



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

7:00 pm

Google Meet

Agenda

Subject to change

Welcome

Guests

- Cincinnati Police Department, Officer Christine Barry
- Hyde Park Library, Blossom Smith
- Cincinnati Recreation Center, Joe Berta
- Hyde Park School
- City Council candidates
 - Brian Garry (pending)
 - Galen G. Gordon (pending)
- Other Guests

Officers Reports

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- President's Report – Scott Hassell
- Recording Secretary– Sybil Mullin
- Treasurer– Norm Lewis

Committee Reports

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- Nominating Committee
- TBD

Old Business

- Hyde Park DORA Opportunity
 - Presentation by Austin Heidt and Paul Rudolph
 - Discussion of next steps, potentially including community meeting.
- PLK Communities regarding 3660 Michigan
- Falling Leaves LLC regarding former Hyde Park Baptist Church
- Multifamily Housing legislation discussion
- Community Council Boundaries

New Business

- Halloween on the Square
- Consent Agenda – discuss shifting toward a consent agenda format for future meetings
- Ales for Trails

President's Report

Committees

- Committees with vacant chairs
 - Community Outreach & Development
 - Finance
- Other committees needing more help
 - Communications
 - Membership
- We are considering committee scope changes for the above committees to improve and simplify collaboration and communication. If you would like to help with these committees or their potential restructuring, please contact Scott at hpncpres@gmail.com

Invest in Neighborhoods has prepared a letter to City Council candidates explaining what community councils are, what they need, and why they are important. See letter at URL below:

<https://www.investinneighborhoods.org/dear-candidates-what-do-community-councils-and-our-neighborhoods-need/>

Hyde Park Art Show

- The organizers have requested to have an HPNC representative they can work with to help with planning. Are there any volunteers?

Petition calling for preservation of Hannaford Mansion in West Price Hill

- For months, West Price Hill has been working to save a Samuel Hannaford Mansion in their neighborhood from being demolished.
- More background and links to the petition are below:
 - <https://www.change.org/p/boys-and-girls-clubs-of-greater-cincinnati-save-the-schulte-mansion-on-glenway-aka-radel-funeral-home>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/Save-the-Schulte-Mansion-on-Glenway-100852368934460>



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Meeting via Google Meet called to order by President, S. Hassell at 7:01 p.m.

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

Advance Notice of Absence: A. Rusche

1. Guests:

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2 Officer Christine Barry (also in attendance, Supervisor Rodney Pompey) gave the monthly Crime Report: crime is down in general, no change from August totals. District 2 is focusing on traffic and speeding violations around schools in Hyde Park. Officer Barry reminded residents to beware of identity theft phone scammers requesting personal/bank account information. Captain Danita Pettis can be reached at: 979-4444 Danita.pettis@cincinnati-oh.gov. Police non-emergency line 765-1212. Christine.Barry@cincinnati-oh.gov. Officer Barry can be reached at 979-4480.

Oakley Recreation Center—Joe Burda introduced himself as the new interim Director of the Center. Former Director, Jalisa Elkins, has been promoted to a position at CRC's downtown headquarters.

Hyde Park School—Chris Baker reported that the school year is off to a good start. Masks are mandatory inside CPS buildings, though not outside. Volunteers have been approved to return to the school on an ongoing basis. A back-to-school ice cream social is being planned to take place sometime in the coming weeks. The details of the school's building expansion have yet to be finalized, but plans are expected soon. Check the HPS website for the November 6 "pumpkin chuck" event details. www.hydeparkschoolpto.org

Wasson Way—Craig Froehle and Jay Andress provided an update on the Trail's progress and plans. Phases 1-4 are complete and the trail will cross over the Ault Park Bridge soon. The ribbon cutting for Phase 4 is scheduled for Sept. 15 at 4:30 p.m. on Wasson Road close to the Marburg Bridge. 120 trees will be planted along the trail on 10/9. A ribbon cutting for Phase 5 will take place on 12/5 (across the Ault Park Bridge). Access points to the trail

are being considered at Erie Bridge, at the end of Saybrook, and on Aylesboro in East Hyde Park. Many residents expressed support of an access point on Erie at the bridge near Hyde Park country Club. Discussion and questions about handicap accessibility, parking challenges for trail access, and expected timing on construction of access points. Review and weigh in on the petition regarding access points in East Hyde Park at:

<https://www.change.org/p/cincinnati-department-of-transportation-engineering-make-the-wasson-way-accessible-to-east-hyde-park>

2. Officers' Reports

- A. Recording Secretary's Report – B. Whitney (on behalf of Sybil Mullin)
Minutes from the August 10 meeting were circulated via email. Without objection the minutes were approved as submitted.
- B. Treasurer's Report –N. Lewis circulated the August 10-September 14 Financial Report and the 2022 Proposed HPNC Budget via email. 2 new memberships were received during the period. The Financial Report was adopted as submitted. N. Lewis suggested that the early approval of the proposed 2022 budget is a good idea and as the year progresses amounts therein can be modified as needed. J. Buening moved, *"That the HPNC approve the proposed 2022 budget as circulated by N. Lewis."* Second by D. Hapner. All in favor; motion carried; 2022 budget approved.
- C. President's Comments—S. Hassell thanked D. Hapner for his years of chairing the Traffic & Safety Committee. T. Roe is moving into the T&S Chair position and will continue building on the strong foundation established by D. Hapner.

3. Committee Reports

- A. Nominating S. Mullin reported that the Committee is hosting a meet and greet on Saturday September 25 in Ault Park to meet the 5 candidates that have submitted applications to fill the 2 Board vacancies.
- B. Traffic and Safety T. Roe reported about the ongoing discussions with DOTE about the Observatory and Edwards intersection. The main focal points include: infrastructure (curbs, lights, sidewalks), striping, and phasing (sequencing of automobile and pedestrian signals). It has proven to be a challenge to find the proper balance to maximize pedestrian safety and maintain workable traffic flow. T. Roe and D. Hapner will continue working with DOTE on the best possible balanced solutions for Edwards/Observatory and Shaw/Linwood/ Observatory intersections.
- C. Education D. Hapner reported that CPS's vaccine mandate requires that all teachers and staff in the District have their first doses by 10/1/2021.

D. Environment A. Edwards reported Cincinnati Parks Fall Releaf Program is underway, and residents can apply to receive 2 free trees to plant on their property. Tree pick up will be scheduled in October. Learn about the program and apply here: <https://www.cincinnati-parks.com/2021-apply-for-your-free-tree/>. The City is also encouraging residents to request free bike rack installation on public property: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/bikes/contact-us/request-bike-parking/>. The Neighborhood Activation Fund has \$10,000 grants that neighborhood councils and other community groups can apply for, if you have suggestions for what HPNC should request funds for, please contact A. Edwards. More about the program and what the funds can be used for: <https://www.investinneighborhoods.org/neighborhood-activation-fund/>.

E. Zoning G. Wollenweber spoke about 3460 Michigan Avenue (Baptist Church) which has been purchased by Falling Leaves, LLC (Karl Gieseke). G. Wollenweber drafted a proposed letter to Falling Leaves, LLC setting forth some considerations and thoughts regarding the redevelopment of the property (“wish list”), which follows:

1. The Hyde Park Neighborhood Council (HPNC) will be pleased to meet and work with you as you develop your plans for the southeast corner of Erie and Michigan. There is a Hyde Park Square Business Association (HPSBA) that may also have an opinion(s).

2. HPNC hopes the new concept will be sensitive to the site, a corner lot in a neighborhood pedestrian oriented business district that abuts two public sidewalks and a public library. Any redevelopment must relate to and enhance the surrounding properties and uses.

3. We prefer a design that has rich architectural details complementing, not contrasting, the neighboring 100+ year old buildings. We encourage a design that considers the draft Hyde Park Master Plan “Developers considering redeveloping the property should know that Hyde Park Square is the heart of one of Cincinnati's most desirable neighborhoods. Incorporated as a village in 1896 and annexed to the City of Cincinnati in 1903, Hyde Park is a welcoming, thriving, and ever-evolving neighborhood with a respect for history. An established community, it is valued for its tree-lined, walkable streets, distinctive housing stock, vibrant business districts, strong schools, parks, and places of worship. Hyde Park offers residents and visitors a place to live, work, learn, shop, and dine with a beautiful public square at its center. In keeping with this history and property's location on the Square, proposals should incorporate and reflect Hyde Park's unique history and architecture.”

4. In this CN-P zoning district and UD#4 overlay district, the first floor is intended to be commercial use with high percentage transparency (windows) showing inviting commercial interiors to pedestrians. There are strict restrictions on signage in Zoning Code. New development should be

designed to adhere to the requirements of the CN-P zoning and the UD#4 overlay.

5. A soft corner at Erie and Michigan, with significant set-back allowing a small plaza for public gathering, beverage consumption or outside dining, is encouraged. The existing grassy area serves this visual purpose, but its functionality needs improvement. If new development will include a garage, keep in mind the local water table will likely allow only one level underground unless expensive countermeasures are employed. HPNC prefers garage access from Michigan Avenue – and so does Zoning Code.

6. HPNC strongly encourages development that is permitted under the current zoning. We are rather strict to the code and do not take variances lightly.

7. The mature trees in the right-of-way on Michigan, should be protected and preserved.

N. Lewis moved, “That the HPNC send the proposed letter to Falling Leaves, LLC/Karl Gieseke.” Second by J. Buening. Unanimous approval. Motion carried.

Gary Wollenweber reported that he invited PLK’s Nick Lingenfelter to come and present any updates on the “Wasson Tower” (3660 Michigan) project. Currently, there is no new information to share. When he has an update, Lingenfelter will gladly come and present to the Board and community.

G. Hyde Park Square Business Association J. Buening reported that the Hyde Park Medical Arts Building has been sold to Jeffrey Harmon (plastic surgeon). Harmon will be the primary tenant though expects to have other doctors in the building.

The Square has a number of new businesses: a fitness gym at the corner of Edwards and Observatory, Neko Sushi (across from US Bank parking lot on Edwards), Grainwell (home goods store), and Castle House is opening a teen annex. The art gallery by the Post Office is hosting an art show featuring all works related to Hyde Park beginning October 1.

The Loring Group, which owns many buildings in the Square, has plans to potentially develop one of its Edward Road properties into a multiuse building with a parking garage behind it.

The HPSBA is applying for CNBDU funds for upgrades to the HP Square streetscape.

The Art Show is scheduled for the first Sunday in October.

Churchill's Teas on Edwards is launching Taste of Hyde Park Tours (Dear Restaurant, The Echo, Peace Love and Little Donuts) beginning September 24. A. Rusche and J. Buening may serve as tour leaders.

H. Plan Hyde Park none.

I. Membership Committee S. Hassell for A. Rusche reported that the North High launch party for the High'd Park Ale is scheduled for Friday October 15. More details to follow.

4. New Business

a. Multi-family housing legislation--S. Hassell circulated the legislation proposed by Council Member Kearney. The proposed legislation would increase the City's housing supply and make housing more affordable. It would allow for a home originally built as a 2, 3, or 4 unit building and later converted into a single-family residence to revert to a multi-family residence. The proposal would also be changed to permit the creation of special "overlay" districts. **This** would modify single-family zoning restrictions to allow for the development of 2-, 3-, and 4-family homes (including duplexes and small multi-plexes not exceeding 4 units). These districts would be established by the community's special request to create an overlay district and would have the ability to help set its boundaries. G. Wollenweber added that he did not see the benefit in the creation of such overlay districts.

5. Old Business

a. DORA Designation--S. Hassell reported that he has been in contact with Paul Rudolph and Gio about the proposed DORA in Hyde Park Square. If approved, the HPSBA will solve a lot of the issues regarding how to implement the program, hours of operation, and geographical boundaries. Whether the Park in the Square can be included in the DORA is uncertain. www.Hydeparkdora.com

b. Strategies to increase Developer engagement with the community--S. Hassell talked about the ordinance proposed by Council Member Kearney. The ordinance asks the City to establish a community engagement program to foster engagement between communities and developers. The ordinance passed the Neighborhoods Committee and goes to full City Council vote on September 15. J. Buening moved, "That the HPNC sign on to support Council Member Kearney's proposed ordinance." Second by S. Hassell. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Community Council Boundaries—S. Hassell reported that updates have been made to the HPNC website regarding community council boundaries.

Trustees discussed adding the streets that were redesignated to HP (from Obryonville) to HP in the last decade

Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary

October 2021 Committee Reports

Treasurer Report and Neighborhood Support Program - Norm Lewis

HPNC's 2021 Neighborhood Support Program final report was submitted to Cincinnati's NSP Coordinator, Nyemah Stark. We spent almost all the money; we left about \$250 on the table because I couldn't get all the required receipts for covid supplies. Hopefully our report will be approved as submitted.

I've been working on filling out HPNC's 2022 NSP proposal to be submitted to this year's coordination team at Invest in Neighborhoods per HPNC's approved 2022 budget that we passed last month. I missed this month's submittal deadline, so it is likely we will have to revise our proposal a bit, because a possible Halloween event will be outside the contract period.

Nominating Committee – Sybil Mullin

The Nominating Committee hosted a meet-and-greet on Saturday September 25th in Ault Park to meet 4 candidates who submitted applications to fill the two Trustee vacancies on our Board. The Committee members voted and the two candidates with the most votes were Tommy McEvoy and Alex Schutte. The Committee recommends Tommy and Alex as nominees to fill the two Board vacancies. Their candidate information sheets are attached.

Education – David Hapner

Norm Lewis and I were able to get partial reimbursement for some schools for COVID-19 supplies. Thanks to Norm for driving that effort.

There is a reason that the Cincinnati Public Schools Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC) has a task to get one member of a local school LSDMC elected to the appropriate neighborhood council, demonstrating the necessary linkage between schools and the neighborhood in providing an effective education for our children. Most of you are aware that I co-chair the Clark Montessori LSDMC with the principal and Val is on the Hyde Park Elementary LSDMC, so I will reach out to the other members of the education committee via separate email with a proposal I have to reinforce that linkage by “adopting” the school of your choice and directly emailing administration for updates on happenings at that school to be included in this space.

I will start by taking Clark, Springer and Summit Country Day, since I have an excellent relationship with top administration in these schools.

Assuming Val has HP School, that leaves St. Mary and Withrow—any churchgoers or parent volunteers, or alums interested?

Membership and Communications Report – Annie Rusche

Hyde Park Beer Launch Party is scheduled for Friday, 10/15. Launch will start at 6 at North High Brewery. Annie will be at a table outside of North High on their patio with membership information. North High has provided images and marketing to promote this week and will be raffling off gear. Conversations taking place about % of money from

raffles going to HPNC on top of their donation. Sending note out to reporter who frequently message HPNC to see if they'd like to cover it this week.

Communications on Facebook: In an effort to ramp up our Facebook page, I'm seeking any photos or information from the board or community! Please message our page on any news (new businesses opening, fun photos of family enjoying the neighborhood, Wasson way etc).

55 North – Brianna Frappier-Schirmang

Asking for support of the 55 North annual fundraiser, on Nov. 10th. (it will be virtual again this year.) *The funds raised at the event will be used to support our ongoing programs & to purchase a handicap accessible passenger van to provide transportation for program participants and to support our ongoing programs.*

Easily support 55 North in the following ways:

- Donate items or experiences that can be used in our on-line auction
- You or your business/employer can be a Corporate Sponsor
- Join our celebration through a ticket purchase (includes a Thank You gift)
- And/or bid on the auction items! (a ticket is not required to bid)

You can register for the auction (for free) or buy a host ticket. All tickets found here! Click 'register' on the main screen, then scroll all the way down for the \$100 host ticket. (You may need to register for a give-smart account, the process was not intuitive.)

With the purchase of a host (&/or sponsor) ticket, you are cordially invited to an outdoor 'Thank You Happy Hour' on Thursday, October 21st from 5:30-7:30 at Maketewah Country Club. The happy hour is casual open house style with drinks, lite bites and distanced mingling.

Please let me know if you would like to be a sponsor, sign up for a host ticket, or have something to donate to the auction! Thank you for your consideration.

Ault Park Advisory Council – Blair Whitney

APAC will be hosting their Hallow Eve Brew Bash beginning at 6:30 p.m. on October 22, 2021. Tickets are \$30 through October 18th and \$40 thereafter. Tickets include ten 5 oz tastings from soe of Cincinnati's top Microbreweries. Music will be provided by Gee Your Band Smells Terrific. A food truck will be available, and wine, soft drinks, and water are available for purchase. Also—it's a costume party, too! For details and tickets, see:

https://www.aultparkac.org/event/halloweve-brew-bash/?event_date=2021-10-22

HPNC FINANCIAL REPORT

Sept 14, 2021-Oct 10, 2021

RECEIPTS

9/20/21		Membership	19.11
9/7/21		Membership	19.11
TOTAL			\$38.22

DISBURSEMENTS

9/29/21	1481	Dave Hapner – Covid Supplies	\$48.46
9/29/21	1478	Wasson Way	\$1100.00
9/17/21	1477	55 North	\$1000.00
TOTAL			\$2148.56

HPNC Financial Report - 2021

HPNC budget	Budget	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Revised Oct 10, 2021														
BEGINNING OPERATING BALANCE	13207.5	13207.5	13,207.50	13,246.02	13,245.30	21,426.10	21,433.40	20,370.44	20,282.22	20,369.10	17,746.32	15,035.08	15,035.08	13,207.50
RECEIPTS														
NSP - 2021	7,980				7,987.00									7,987.00
Membership	500		38.52	19.26	193.80	96.30	97.04	57.78	86.88	38.22	38.22			666.02
Halloween Event	300													0.00
Fundraiser	500													0.00
Invest In Neighborhoods	630					911.00								911.00
Miscellaneous Donations	500													0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	10,410	0	38.52	19.26	8,180.80	1,007.30	97.04	57.78	86.88	38.22	38.22	0.00	0.00	9,564.02
DISBURSMENTS														
To Be Submitted to NSP														
<i>Newsletter</i>														
- Mailing	0													0.00
- Printing	0													0.00
<i>HPNC Expenses</i>														
- Intern	600									600				600.00
- Web Domain Fee	504			19.98						484.00				503.98
- Post Office Box	146							146.00						146.00
- D/O Insurance	0													0.00
- Halloween Event	0													0.00
- Annual Meeting	0													0.00
<i>Community Grants</i>														0.00
- covid school supplies	1000										649.46			649.46
- Wasson Way	1000										1,100.00			1,100.00
- Hyde Park East	900									900.00				900.00
- Hyde Park School	1,000					1,000.00								1,000.00
- HydeParkChurch Summe	339									339.00				339.00
- Knox Church covid relief	338									338.00				338.00
- HPCOA	1000										1,000.00			1,000.00
- Ault Park Fireworks	1,160						1,160.00							1,160.00
NSP Subtotal	7,987													
Not Submitted to NSP														0.00
<i>HPNC Expenses</i>														0.00
- Ault Park Advisory Council	50													0.00
- Meet & Greet	100													0.00
-Halloween Event														
-membership	450													0.00
<i>Miscellaneous Expenses</i>	200													0.00
TOTAL DISBURSMENTS	8787	0.00	0.00	19.98	0.00	1000.00	1160.00	146.00	0.00	2661.00	2749.46	0.00	0.00	7736.44
ENDING OPERATING BALANCE	14,831	13,207.50	13,246.02	13,245.30	21,426.10	21,433.40	20,370.44	20,282.22	20,369.10	17,746.32	15,035.08	15,035.08	15,035.08	15,035.08