

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President, B. Smyth, at 7:04 p.m.

<u>In Attendance</u>: J. Buening, D. Discepoli, D. Hapner, S. Hassell, J. Lovelace, N. Lewis, S. Mullin, B. Smyth, G. Wollenweber, and V. Woodham

Advance Notice of Absence: A. Lewis, T. Roe, and A. Shikany

1. **Guests**:

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2—Officer Shawn Tarvin reported an increase in thefts from autos, likely due to the warmer weather. He shared that District 2 was focusing traffic enforcement on Observatory and its intersecting side streets, in the vicinity of Madison and Erie, and in school zones. Shawn.Tarvin@cincinnati-oh.gov. Officer Tarvin can be reached at 979-4480.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission—Director, Jalisa Elkins reported that the Easter Egg Hunt had a great turnout with over 100 kids. Summer camp enrollment has maxed out at 175 campers, contact the Center to join the waiting list. The Center will present its 5-year business plan at an upcoming HPNC meeting.

Heather Couch—Candidate for the Cincinnati School Board introduced herself and asked for residents' support of her campaign. She is a school counselor at Covington Latin School and hopes to be a voice for students in education. She is a proponent of a rigorous academic curriculum but also sees great value in providing vocational educational opportunities for students to help them reach their full potential. She sees great value in having students serve on CPS Schools' LSDMCs.

Mary Horan—Assistant Director of Cincinnati State's Educational Opportunity Center introduced herself and shared information about the program. The Center works with young adults 19 and older to provide educational, career, and financial aid advising at no cost. The program helps young adults identify career interests and skill levels to lead individuals through the admissions process for college or other post-secondary education. Learn more about the program or schedule an appoint to meet

with a counselor at (513)569-1830, stop by Main Building Room 133, or email Mary Horan at mary.horan@cincinnatistate.edu.

2. Officers' Reports

A. Recording Secretary's Report – S. Mullin

Minutes from the March 12, 2019 board meeting were sent by email. Two minor corrections: Daniele Discepoli was inadvertently omitted from the list of Trustees present; J. Lovelace was listed as both present and absent, he was absent. Without objection and with the above two corrections, the minutes were approved as submitted.

B. Treasurer's Report - A. Lewis

The March 12-April 8, 2019 Financial Report was sent by email. Without objection the Report was adopted as submitted.

3. Committee Reports

- A. <u>Outreach Committee</u> B. Smyth reported for A. Shikany that the Spring Meeting will take place Thursday May 19th at 6:30 p.m. at Clark Montessori. A. Shikany has sent letters to the 6 schools requesting their selections for students of the year. An additional letter will be sent to Withrow High School. Selection of a HP Person of the Year was discussed as well as awarding a Community Builder Award. J. Buening suggested Stan Kittel (owner of Newstedt Loring Andrews, proponent of the Mutt Mitts initiative, and Christmas lights champion) as an idea for a Community Builder Award.
- **B.** Nominating Committee S. Mullin reported that there are currently 2 vacancies on the Board and the Committee has received two applications form interested candidates. She encouraged fellow Trustees to spread the word and asked that the Candidate Fact Sheet be linked on our social media sites.
- C. Zoning Committee G. Wollenweber reported that the applicant for the variance at 2909 Erie Avenue to construct a 3-car garage (2 bay garage and storage for a large recreational vehicle, and with a second floor finished space) has altered the request to include only a sink and not a full bathroom in the space above the proposed garage. The property is zoned SF-6. G. Wollenweber moved, "The HPNC is opposed to side yard setback, maximum footprint area, and maximum height variances to allow for a new 3 vehicle heated garage with an oversized bay, heated room and ½ bath because it does not belong in SF-6 district nor contribute to the use of the principal structure (rental 2-family)." Second by N. Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - G. Wollenweber reported that the old plan for the former Pig & Whistle (CIG project) on Madison Road has been withdrawn, and a new plan has been submitted for a Certificate of Compliance. If the City grants the Certificate of

Compliance, the development of the site pursuant to the new plan (as altered and submitted) would not require any public hearing. The changes to the plan as submitted include: use of LaRosa's property abandoned; no use of the Wasson Way ROW; the OL portion on Madison will be 3 stories; the Pig & Whistle site will house five floors of hotel -90 rooms); no use of Besuden for any residential development; the development would be a U-shape around Lemon Grass and the property to the East of it abutting the driveway to the Pig & Whistle. The application was filed on April 1, 2019.

- **D.** <u>Traffic and Safety</u> 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.
- **E.** <u>Hyde Park Square Business Association</u> J. Buening reported that the HPSBA didn't meet this morning.
- **F.** <u>Plan Hyde Park</u> J. Buening reported that no meeting was convened in March. The next meeting is April 23rd at 6:30 at the Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church.

<u>Adjourn</u>: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary