



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

7:00 pm

Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church

Agenda

Subject to change

1. Welcome

Location of future meetings:

- September: Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, Little Theater

2. Guests (10-14 minutes)

- Cincinnati Police Department, Officer Christine Barry
- Hyde Park Library, Ben Lathrop
- Cincinnati Recreation Center, TBD
- Hyde Park School, TBD
- Possible tear down of 2219 Grandin Road, Bob and Dianne Brown
- Other Guests

3. Approval of Consent Agenda (Minutes, Officer Reports, Committee Reports)

4. Officer Reports

Reports have been posted to the HPNC website as part of the meeting packet.

5. Committee Reports & Representatives

Reports have been posted to the HPNC website as part of the meeting packet.

6. Old Business

- Community Budget Requests
 - **Deadlines:**
 - Wednesday, August 31, 2022: Community councils must initiate contact with City Project Managers, but we have been encouraged to contact them ASAP.
 - Friday, September 30, 2022 at 4:00 pm: Community councils must submit CBR request forms through the online portal.
 - May 2023: City Manager's Recommended Budget will be released, including funding recommendations for CBRs.
 - Candidate Ideas:
 - Wayfinding for parking in business districts
 - HPSBA would like to work with HPNC to submit a request for Hyde Park Square. HPSBA will discuss interest and ideas on Tuesday morning.
 - Scott will volunteer to coordinate with HPSBA on this unless someone else wants to contribute.

- New idea: Fix stormwater drainage on sidewalk on northern side of Erie close to Bayard on way to Victoria.
 - This is a recurring problem that the Stormwater Management Utility and DOTE tried to address in 2018 and 2009. It remains a problem.
 - Should we request a permanent solution?
 - Is there a volunteer?
 - Neighborhood gateway signage
 - Is this of interest? If so, is there a volunteer to prepare to contact the relevant City Dept and prepare a proposal?
 - Neighborhood plan development
 - Scott will provide a brief update.
- Residential Tax Abatement (RTA) study, recommendations, and request for feedback from community councils
 - As shared at our July meeting, the City of Cincinnati hired a consultant to assess and recommend improvements to the Residential Tax Abatement (RTA) program. If you are unfamiliar with the proposal, see the “Background” information below.
 - The NCAC Subcommittee on Housing & Economic Development reviewed the assessment and recommendations on 8/6.
 - 8/6 Selected highlights:
 - Hyde Park homeowners have received the most value from the program: almost \$40 million of the roughly \$200 million in incentives.
 - The existing program has provided benefits to those who already have the resources to invest in their homes.
 - Recently enacted changes are expected to lead to a more equitable distribution.
 - The consultant’s proposal includes 3 tiers and new and expanded criteria. The proposal is likely to lead to further improvements that could advance multiple city goals and provide more equitable distribution.
 - 8/6 Selected critiques and questions:
 - Incentives should be disaggregated beyond neighborhood level since neighborhoods can be heterogeneous, and incentives may be more important in some areas than others.
 - New, broader criteria will change the types of projects the incentives will encourage, so the interaction of potentially more granular tiering and new criteria should be studied in more detail.
 - There are questions about why some neighborhoods are allocated to certain tiers. It appears some of the data may not be correct. Specific examples will be provided to consultant by Invest. Tier assessments may be difficult to implement.
 - It is challenging to facilitate and incentivize investment without increasing the risk of displacing existing residents. The consultant should be asked to review this concern and provide guidance.
 - Community Councils have been asked to provide background on the proposal/recommendations.
 - **DISCUSS: What feedback would Hyde Park like to provide?**
 - Invest In Neighborhoods has created a form to collect feedback from individuals and councils. Scott will integrate feedback and provide it on behalf of HPNC.

- If you wish to submit personal comments, the form is available at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetN5qQnCNnyl4gfNvwEaoUpO1wzHgeEMUegqTSTu7-P51VwA/viewform>
- Background:
 - The presentation version of the report is at https://choosecincy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Cincinnati-RTA-Council-Presentation_6.17.22.pdf. (A link to the longer version of the report is available in our July meeting packet).
 - A recording of the late June presentation to City Council's Equitable Growth & Housing Committee meeting recording is available at <https://www.facebook.com/CityOfCincy/videos/1489877874812332>. The RTA presentation starts at 26:15. Council Committee discussion starts at 1:09:56.
- Neighborhood Activation Fund (NAF) Update
 - Of the \$10,000, \$9,200 have been allocated by HPNC.
 - Hyde Park Square
 - In May, HPNC approved and wrote check for \$2,900 to Cincinnati Circus.
 - HPSBA has provided a progress update (see packet)
 - Insurance: An insurance policy has been purchased; HPNC is awaiting confirmation that we have been included as an "additional insured"
 - HPSBA has requested (see packet) an additional \$800 to pay for a Police detail by two off-duty Police Officers.
 - **POTENTIAL VOTE:** \$800 for Police detail
 - Hyde Park East
 - Previously, HPNC approved a proposal for \$6,300
 - A contract has been signed with the band
 - Multiple proposals have been obtained by organizers
 - Budget has been updated to reflect proposal and new information (see packet)
 - Insurance and permitting efforts are moving along
 - Reminder to all organizers:
 - Communications must include "Funded by City of Cincinnati". Details have been sent to organizers.

7. New Business

- Updates to HPNC Committees
 - Membership – Annie Rusche
 - Virtual meeting will be held the last Thursday of the month via Google Hangouts at 7 pm
 - Fall Membership Drive
 - Walk Your Neighborhood All Year - Initiative to encourage residents to drop off HPNC letters to their neighbors to get the word out.
 - Hyde Park Perks - Taking it to the next level with more communication
- Community Engagement – Anthony Isaacs
 - New description: *Practices for effective community engagement, coordination with leaders of specific efforts*
 - New approach and first example

- Next steps
- Updating HPNC Committee Roster and additional changes
 - HPNC's committees are critical to driving progress.
 - Chairs – If you have not already, please affirm your desire to continue as chair
 - Committee Members – If you have not already, please affirm your desire to continue on all committees
 - Clarifying expectations – All trustees are expected to actively contribute to HPNC, either through an officer role or be active in a committee. Let's share the burden and get more done together.
 - Critical Gaps – We are seeking **trustee** and **non-trustee** committee members for
 1. Finance
 - If you would like to join a committee, please email hpncpres@gmail.com.

8. Adjourn



Cincinnati's ReLeaf program will accept applications from Hyde Park on 9/2 @ 8am

For the last 35 years, Cincinnati Parks' Fall ReLeaf program has grown, improved and sustained the city's tree canopy. The highly successful effort has given away 20,000 free trees consisting of more than 40 species. The program has helped raise Cincinnati's overall tree canopy 5% in 5 years (from 38% to 43%). Please consider doing your part to help keep the momentum going by signing up for a tree for your property and/or encouraging others to do the same.

Thanks to our recent 2021 Tree Canopy Census (see dashboard below), Cincinnati Parks is initially taking applications with less than 40% tree canopy coverage. Since Hyde Park has 44.6% tree canopy, Hyde Park residents can apply for a free tree beginning on 9/2 @ 8am. To learn more and apply, go to:

<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cincyparks/news/apply-for-your-free-tree-its-releaf-time/>

To learn more about Cincinnati's Tree Canopy Census check out these resources:

- City dashboard: <https://cagisportal.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/077c8ec66d68459a94d3a7091c5a4938>
- Enquirer article: <https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2022/07/28/cincinnati-neighborhoods-feel-heat-air-differences-because-trees/7711707001/>

Fifth Third Grand Re-Opening, 8/16 @ 8:15am

You're invited to Join Us!!!

Hyde Park Financial Center-Branch Refresh Celebration

Ribbon Cutting!!!

When: Tuesday August 16, 2022

Time: 8:15 a.m.

Where: 2632 Erie Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45208

Jake Sheshull, Financial Center Manager

Jacob.Sheshull@53.com

Hyde Park Golf and Country Club notification of fireworks/noise on 9/4

As a courtesy, Hyde Park Golf and Country Club notified HPNC and asked us to share with the Hyde Park Community that they will conduct their annual **Labor Day Fireworks show** on Sunday, September 4th at dusk. They want to alert the community about the noise level. All the necessary permitting will be obtained with the City. The fireworks are for members, members families, and employees only. The public is not allowed on the Club property, but they did not want to surprise the community. If there are any questions, HPNC can forward them to the Club.

Duke Energy Ohio & Kentucky - Summer Bill ToolKit #2

Community Partners, as promised with our Summer Bill ToolKit (#1) released on June 13th, we're following up with another Summer Bill ToolKit (#2) for July that you can share out. Please watch for an August version, as well.

The impacts of global events, high demand, and labor and supply shortages continue to affect people across the globe. Inflationary pressures and constraints in production and transportation of natural gas and other fuels continue to drive historically high energy prices. The combination of high temperatures and elevated fuel prices are continuing to impact summer bills. You can link to our original ToolKit content at (<https://duke-energy.com/customer-landing-pages/summer-high-bill>), or print to share with your network via newsletters or web links.

1. Please find attached Spanish and English PDF versions of our **Budget Billing program details**, which can be a very helpful program for customers.
2. Following is a **NEW Energy Usage Analysis Video**. This instructional video teaches customers how to track their energy usage on our website using any device, as well as on the Duke Energy mobile app. It has also been uploaded to our Summer High Bill landing page (per above ToolKit link): <https://www.youtube.com/embed/ShXgrSTcG20?rel=0&showinfo=0>
3. Finally, see the following recent social media post that you may wish to tag and share, which explains Duke Energy's **Share the Light Fund** (customer assistance program): <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=413845324105881&set=a.229635222526893>

As a reminder, you can follow Duke Energy on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram per the links below:

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=duke%20energy>

Twitter link: <https://twitter.com/Dukeenergy>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/duke_energy/

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Ault Park Advisory Council – Blair Whitney

The park's summer music festival series continues Thursday, August 18th from 6-10 p.m. Local favorite food, craft beer/wine/hard seltzer and water will be available for purchase. Kids' entertainment will be provided by Cincinnati Circus and Beech Acres from 6-8pm. Proceeds from food and beverage sales directly benefit Ault Park!

For more information, see https://www.aultparkac.org/event/august-summer-music-festival-floyd-and-the-walkmen/?event_date=2022-08-18

Community Engagement Committee Report – Anthony Isaacs

This committee is trialing a lightweight process for doing project/event-based community engagement. The first iteration was a small sidewalk clearing project to capitalize on the recent improvements to Wulsin Park adjacent to Withrow High School.

Project:

Clear the overgrown vegetation from the walking path that connects Tamarack Ave to Withrow H.S. and Wulsin Park. The CRC has completed some concrete paths in the park, including rebuilding the broken end of the cut-through so that it connects with the other park paths, but honeysuckle, ivy, and soil are covering about a third of the walkway, making it difficult to comfortably use the walkway.

Project leader:

Anthony Isaacs

Meeting time and place:

July 28th, 2022 at 7pm

Walkway at the corner of Tamarack Ave and Grigg Ave

Results:

I've attached images showing the before and after states of the walkway. The walkway is much more accessible to people pushing strollers, using wheelchairs, walking dogs, or riding bikes after removing ivy, honeysuckle and soil. I did some minor litter removal, but there's still noticeable trash further back in the vegetation. There's still some poison ivy growth bordering the walkway. It would be nice to remove that so people won't accidentally brush against it.

Participants:

Anthony Isaacs

Feedback:

Fun project. Great to see the improvement to the walkway! I can now walk my dog and push my daughter in her stroller much more comfortably!

Reflection on engagement process:

This was the first trial of a new process to improve community engagement through small projects that are documented and shared with the community. I cut a lot of corners so that I could get through the first project quickly. I'm planning to improve in subsequent projects.

I didn't reach out to Alan until I had already undertaken this project, so I missed out on any help he could have offered. I also skipped any sort of call for neighbors to join in on the project, which means I didn't have the chance to get them involved with HPNC or refer them to Annie to learn more about becoming a member of HPNC.

I like the documentation process so far, and I find the before/after photos valuable. I'm looking forward to seeing how we can get these types of events posted to the website and on social media.



East Hyde Park Community Event – Tommy McEvoy

The team is continuing to press forward with planning efforts. Some adjustments have been made as we had assumed that electricity would be available at the park, and it is not. Below is the current (adjusted) event budget.

Line Item	Budget	Actuals	Delta
Permits	\$ 100	\$ 140	\$ (40)
Insurance	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
Police	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
Bounce house	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Tables & chairs	\$ 800	\$ 913	\$ (113)
Balloons, decorations, marketing	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -
Artists & face paint	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Music	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Gift cards	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Food	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ (500)
Electricity Supply/Generator	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ (500)
Totals	\$ 6,300	\$ 6,453	\$ (153)

Membership – Annie Rusche

- September Membership Drive to increase Fall membership
 - Five signs to be printed to promote membership around Hyde Park. Locations: Observatory and Delta, Entrance to Square, Erie and Madison, Red Light by UDF in East Hyde Park, Linwood and Observatory.
 - Marketing plan includes flyers at local businesses and Facebook pages
- Change in communication

- Walk Your Neighborhood Campaign will encourage current members to walk their neighborhood and drop off 10 HPNC letters to their neighbors. Communication will be focused on what HPNC does to help the community (ex: what your donation goes to, how we help Hyde Park, how you can get involved, etc.)



Treasurer Report and Neighborhood Support Program – Norm Lewis

- We spent \$400 NAF funds for deposit for Sunburners (band for HPE festival)
- We spent \$500 NSP funds as voted last month for Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church Interfaith Hospitality Network
- We received 1 membership for \$19.11

Please note that 2022 NSP contract year ends August 30. That means this year's NSP funds need to be spent by then. If you have budgeted funds that we have not spent yet, please contact me.

HPNC Financial Report July 11, 2022-August 5, 2022

RECEIPTS

6/14/22	Membership	\$19.11
TOTAL		\$19.11

DISBURSEMENTS

7/25/22	1489	Sunburners (HPE NAF festival)	\$400.00
7/25/22	1490	Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church for IHN	\$500.00
TOTAL			\$900.00



May topics:

- 1) 2023 DOTE Traffic Calming Program
- 2) Linwood Ave.
- 3) Observatory Ave.

2020 DOTE Traffic Calming

- DOTE recently kicked off their 2023 funding process for traffic calming initiatives (curb bump-outs, speed cushions, etc.). HPNC's submissions to DOTE were as follows: *(this is an actual cut/paste from the submission email to DOTE)*

(1) Hyde Park Square – Erie Ave, between Edwards and Michigan

- *This is easily the most pedestrian-heavy and auto-heavy location in Hyde Park, with significant retail, parks, restaurants, and schools immediately adjacent.*
- *Additionally, Hyde Park was recently approved for a DORA designation – including the park in the center of HP Square – which will further increase pedestrian traffic crossing Erie Ave.*
- *Importantly, curb bump-outs already exist here, and they help significantly. “Paddle” signage has been installed at 2 of the 4 center crosswalks and they are also very effective (when they haven’t been demolished by cars).*
- *Speed remains a huge issue and, with very limited visibility of pedestrians entering/exiting the park, pedestrians are constantly at risk. There was 1 fatality a few years ago, and countless injuries and near-misses.*
- *Our request here is much simpler (and cheaper) given the existence of curb bump-outs already. We are requesting:*
 - ✓ **2-4 speed cushions, placed immediately in front of the crosswalks into the park.** *Speed cushions would be a HUGE breakthrough in HP Square. Ideally we would have 4 sets of speed cushions, one adjacent to each of the 4 crosswalks into the park. If 4 isn’t doable, 2 sets would certainly be an improvement vs. today, with 1 set being placed adjacent to the leading crosswalk in each direction*
 - ✓ **Improved signage at the 4 crosswalks leading into park.** *The current paddle signs are effective but the signs are constantly destroyed by automobiles (and our understanding is that these types of in-roadway signs will no longer be supported by DOTE). There are currently yellow pedestrian signs (the one w/ a stick figure of a person crossing the street) but they are totally ineffective (b/c I don’t believe motorists actually know what these signs mean). Signs that actually say “stop” or “yield” are WAY more effective. If signs can’t be placed in the roadway, it would be great to “frame” both sides of each crosswalk w/ stop/yield messaging.*

(2) Observatory Ave – between Edwards and Madison (officially from Edwards to Peasenhall)

- *This is one of the most heavily trafficked streets in Hyde Park as it is the access point to I-71, Clifton, and the Norwood Lateral for the surrounding neighborhoods AND many of the eastern suburbs*
- *This particular stretch of Observatory starts at Hyde Park School, which serves hundreds of students (most of whom walk to school each day) and ends at Peasenhall (just prior to Madison Rd).*

- *As you are well aware, this portion of Observatory has been discussed/debated for literally decades. In addition to issues w/ excessive speed, there is also a lot of “jockeying” by cars – swerving around each other due to confusion about whether Observatory is actually 2 lanes or 4. Cars routinely crash and often end up on sidewalks/yards, bringing pedestrians even further into play.*
- ***We are seeking any/all interventions that will help calm traffic: curb bump-outs, speed cushions, and a reduction in the posted speed limit***
- Please note: these 2 locations were also submitted to DOTE for 2022 funding and neither was approved... not due to lack of need, but rather due to lack of citywide funding

Linwood Ave.

- **Speed limit:** as of August 1, the posted speed limit on Linwood Ave. has been reduced to 30mph. This change required quite a bit of effort, starting w/ a formal traffic/speed study from DOTE, followed by petitioning the State of Ohio (who owns decision-rights on Linwood b/c it is designated as a state route). Special thanks to the Linwood neighbors and DOTE for helping to make this happen
- **4-way stop:** we have formally requested the installation of a 4-way stop at the intersection of Linwood and Cryer as a means of calming traffic and creating an additional pedestrian crosswalk across Linwood. No news yet. Not getting hopes up as this is a state route and there are very specific protocols in place re: spacing of stop signs/signals (must be a certain distance away from traffic signals Linwood/Observatory and Linwood/Paxton)

Observatory Ave.

- **Speed Limit:** DOTE will conduct a traffic/speed study on Observatory between Madison and Edwards during the month of August, similar to the study recently completed on Linwood. Depending on the findings, DOTE will consider reducing the speed limit. Because this is not a state route, I believe DOTE (not the State of Ohio) has decision-rights.
- **Traffic Calming:** Per above, Observatory Ave. was included in HPNC’s submissions to DOTE for 2023 funding. The review/approval process is expected to take several months. I’m not getting my hopes up that our requests will be approved.
- **Private funding** – I am also pursuing a couple of work-around solutions involving private road striping companies. This could potentially open the door to a self-funding solution if DOTE funding remains a long-shot. The preferred solution – due to simplicity/cost – is to simply stripe a parking lane on each side of Observatory Ave. This would force auto traffic into a more clearly-defined, singular lane in each direction, and would protect for on-street parking on both sides of the street. It would also provide add’l safety for pedestrians on the sidewalks, as it would create a much needed buffer between autos and pedestrians. An initial cost estimate range of \$4000-\$14000 has been received (variability based on type of paint used). I’m working w/ DOTE to understand requirements, next steps, etc. given the alternative approach to funding. If DOTE remains open to this approach, I will then begin exploring fund-raising options w/ the Observatory neighbors (including partnering w/ HP School)



New Zoning Business

Public Library Parking Lot

Associated with HP Flats, the Falling Leaves project, there is incidental site work in the Library parking lot. The zoning committee was contacted by Brett W. Macht, RA of Emerson Design LLC, 310 Culvert Street Suite 100 | Cincinnati, OH 45202 | P 513 841 3901 | M 513 725 6407 | brett.macht@emersondesign.com.

There is no action required by the Trustees

New Applications/New Hearings

3543 Vista (2022P04929) - The applicant is seeking a location variance to place a garage/accessory structure in a side yard. It appears the property may have two front yards. The hearing has not been scheduled. The zoning committee is reviewing documents.

Old Business

19 Weebetook (ZH20220106) - An application for side yard setback relief was submitted. The hearing was July 27, 2022. The setback was approved. HPNC did not provide any comments.

Hyde Park Flats 3460 Michigan (2741 Erie) – demolition has started

Hyde Park School (3401 Edwards) – Construction has not started

Urban Design District Contributing Structure Review – HPNC Recommendations

There is no update from Maria Dienger-Planner

Virtual Zoning Hearing Instructions

In accordance with orders issued by state and local officials and applicable guidance concerning COVID-19, this hearing will be conducted using video-conferencing technology. This hearing will be closed to in-person attendance to comply with social distancing requirements. The link above will allow you to join this hearing using the Zoom website. It is important that each participant familiarize themselves with the Zoom video-conferencing technology **BEFORE** joining the hearing. Participants are strongly encouraged to visit the following link to join a test Zoom meeting - <https://zoom.us/test>. The test Zoom meeting will allow participants to ensure that all audio and video components are working properly on your computer or device. All desktop/laptop computers, tablets, and smartphones with internet access can join and participate in the hearing. Participants may also visit the Zoom Support Center to learn more about Zoom video-conferencing – [link](#).

Important Disclaimers

- Applicants and/or Owners may choose to **opt out** of the video-conferencing option. If an Applicant and/or Owner elects to opt out, the hearing will be placed on hold until in-person hearings resume. If you are an Applicant and/or Owner that would like to opt out of the video-conferencing option, please reply to this email immediately.
- Please be mindful of your environment when participating in the hearing. All participants must ensure that they eliminate background noise and distractions during the hearing. All participants are required to dress appropriately.
- Please avoid using virtual backgrounds during the hearing. If you have used virtual backgrounds in previous Zoom meetings, please ensure that they are turned off prior to joining this hearing.
- In the event of any technical difficulties or unforeseen circumstances, the Hearing Examiner reserves the right to continue or postpone this hearing at their discretion.
- The Hearing Examiner reserves the right to remove any participant from the hearing at their discretion.

If you have additional questions or would like more information about these process changes, please reply to this email or visit www.cincinnati-oh.gov/boards.



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Meeting at Knox Church called to order by President, S. Hassell at 7:07 p.m.

In Attendance: J. Buening, D. Hapner, S. Hassell, T. McEvoy, N. Lewis, T. Roe, B. Whitney, and V. Woodham

Advance Notice of Absence: A. Edwards, B. Frappier-Schirmang, S. Mullin, A. Rusche, B. Smyth, G Wollenweber

1. Guests:

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2 Officer Christine Barry distributed the neighborhood crime report for the period. Mailbox threats continue to be up, nearly 50% over last year. She is not able to offer any specific advice for handling these issues. Information is included in the President's report. She advised continued vigilance about mail and packages. The rape in the crime statistics was reported in District 2, but the attack itself may not have occurred in District 2. The case seems to be complicated, and the victim does not want to have the police investigate further. Additionally, Officer Barry noted that the listed burglary is also a complicated case, and the complainant also doesn't want an investigation. Finally, there was a discussion about Hyde Park reinstating a Neighborhood Watch program. J. Buening offered to ask Bob Wilke who used to be involved with the program (pre-Covid). Officer Barry can be reached at 979-4480. Christine.Barry@cincinnati-oh.gov. Captain Danita Pettis can be reached at: 979-4444 Danita.pettis@cincinnati-oh.gov. Police non-emergency line 765-1212.

Ben Lathrop, Manager HP Branch Library reported that the HP Baptist Church redevelopment project needs to address some sewer issues as part of their project. Because they need to access space in the HP Library lot, the developers are paying to redo the library's parking lot. The new lot will be at grade. Work is scheduled to start on August 3rd. This means that the library's parking lot will not be accessible for approx. 2 weeks. Additionally, the library will close for a couple of months over the winter for needed renovation work, such as the replacement of the elevator (the building is 110 years old and was last renovated in the 1970s) and overall improved accessibility. More details will be supplied at a future date. The library wants to be open as much as possible during construction. B Lathrop indicated that the staff plans to find

creative ways to continue serve the community during that time, such as offering curbside services.

Hyde Park School—informal update from Ed Pfaff. No definite date to begin construction. Kindergarten enrollment is up.

Debbie Serles (GRASP advocate) from Cincinnati Police Dept. GRASP is a 3 year grant received from Dept of Justice. Equipping families with persons with diagnoses of dementia, Alzheimer's, Autism with GPS devices to track loved ones in danger of elopement. People must live within one of the 5 Cincinnati Police districts. She also spoke about Smart 911. You can go online or on your phone and create a profile for your family. This helps attach a cell phone to location, rather than an address. The family profile can include as much helpful information for first responders (#kids, pets, medical diagnoses, etc.). This information will be available if you need to call 911 and is designed to make everything safer for the community and for officers. For more information, contact Debbie.Serls@cincinnati-oh.gov

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

J. Buening moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by T. McEvoy. All in favor. Motion carried. was approved.

3. Officer Reports

a. President's Report S. Hassell

4. Old Business

a. **Lead Pipe Replacement and Reimbursement for Residents who Paid Privately**

A draft letter has been prepared from HPNC to the city. The draft was edited slightly to indicate that the program was created by a previous city council. J. Buening offered advice to change the section that talks about what HPNC wants so that it appears in bold and is bulleted to ensure that the members of City Council can find this information easily.

N. Lewis moved to send the letter to the city. D. Hapner seconded the motion. Motion passed with 7 in favor with 1 abstention (T. McEvoy).

b. **Update on DORA from Tommy McEvoy:** the HP Square DORA unanimously passed the City Council vote and has been also approved by the State of Ohio. The street decal and cup designs are approved and have been ordered. They should arrive in late July. The city will need to approve the decal placement. The DORA entity is trying to work out how restaurants will be purchased the cups from the DORA. Austin Heidt is working with representatives from the city on this and will have an agreement for participating liquor license entities to sign. The DORA is targeted to open before the end of summer.

c. **Neighborhood Activation Fund**

Hyde Park East Event: —insurance is pending (October 1st, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Officer Sonny Kim Park). The event will include music by an acoustic duo, a bounce house, face painting, etc. We have approval for 2 food vendors. T. McEvoy has spoken to Dutch's.

Hyde Park Square Event: Sept 17th Circus in the Square. Organizers are going to reach out to HP School to see if they want to have a concurrent event at the school with a circus theme. J. Buening requests that if any other money is available from the grant or elsewhere that it be allocated to the event.

d. **HPNC Committees**

S. Hassell would like to encourage trustee and non-trustee participation on committees. He would especially like to find someone to help N. Lewis with finance and required reporting. Anthony Isaacs from the community has indicated that he would like to be involved with a Community Outreach committee.

5. **New Business**

Amendment for NSP Support Program (N Lewis) The summer reading program through Hyde Park Methodist, which was created during Covid, has ended. N. Lewis proposes supporting the Interfaith Hospitality Network program at the church instead. They sponsor 3 families over the summer to try to address all their needs. N. Lewis feels that this is a good program (NSP approves) and because the HPNC is now meeting monthly at HPCUM, we should give \$500 to the Interfaith Hospitality program instead.

The second minor change noted is that HPNC spent \$300 instead of \$200 on the annual meeting. N Lewis proposes taking \$100 from the printing budget to cover this expense. N. Lewis moves to reallocate the money. T. McEvoy seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

N. Lewis indicates that another amendment may be needed later in the year to account for additional budget shifts.

Housing Supply and Affordability (S. Hassell)

HPNC is being asked to proactively participate in discussions with the city about this issue. S. Hassell asks for any trustees who might be interested. J. Buening indicates she would be interested in representing HPNC in these discussions.

Residential Tax Abatement Study (S. Hassell)

N. Lewis had attended meetings on this during Covid. S. Hassell distributed a report prior to the meeting that showed that Hyde Park greatly (and disproportionately) benefitted from tax abatements, along with other wealthy neighborhoods. The report from the consultants proposes a scheme to more equitably implement the program. The program will be revised as of January 1,

2023. D. Hapner reminded the group that he had previously participated in the city's Property Tax Working group and that he would be happy to participate in discussions as well. A link to the report is included in this meeting's agenda.

Community Budget Requests (S. Hassell)

The city's budget process will begin shortly. The original schedule is that in July, HPNC should begin talking to city departments about projects. In August and September, HPNC will vote on projects and submit them to the city no later than September 30th. We then wait until May to find out what the city implements. S. Hassell indicates that many neighborhoods are skeptical of this process and the city's commitment to it. N. Lewis notes that HPNC has historically not had much success with getting budget requests implemented. The city advised community councils not request projects related to something that has a dedicated city budget, such as pedestrian safety. Additionally, the city suggests that the following types of projects are more likely to be implemented.

- Wayfinding for parking in business districts
- Neighborhood gateway signage
- Neighborhood plan development

Trustees discussed issues around possibly requesting neighborhood signage, given the complexities and controversies around the actual boundaries of Hyde Park. S. Hassell will share additional details on the types of projects that were approved previously. One person will need to submit all 3 proposals at once. J. Buening indicates that we can submit up to 3 proposals. She advocates for way finding signage and neighborhood gateway signage. She feels that because the city is interested in identifying neighborhoods, HPNC should strongly consider submitting requests for those sorts of projects.

There was a discussion regarding issues on Wasson Way trail between Edwards and Paxton Ave. D. Hapner noted that are issues at the Hyde Park Ave intersection at Wasson. The proposed remedy is to put up stop signs and take down the Rapid Flashing Beacons (RFBs). D. Hapner indicated that stop signs have been approved at that location.

D. Hapner also indicated that the pedestrian sign is down again in Hyde Park Square. J. Buening noted that the Business Association is interested in either a raised crosswalk or speed cushions at the existing pedestrian crossing locations on Hyde Park Square. T. Roe indicated that HPNC had applied for speed cushions in January and was rejected. J. Buening expressed that she is skeptical about the impact of speed cushions. T. Roe indicated that he is working on getting information about privately funding targeted pedestrian/traffic safety projects. T. Roe offered to meet with the HP Business Association to discuss the issue.

Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Blair Whitney, substituting for Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary

HPNC Financial Report - 2022

HPNC report for 2022		Budget	Jan/Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
	Revised July 10, 2022													
BEGINNING OPERATING BALANCE		22910.78	22910.78	22,833.43	32,852.54	32,809.09	31,128.03	28,207.53	28,045.53	26,764.64	26,764.64	26,764.64	26,764.64	22,910.78
RECEIPTS														
	NSP - 2022	rec'd 2021												0.00
	Membership	500	57.33	19.11	95.55	38.22	19.11	20.00	19.11					268.43
	Halloween Event	300												0.00
	Fundraiser	500												0.00
	Invest In Neighborhoods	630			861.00									861.00
	Miscellaneous Donations	500												0.00
	NAF funding	10000		10,000.00										10,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	12,430	57.33	10,019.11	956.55	38.22	19.11	20.00	19.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,129.43
DISBURSMENTS														
	<i>To Be Submitted to NSP</i>													
	<i>Newsletter</i>													
	- Mailing	0												0.00
	- Printing	0												0.00
	<i>HPNC Expenses</i>													
	- Intern	600												0.00
	- Web Domain Fee	600	20.98											20.98
	- Post Office Box	146						182.00						182.00
	- D/O Insurance	0												0.00
	- Halloween Event	300	113.70											113.70
	- Annual Meeting	300				277.28	39.61							316.89
	<i>Community Grants</i>													0.00
	- covid school supplies	500												0.00
	- Wasson Way	750												0.00
	- Hyde Park East	500												0.00
	- Hyde Park School	1,000			1,000.00									1,000.00
	- HydeParkChurch IHN	500							500.00					500.00
	- Knox Church covid relief	0												0.00
	- HPCOA	1000												0.00
	- Ault Park Fireworks	1,442				1,442.00			400.00					1,842.00
	NSP Subtotal	7,638												
	<i>Not Submitted to NSP</i>													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
	Miscellaneous Expenses	200												0.00
	NAF projects	10,000					2,900.00		400.00					3,300.00
	TOTAL DISBURSMENTS	18438.00	134.68	0.00	1000.00	1719.28	2939.61	182.00	1300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7275.57
ENDING OPERATING BALANCE		16,903	22,833.43	32,852.54	32,809.09	31,128.03	28,207.53	28,045.53	26,764.64	26,764.64	26,764.64	26,764.64	26,764.64	26,764.64

RE: 2022 Neighborhood Activation Fund Grant

Dear Hyde Park Neighborhood Council,

The Hyde Park Square Business Association ("HPSBA") is requesting additional funding for the 'Circus in September' event in Hyde Park Square on September 17, 2022 from 10a-2p. We are formally requesting an additional \$800 to pay for police detail during the event.

Thanks to your original funding, we will have multiple entertainers from the Cincinnati Circus both stationary in the Park as well as roaming around the square sidewalks.

In addition to the Circus Entertainment, we have 10+ businesses around the Square participating in Scavenger Hunt. The Scavenger Hunt will have families go around the square to various businesses to answer riddles or complete a task. Once the family completes the Hunt, they will be entered to win a prize pack of local gift cards, etc. Prize packs will include gifts donated by the businesses.

With all of this fun activity going on around the square, its important that we create a safe environment for the families. While this planning committee did not have the resources to shut down the streets, we do believe that placing police detail on both ends of Erie (an officer and a patrol car) will bring attention to the event to drivers to slow down. The Cincinnati Police Department quoted approximately \$800 for this service.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



- **Stilt Walker**
- **Balloon Artist**
- **Juggler Teaching Juggling**
- **Hula Hooper Teaching Hooping**
- **Tight Rope**
- **Rolling Globe**
- **Face Painting**
- **Roaming Magician**

Budget

Item	Amount	Status	Source
Circus Performers	\$2,900	Funded	Hyde Park Neighborhood Council NAF Grant
2-Car Police Safety	\$800	TBD	REQUESTED
Insurance	\$515	Funded	Hyde Park Square Business Association
Prizes	\$500	Donated	Local Businesses
Park Permit Fees	\$450	Provided	Cincinnati Parks
Decorations	\$250	Funded	Keep It Cincy
Marketing	\$250	Funded	Keep It Cincy
Total	\$5,665		