



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Meeting via Google Meet called to order by President, D. Discepoli at 7:02 p.m.

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

Absent: A. Shikany

1. **Guests:**

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2—no report. Police non-emergency line 765-1212. Christine.Barry@cincinnati-oh.gov. Officer Barry can be reached at 979-4480.

Hyde Park Library, Manager Blossom Smith reported that the branch opened July 27th and is now open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The library is hosting a “Libraries Love Teachers Week“, providing virtual sessions to show teachers resources for classroom engagement.

Artworks, Daniel Tonozzi reported that Artworks is interested in partnering with communities along the Wasson Way Bike Trail about installing public art. The organization is applying for a National Endowment for the Arts grant (“Our Town Grant”). Artworks is asking for a letter of participation/support from the HPNC. The project would begin in July of 2011. The grant would allow Artworks to employ 24 youth apprentices who live along the trail to install the art/signage, mile-markers, fitness activations, and entry/exit points. D. Hapner moved, **“That the HPNC supports Artworks in its application for the Our Town Grant.”** Second by R. Postler. All in favor. Motion carried.

CUFA (Communities United for Action), Alison Auciello and Wanda Bell talked about their Sewer Justice Program. The grassroots organization’s sewer initiative wants to make water to all and works to hold decision-makers responsible for fixing our sewers. While MSD has a customer assistance program for seniors, CUFA wants the plan to include all residents. The group has presented its plan to City Council and the

Mayor and asks our Board for an endorsement/letter of support for the Sewer Justice Program. The group meets the first Saturday of every month via zoom at 10 a.m. and welcomes community members to get involved. Ms. Auciello will circulate the Plan for the Board to review for consideration at our September meeting. Learn more about CUFA at www.CUFAgency.org.

2. Officer/Leadership Elections

President—Danielle Discepoli, all in favor.

Vice President—Scott Hassell, all in favor.

Corresponding Secretary—Valerie Woodham, all in favor.

Treasurer—Norm Lewis, all in favor.

Executive Committee Member, all in favor.

Recording Secretary—Sybil Mullin, all in favor.

3. Officers' Reports

A. Recording Secretary's Report – S. Mullin

Minutes from the July 14, 2020 Board meeting were not complete at the time of the meeting, they will be circulated prior to the September meeting for Board review.

B. Treasurer's Report – N. Lewis

The Financial Report for the period July 14-August 9, 2020 was circulated via email. Without objection, the Report was adopted as submitted. N. Lewis reported that the City has modified the 2020 NSP contract to reduce council funds by 24% (lowering our funds from \$6078 to \$4558). The 2020 NSP contract year has also been extended to October 30. A proposed modified budget was submitted in the Treasurer's Report (reducing funds for the Fireworks and HP East pillars). N. Lewis moved, ***"That the HPNC approve the revised budget for NSP expenditures as attached in the Committee Reports."*** Second by G. Wollenweber. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Committee Reports

A. Hyde Park School Update The school has asked the HPNC for a letter of support regarding installation of temporary modular classrooms on school property to accommodate students and replace the use of temporary space at the bank across Edwards Road from the school. S. Mullin moved, ***"That the HPNC supports the placement of temporary modular trailers on HPS***

property.” Second by D. Hapner. 11 votes in favor. One abstention. Motion carried. The Board agreed to support the placement however a letter in support will not be sent until there is better clarification from HPS and the City about any zoning implications (expansion of conditional use?). Ed Paff, President of HPS PTO confirmed that the modular classrooms had yet to be delivered and also that the first 5 weeks of classes will be via remote learning.

B. Nominating Committee S. Mullin reported that former Board member, Todd Roe, is moving back to Cincinnati in the very near future and has expressed interest in rejoining the Board. Trustees are encouraged to spread the word about the two vacancies on the Board and A. Rusche will post a notice of the same on our social media sites.

C. HPSBA J. Buening reported that the group met for the first time since February. No word yet on whether the Art Show will take place this year. The annual Sidewalk Sales are scheduled for Saturday August 29th. The Spicy Olive and the Travel Agency that was in the former Raul Haas storefront have closed.

D. Zoning Committee G. Wollenweber reported that all 4 of the zoning relief requests by the E (2900 Wasson Road) were approved with conditions.

E. Membership Committee A. Rusche reported that she is working on the inaugural monthly newsletter, which will be circulated to our membership (and survey responders who expressed interest) via email. She continues to work on our membership database (from our current and former website hosts). She encouraged all current Trustees to pay their annual membership dues via the link on our website.

5. **New Business** D. Discepoli reported that Phase 2 of the Wasson way Trail has opened and Phase 3 is expected to open on November 3, 2020.

Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary