



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Meeting Minutes

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

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

Advance Notice of Absence: S. Hassell, A. Lewis, and A. Shikany

1. **Guests:**

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2—Officer Shawn Tarvin distributed the Hyde Park Neighborhood Report for the period 4/14-5/11/2019. Crime in general was down for the period. He reported that District 2 continues its traffic blitz, concentrating on enforcement on Observatory and Madison. Captain Aaron Jones reminded residents to lock cars, keep valuables out of sight, and to keep garage doors closed to minimize thefts. Captain Jones shared the police non-emergency number 765-1212. Shawn.Tarvin@cincinnati-oh.gov. Officer Tarvin can be reached at 979-4480.

Hyde Park Square parking issues—Dr. Joe Luttmmer spoke about his concerns related to the new parking meter “kiosks” and excessive cost for parking in the Square. He said the kiosks are confusing for parkers and his patients and other Square patrons, and they avoid coming to Hyde Park because of the headache and increased cost (\$1.25/hr). Hyde Park is one of only 3 neighborhoods whose meters enforced between 6-9 pm. The ticket cost for an expired meter is outrageous (\$45). While the old meter posts are still in place, there is no sign on each post to alert parkers how/where to purchase tickets to pay for parking. Dr. Luttmmer has been in contact with the head of parking for the City and wants to circulate a petition to get support of his position. The HPSBA is in flux and hasn’t been proactive on the parking issues. Many businesses are frustrated with the parking situation and losing business as a result. Dr. Luttmmer also asked about what HPNIC is doing to address the poor condition of the north frame parking lot. Lights have been out for years, curb stops are in dire need of replacement, and he suggested that some signage alerting patrons to the availability of parking would be very helpful. Dr. Luttmmer would like the HPNC to form a subcommittee to address the parking issues and work with Square businesses to find a good and workable solution.

Cincinnati Fire Department, Firefighter Matthew Miele introduced himself and reported some of last month's statistics on the Company's runs. He talked about grilling safety and reminded residents that the Department will inspect residents' balconies for grilling safety upon request. Smoke detectors for resident with Cincinnati Public School students are available and the Department will install them. Call 35-7584 to schedule an installation. He encouraged residents to register for Smart 911 to add more detailed information to be associated with your cell # in the event that a 911 call is made from it.

2899 Observatory Avenue--Valerie Taylor HP resident spoke out in opposition to the 25' wide garage at the newly constructed house (2899 Observatory). She said that it was not in character with the character of the neighborhood to have such an enormous portion of a front yard to be paved and lead to a garage that is nearly half the width of the lot. She inquired about zoning code restrictions to the amount of front yard that can be paved, and suggested a change to the code that would set a limit on the size of a front facing garage based on the width of the lot. The Zoning committee shared the 2018 failed attempt to institute an architectural overlay for Hyde Park, and explained that form based code had not been adopted here.

2. Officers' Reports

A. Recording Secretary's Report – S. Mullin

Minutes from the April 9, 2019 board meeting were sent by email. Without objection, the minutes were approved as submitted.

B. Treasurer's Report – A. Lewis

The April 8-May 13, 2019 Financial Report was sent by email. Without objection the Report was adopted as submitted.

3. Committee Reports

A. Outreach Committee The Spring Meeting will take place May 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Clark Montessori. Dave Hapner is contacting a potential speaker.

B. Traffic and Safety D. Hapner reported that the plan to get the crosswalk moved will have to be routed through CPS (and be coordinated through DOTE).

C. Traffic and Safety D. Hapner reported that the Committee met with CPS and DOTE about moving the crosswalk in front of Clark Montessori. CPS owns the crosswalk. No resolution has been reached despite repeated efforts to rectify the safety issues.

D. Hyde Park Square Business Association J. Buening reported that Lori Wellinghoff has resigned as the President of HPSBA. Very few businesses in the Square are members, and meetings typically have only 3-5 attendees. J. Buening suggested that HPNC and HBSBA join forces.

E. Plan Hyde Park J. Buening reported that the Plan is in the writing phase now and expects a draft by the June meeting. Once a draft is ready, another

community engagement session will be held and then City Council will vote to approve it in September. J. Buening will write the history portion of the Plan. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at HPCUM Church.

4. **New Business** Invest In Neighborhood funding has been added back in to the budget by the Mayor.

Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary