



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President, D. Discepoli at 7:03 p.m.

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

Advance Notice of Absence: J. Buening, A. Rusche

1. Guests:

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2—Officer Christine Barry distributed the HP Neighborhood Report for the period ending February 8, 2020. She reported one rape (at Withrow, suspect and victim were known to one another, and one felonious assault during the period. A resident inquired about what can be done about cars parked blocking driveways in Hyde Park and frustration about Dist. 2 not timely responding to such calls. Once a complaint is received, District 2 dispatches an officer to issue a citation and once the tow company is called, they are supposed to arrive within 30 minutes. One trustee mentioned that in NYC citizens can take a picture of said violation and text it to the NYPD, and the car will be towed. Chief Jones suggested that Cincinnati residents should work with City Council on such a program. Chief Jones talked about the street closures the Tuesday of thanksgiving week and it is possible the event coordinator will opt for a different time/location next year. D. Hapner asked Chief Jones to have more traffic enforcement in front of Clark Montessori on weekday mornings. Police non-emergency line 765-1212. Christine.Barry@cincinnati-oh.gov. Officer Barry can be reached at 979-4480.

Oakley Recreation Center—Jalisa reported that summer camp priority registration begins next Tuesday and open registration will begin on February 26th. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the center on April 4th (April 11th rain date). The Center will hold a spring break camp during CPS's break from 7 am-6 pm. Early bird pool passes go on sale soon, visit the Center to purchase one.

Hampton Inn and Suites Update-- A Besuden resident spoke about the hotel worksite and expressed her frustration about the loud beeping and equipment noises inhibiting her

ability to work from home. G. Wollenweber suggested that she contact the Dept. of Buildings and Inspections to request enforcement of hours during which they are allowed to work on the site. D. Discepoli will contact the project manager to address these concerns. O'Rourke (demo co.) promised to work between 7am-4pm and to take precautions to restrict dust and debris from migrating from the site.

Tim McKelvey—3438 Traskwood spoke about the January 30, 2020 meeting to discuss the City's property tax abatement program. He thinks that there is an irreconcilable discrepancy between the City's Municipal Ordinance (#274-2017) and the Ohio Revised Code (3735.65-.70[3]) related to the establishment of Community Reinvestment Areas. He believes that the City is not "an area within a municipal corporation" (as the City is the municipal corporation), nor is the City under the jurisdiction of the County (as the City and County are independent jurisdictions). Mr. McKelvey provided the HPNC with a memo reflecting his research on the matter. Trustees agreed to do some research on the issue.

2. **Officers' Reports**

A. **Recording Secretary's Report** – S. Mullin

Minutes from the January 14, 2020 Board meeting were sent by email. Without objection, the minutes were approved as submitted.

B. **Treasurer's Report**

The Financial Report for the period will be circulated by email and reviewed prior to our next meeting. One membership was received during the period. N. Lewis provided the HPNC budget and supporting documentation to Invest in Neighborhoods and the budget passed in January. \$400 has been designated to East Hyde Park to be used for rebuilding the historical neighborhood pillars. Applications for the Invest in Neighborhoods "\$1,000 mini grants" for small creative neighborhood projects are due on February 21, 2020. Any ideas can be sent to Danielle for submission (neighborhood residents may also submit applications).

3. **Committee Reports**

A. **Zoning Committee** G. Wollenweber

Paxton/Isabella A bank is proposed to be constructed at the intersection with a drive through on the north side of the property exiting onto Isabella. A zone change would be needed (SF-6 to CCA). Since the property is in Oakley, the Zoning Committee has no comment. All abutting property owners as well as the Oakley Community Council are in favor of the zone change.

Sale of a portion of Columbus Avenue the proposed sale of a portion of Columbus Avenue to RGW Development (abutting property owner) includes a portion of Wasson Way. If the sale goes through, WW users would cross private

property and a private access to 3657 and 3658 Columbus Avenue could be created from Wasson Road. HPNC's motion from the January meeting did not anticipate this development, as we were not aware that there were any scraps of City property along the rail line. The Zoning Committee supports the 2 parcels remain strictly residential.

Dutch's/Keystone There is talk of a developer tearing down both structures and building a 5 story mixed use (condos on upper floors with commercial on the first floor-to comport with the transparency requirement to be welcoming to pedestrians).

- B. Traffic and Safety** D. Hapner reported that there has been an uptick in enforcement in front of Clark Montessori. D. Hapner and R. Postler will be engaging Observatory residents about DOTE's 4 proposed striping configurations. Other ideas to calm traffic along Observatory include rumble strips and the addition of speed limit signs.
- C. Hyde Park School** A. Shikany (for V. Woodham) reported that HP School has offered to host the annual HPNC Spring Meeting. There is a sponsorship opportunity for the schools' annual fundraiser which is held in April. The HPNC has budgeted \$1,000 for HP School, accordingly all or a portion of those funds may be used for the sponsorship opportunity.
- D. New Business** Invest in Neighborhoods A. Shikany (for V. Woodham) reported that HP School has offered to host the annual HPNC Spring Meeting. There is a sponsorship opportunity for the schools' annual fundraiser which is held in April. The HPNC has budgeted \$1,000 for HP School, accordingly all or a portion of those funds may be used for the sponsorship opportunity.

The new restaurant in the former Teller's space will include a butchery and ice cream parlor on the first floor, with more formal dining upstairs.

The Community Action Agency and Invest in Neighborhoods are hosting a City-wide discussion "The Power of We" about the structuring of our Community Councils. The program is scheduled for Saturday February 22, 2020 from 10-noon at 1740 Langdon Farm Road. Contact Sharon Watkins Community Engagement Coordinator for Community Action Agency at 513 569-1840 ext. 1036 with questions.

- E. Old Business** The policy regarding permitting street closures is under fire as a result of the impact of the street closure in HP Square during Thanksgiving week. HPNC and the HPSBA have sent letters to the City about the matter, though any change would have to be a legislative one.

D. Discepoli reported that she spoke to the management of Mesa Loca (corner of Erie and Edwards) about the outdoor mounted audio speakers and alerted

them that their placement violates the zoning code. The discussion was friendly and the management will look into a potential remedy to the issue.

Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary