



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President, D. Discepoli at 7:04 p.m.

In Attendance: J. Buening, D. Discepoli, D. Hapner, S. Hassell, N. Lewis, S. Mullin, R. Postler, P. Rudolph, A. Rusche, A. Shikany, B. Smyth, B. Whitney, G. Wollenweber, and V. Woodham

Absent: R. Postler

1. Guests:

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2—Officer Christine Barry distributed the HP Neighborhood Report for the period ending March 7, 8, 2020. She reported violent crime and property crimes are down in general. Captain Jones talked about concerns related to street closures in Hyde Park and the associated permitting process. Captain Jones said that the HPNC and HPSBA have no vote/input on permit applications to close streets for events/festivals. He will not HPNC's ongoing objection to street closure permits including the fall festival permit for the HP Farmer's Market. Police non-emergency line 765-1212. Christine.Barry@cincinnati-oh.gov. Officer Barry can be reached at 979-4480.

Oakley Recreation Center—Steve Gerth reported that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place April 4th (noon for 5 and younger and 12:30 for 6+). The Easter even will include food trucks and DJ Flat face for entertainment. Summer camp is already full. The Center will host a spring break camp March 23-27 including a field trip for Opening Day. Sign up at eh Center or on their website.

Wasson Way—Jay Andress requested HPNC's support on the WW's current grant application. Currently the trail covers 1.3 miles and will be doubled by December of 2020. In 2021 the trail will expand from Marburg to Red Bank Road, and will cover 4.6 miles by 2022. HPNC will send an updated letter in support of the WW project in pursuit of its Clean Ohio Grant. B. Smyth moved, "That the HPNC update its letter and reaffirm its support of the Federal and State Grants for the Wasson Way Project." Second by R. Postler. All in favor. Motion carried.

Wende Cross--Candidate for Judge Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas a native Cincinnati, Ms. Cross graduated from Princeton High School and Miami University. She currently serves as a magistrate in Hamilton County Juvenile Court and prior to that had been a federal prosecutor in KY and OH for 10 years. She has extensive experience in Family Law, Civil Rights, and Criminal Law. Ms. Cross is running against Ethna Cooper. Visit her website at www.wendecross4judge.com.

Heidi Rosales—Candidate of Judge Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas introduced herself and asked for residents support of her candidacy for Judge. She has practiced law for 24 years and currently works for the City law department in the labor/employment division. Previously she had been a city prosecutor and started her legal career as a public defender. She is endorsed by the Hamilton County Democratic Party. A resident of Mt. Washington she is married, and her husband is employed by Cincinnati Milacron. She is running against Judge Melba Marsh. Visit her website at www.heidirosales.com.

Allison Hatheway -- Candidate of Judge Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas has been a career public defender, and currently serves as the Director of the Juvenile law Division of the PD's Office. She previously worked as a WLW new radio reporter. She is a proponent of smart justice and where appropriate supports programs other than incarceration. She is also an advocate for cash bail reform. Ms. Hatheway is running against Barry Kubicki. Visit her website at www.hathewayforjudge.com.

Aftab Pureval—Running for Reelection as Hamilton County Clerk of Courts attended Ohio State University and UC College of Law. He worked in DC as a federal prosecutor in white collar crime. He was a P&G brand attorney for Olay, and he became the Hamilton County Clerk of Court in 2016. As Clerk, he has run the office like a business and been a proponent of paid family leave, paying a living wage, and driving innovation in operations. He proposed and started the legal help center offering free legal advice for individuals in municipal civil cases. He has saved Hamilton County taxpayers a lot during his tenure as clerk. Visit his website at www.voteaftab.com.

Austin Heidt—Dear Restaurant introduced himself and talked about the new restaurant set to open in the former Teller's space in late May or early June. It will be a restaurant and butchery with a welcoming neighborhood atmosphere. They expect to offer valet parking.

Joe Luttmer, DDS talked about the continuing rat problem on HP Square. He has been in contact with the City's Sanitation Division to request that plastic trash can liners be replaced with metal liners in the City owned cans around the Square to prevent rats from chewing through them. A representative from the City Health Department has inventoried the cans and liners but the City has been excessively slow to address the public sanitation /hygiene issue. Dr. Luttmer will follow up with City officials and report back to HPNC with an update and action plan if necessary.

2. Officers' Reports

A. Recording Secretary's Report – S. Mullin

Minutes from the February 11, 2020 Board meeting were sent by email. One minor revision is to correct the designation of Police "Chief" Aaron Jones to Captain Jones. Without objection, the minutes were approved as revised and submitted.

3. Committee Reports

A. Zoning Committee G. Wollenweber

Mesa Loca (former Cock 'n Bull) The Zoning Inspector has instructed the restaurant owner to remove the outdoor speakers or apply for a conditional use approval permit to use the patio sound system. D. Discepoli had reached out to the owner previously and they were agreeable to her suggestion that they review the zoning code provisions related thereto.

2429 Madison Road the property owner is concerned about the proposed expansion of the apartment building adjacent to her parcel and is considering applying for a zone change for her parcel (multi-family to single family) to protect herself. Only 3 of the parcels that comprise the Wulsin Triangle (adjacent to 2429 Madison) were zone changed to Park & Recreation, the remaining parcels were not changed.

B. Traffic and Safety D. Hapner has written to DOTE about the near pedestrian (group of HP School students) miss on Edwards near Observatory and requested a no turn on left except on green arrow sign be installed. Similar signage has been requested at Erie and Edwards. The flag sticks are missing from both locations on HP Square (on Erie) as well as at the intersection of Michigan and Observatory.

C. Hyde Park Square Business Association J. Buening reported that the sidewalk sale has been scheduled for August 15. The permit issue related to street closures in HP remains a big issue and the Business Association is asking for a letter of support from the HPNC on the matter. The Mesa Loca owner is aware of the zoning code violation from the outdoor speakers and they will remain off until the matter is resolved.

Janet Buening moved, "***HPNC supports the Square being opened by 1 p.m. on Sundays during Farmer's Market season and does not support the closure of public streets during weekdays.***" Second by S. Hassell. One opposed, 11 in favor. Motion carried.

D. Membership A. Rusche circulated a request for committee member with interest in bolstering our membership. A meeting will be scheduled soon to work on ideas (maybe a survey, possible collaboration with HP mom's groups).

4. **Old Business**

CAA (Community Action Agency-The Power of We) update at next meeting

5. **New Business**

HP Art Show—A. Rusche met with Janet Smith (Art Show Director) and they are looking for volunteers for the event. It takes place the first Sunday of October. Annie will reach out to local high schools (Walnut Hills and Withrow) for student volunteers.

The Community Summit scheduled for this coming weekend is canceled due to COVID19.

Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary