



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Vice President, T. Roe, at 7:04 p.m.

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

Advance Notice of Absence: J. Lovelace, B. Smyth

1. **Guests:**

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2—Captain Aaron Jones reported that Officer Tarvin would not be at the meeting and the Hyde Park Neighborhood Report for the period would be sent via email. Sergeant Pompeii spoke about the steady decline in crimes over the past 6-7 years. Still the most reported crime in the neighborhood is theft from autos. The District is focusing attention on pedestrian safety and has met with the Principal of HP School to discuss the possibility of a crosswalk on Edwards, as students use overflow classroom space in a building directly across Edwards from the school's driveway. D. Hapner suggested a left turn arrow at the at the Observatory/Edwards intersection. Captain Jones encouraged the traffic and safety committee to email a list of the three most problematic intersections to Officer Tarvin so that District 2 can rotate additional support to the areas. T. Roe mentioned the ongoing concern about the stretch of Observatory between Madison and Edwards and asked if the traffic and safety committee could be included in the discussions between Dist. 2 and DOTE about the related matters. Captain Jones encouraged Trustees and residents to email him and officer Tarvin with concerns and questions. Aaron.jones@cincinnati-oh.gov and Shawn.Tarvin@cincinnati-oh.gov. Officer Tarvin can be reached at 979-4480.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission—Director, Jalisa Elkins reported that all 175 spots for the Summer Camp have been filled, though the Center has a waiting list. The annual Easter egg hunt will take place April 6th at 11:30 for children 6 and under, and noon for ages 7-12. In case of rain, the egg hunt will be held on Saturday April 13th. A spring Break camp will be held during CPS's break Monday-Friday, sign up at the Center. The landscaping at East Hyde Park Commons is scheduled to be tidied up within the next 3-4 weeks.

Columbus Avenue-Catherine Power provided the Board with an update on her communication with Ben McNabb, Cushman Wakefield real estate agent who is listing the lots on behalf of the Railroad. She said the lots have been on the market for \$360,000 for two years. She asked the Board to voice opposition to the extension of Columbus Avenue to prevent the development of the two lots. She and many of her neighbors are concerned about the foot traffic that the Wasson Way Trail will bring to her street if it is extended, two houses build, and a gate that allows access to the WW Trail is put in place. Unfortunately, the end of Columbus Avenue, while not paved, is a legitimate street, and the lots that are for sale are buildable lots without any zoning changes required for development. Ms. Power would like the City to purchase the land, maintain the fence that separates Columbus Avenue from the WW Trail, and possibly make the area into a park (without access to Columbus Avenue). One resident in the audience encouraged Ms. Power to approach the Railroad to ask if they might donate the property to the City to be developed into a park, and in doing so may benefit from a tax write off.

Jeff Pastor—Cincinnati City Council Member and Chair of the Neighborhoods Committee introduced himself and talked about his office's efforts to help neighborhoods with their requests and concerns, and shared his commitment to address matters as expeditiously as possible. He encouraged Trustees to attend the Neighborhood summit on March 16th at the Cintas Center and encouraged residents to download the Fix It Cincy! mobile app to get faster service on public service requests (pothole filling). His community liaison, Antonio Williams, can be reached at 352-5243 or Antonio.williams@cincinnati-oh.gov.

2. Officers' Reports

A. Recording Secretary's Report – S. Mullin

Minutes from the February 12, 2019 board meeting were sent by email. Without objection, the minutes were approved as submitted.

B. Treasurer's Report – A. Lewis

The February 11-March 11, 2019 Financial Report was sent by email. Without objection the Report was adopted as submitted. A. Lewis reported that the 990 PF Tax Return would be filed in the next several weeks and that he is has been considering options for a summer intern for the Board.

3. Committee Reports

A. Nominating Committee S. Mullin reported that the Committee is hoping to encourage a number of good candidates to submit candidate information sheets for consideration. A meet and greet will be held when there are enough potential candidates for consideration. The "application" sheet will be added to our social media sites.

B. Zoning Committee G. Wollenweber reported that he had been in communication with Matthew Shad, City Zoning Administrator, about the use of HP School's parking lot for a farmer's market. The short answer was that a

hearing before the Zoning Hearing Examiner would be required before such a use could be permitted. At present hearings are being scheduled in to the month of April (which would likely not allow the Market sufficient time to ensure that its vendors would be guaranteed a place to sell their market goods).

C. Hyde Park Square Business Association J. Buening reported that at today's meeting she learned that the owners of Awakenings met with Liz Stites and she is exploring other venues for the Farmer's Market. She said that the HPSBA wants the Market to continue and they are looking into options including a Findlay Market "pop-up" market. Stan Kittel (Newstedt Loring Andrews) has closed his jewelry store and retired from HPNIC, Mark Walters (Delamere & Hawkins) was voted in as his replacement.

D. Plan Hyde Park J. Buening reported that after the approval of the Plan's goals and objectives, the group is ready to start writing the actual Plan. The next meeting is scheduled for March 26th at The Hyde Park CUM Church.

Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary