at DOTE. Students have circulated a petition urging DOTE to move the crosswalk across Erie 120 feet East to reduce pedestrian safety concerns. D. Hapner has been working with Scott Adams CPS COO) on the health and safety audit of all CPS schools.

- D. **Plan Hyde Park** J. Buening reported that the January meeting is scheduled for 1/22/19 at Lori Wellinghoff's house.

4. **Old Business**

- A. **Hyde Park East** – A meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on 1/10/19 at the Oakley Recreation Center to discuss parking and traffic issues in the neighborhood.
Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

5. **New Business**

- A. The Board discussed the addition of comments to Committee Reports and agreed that going forward Committee Reports will stand alone and not include any additional comments from Trustees.

Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary