



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

7:00 pm

Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church

Agenda

Subject to change

1. Welcome

Location of future meetings:

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

2. Save-the-Date / Join Us for Hyde Park community events

- Mark your calendars and join us for two free family-friendly events to activate Hyde Park! Both are funded by the City of Cincinnati and supported by HPNC.
 - Saturday 9/17, 10am-2pm, **Circus on the Square**, Hyde Park Square
(<https://www.hydeparksquare.org/events/circus-in-september>)
 - Saturday 10/1, 1-4pm, **East Hyde Park Fall Family Fest**, Officer Sonny Kim Park at East Hyde Park Commons

3. Guests (10-14 minutes)

- Cincinnati Police Department, Officer Christine Barry
- Hyde Park Library, Ben Lathrop (moved to Item #8 tonight)
- Cincinnati Recreation Center, Blake Williams (moved to item #7 tonight)
- Hyde Park School, TBD
- Resource Coordinator, Clark Montessori, Joyia Johnson
- Other Guests

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

5. Officer Reports

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

6. Committee Reports & Representatives

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

7. Plans for new Oakley Rec Center (10 minutes)

Blake Williams, Service Area Coordinator, Cincinnati Recreation Commission

8. Hyde Park Library Renovation (10-15 minutes)

- Ben Lathrop, Hyde Park Library
- Brett Macht, emersion DESIGN

9. Old Business

- Community Budget Requests
 - HPNC met goal to contact City Project Managers by 8/31/22. All contacts are within DOTE.
 - Received positive feedback on all, including two signage projects into 1. This leads to 3 requests:
 1. Gateway signage for Hyde Park and improved wayfinding signage for parking in Hyde Park Square
 2. Lighting at crosswalks in Hyde Park Square
 3. Fix stormwater drainage on sidewalk, on northern side of Erie close to Bayard on way to Victoria
 - Next Steps
 - City requests formal community council vote on our requests
 - Then prepare and submit more detailed requests, including:
 - For signage, prepare “dot map” showing desired locations for major and minor signs
 - For lighting, clarify if we are asking for Square’s internal crosswalks only or all crosswalks to adjacent streets
 - Volunteers to help flesh out details and prepare submissions?
 - Submit proposals by Friday, September 30, 2022 at 4:00 pm via online portal.
 - **Proposed Motion:** HPNC approves submitting the following three Community Budget Requests: [see descriptions above]
- Residential Tax Abatement (RTA) study, recommendations, and request for feedback from community councils
 - Since last month’s HPNC meeting, has anyone had thoughts on the RTA study and recommendations?
 - Invest In Neighborhoods has created a form to collect feedback from individuals and councils.
 - Do we wish to provide HPNC feedback? If so, what? Scott can 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/1FAIpQLSetN5qQnCNnyl4gfNvwEaoUpO1wzHgeEMUegqTSu7-P51VwA/viewform>
- Neighborhood Activation Fund (NAF) Update
 - Of the \$10,000, \$9,200 have been allocated by HPNC.
 - Since our last meeting, HPNC was provided an additional \$2844 in NAF Round 1 funds by Invest In Neighborhoods. Funds can be used through January 31, 2023
 - How do we wish to use these funds? Additional support to two planned events? A third event?
 - Hyde Park Square
 - In May, HPNC approved and wrote check for \$2,900 to Cincinnati Circus.

- In August, HPSBA requested an additional \$800 to pay for a Police detail by two off-duty Police Officers. HPNC approved \$400.
 - **POTENTIAL VOTE:** Additional \$400 for Police detail? Funds to purchase gift certificates to support businesses on the Square (i.e., similar to what is happening in Hyde Park East)?
- Hyde Park East
 - Previously, HPNC approved a proposal for \$6,300
 - **POTENTIAL VOTE:** Additional funds?
- Reminder to all organizers: Communications must include “Funded by City of Cincinnati”. Details have been sent to organizers.
- HPNC Membership Drive
 - Update from Membership Committee Chair
 - HPNC trustees: Please renew your membership
 - Update on website’s “Become a Member” form and Mailchimp distribution list and improvements underway.
- Updates to HPNC Committees
 - Critical Gaps – We are seeking **trustee** and **non-trustee** committee members for
 - Finance
 - Zoning, Vice Chair
 - If you would like to join a committee, please email hpncpres@gmail.com.

10. New Business

- Zoning
- City revisions related to sandwich board signage in Urban Design Overlay Districts (UDODs)
- Oakley request for Urban Parking Overlay District (UPOD) on the Oakley side of Wasson between Edwards and Paxton

11. Adjourn



HPNC Committee Reports

September 2022

Ault Park Advisory Council – Blair Whitney

The park's final summer music festival series is Thursday, September 15th 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/september-summer-music-festival-saffire-express/?event_date=2022-09-15

East Hyde Park Community Event – Tommy McEvoy

The team is continuing to press forward with planning efforts. Advertising signs and an online event promotion campaign should be in place later this week. Many thanks to Janet Buening for her advocacy and help with CRC. Because of her efforts, CRC has made both electricity and the park space available for the event at no cost to the event.

Education – Dave Hapner

Thanks to Norm for allocating monies for back-to-school COVID-19 supplies for HP schools. I delivered a check to the CPS Ed Center a couple of weeks ago.

Hyde Park School – Val Woodham

LSDMC had a meeting, Jill or Ed will attend our September meeting to give updates regarding the construction etc.

Membership – Annie Rusche

- - 6 new members have donated. Our goal is 50 for this fall.
- - Signs will be displayed by Tuesday.
- - HPNC will have a presence at the East Hyde Park event. Square event presence pending.

Treasurer Report and Neighborhood Support Program – Norm Lewis

- HPNC received an "extra" \$2844 for NAF projects. HPNC board needs to vote on which projects to fund with this money.
- HPNC wrote checks to spend our 2022 Neighborhood Support Program funds, and we received an approval of a minor amendment to our 2022 NSP proposal that accounts for actual expenses (no new projects added).
- Waiting to submit our 2022 final report due Sept 30 until I get the cancelled checks back and collect the missing receipts. The 2022 final report must be approved by Invest before we can submit the 2023 NSP proposal. It looks likely that 2023 NSP will revert to a Jan-Dec calendar year. No particular mention about expenses incurred between the end of 2022 NSP contract (Aug 30) and the maybe beginning of 2023 NSP contract (Jan 1).

HPNC Financial Report
August 6, 2022-September 13, 2022

RECEIPTS

8/15/22	Membership	57.33
8/29/22	Additional NAF funds	2844.00
9/2/22	Membership	38.22
9/6/22	Membership	19.11
9/9/22	Membership	19.11
TOTAL		\$2977.77

DISBURSEMENTS

8/9/22	1491	Academy rental group (HPE-NAF)	1128.28
8/28/22	1492	Smyth&Mullin llc (website hosting)	440.00
8/27/22	1493	Annie Rusche (membership expenses	342.60
8/28/22	1496	Cincinnati Public Schools (covid supplies)	500.00
8/29/22	1494	Tim Schirmang(HPE Pillar supplies)	500.00
8/29/22	1495	Wasson Way (landscaping)	750.00
8/30/22	1497	55 North (vehicle repair)	1000.00
8/30/22	1498	Gytis Matulaitis(website intern)	600.00
TOTAL			\$5260.88

Wasson Way – Dave Hapner

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) were taken down at the Hyde Park Ave intersection of Wasson Rd next to the trail, replaced by 4-way stop signs, which was the long-range solution for that crosswalk, proposed by DOTE. There are caution signs indicating the presence of the stop signs on each side of the road, east and west, and things are looking good at that crosswalk. Safe crossing without having to go to Paxton or Edwards, especially for the people coming from the Oakley side of Wasson to the trail.



September topics:

- 1) Linwood Ave.
- 2) Observatory Ave.

Linwood Ave.

- **Public rally** – following the tragic pedestrian fatality on August 27, a group of 60+ Linwood neighbors held a public rally on September 8 at the intersection Linwood/Paxton, bringing additional visibility to the ongoing safety issues.
- **DOTe dialog** – On Friday, Sept 2 I met w/ DOTE to discuss potential solutions for Linwood Ave. The 2 proposed solutions were as follows: *(please note: no commitment has been made by DOTE to implement either of these solutions... just to explore them w/ the neighbors. Funding remains constrained)*
 - **Option 1: Cheap option** – stripe parking lanes on each side of street. Remove rush-hour lanes to reduce to 1 lane in each direction, all the time. This maintains parking on both sides of street and moves cars away from sidewalks. Possibility to also add speed cushions, but at a high cost. *(the drawback of this option is the lack of a center turn-lane, which means traffic could get backed-up if a motorist is attempting to turn left and there is no break in the oncoming traffic. Although an occasional traffic back-up might actually help w/ the current speeding problem)*
 - **Option 2: Expensive version** – stripe a parking lane on only one side of road. Add a center turn lane. 1 lane of traffic in each direction. Include speed cushions. *(the drawback of this option – in addition to cost/feasibility – is that it limits on-street parking to only one side of Linwood, which is challenging given the high population density and corresponding need for sufficient parking. It also would require many residents to cross the street to access their parked cars. The last thing we need is for more pedestrians to be crossing Linwood)*
 - In addition to the above options, also exploring a **4-way stop** (with crosswalks) at Cryer/Linwood intersection.
 - The next step in the process is for HPNC to submit a formal, written request to DOTE to implement one of the above solutions



Observatory Ave.

- **Speed Limit:** DOTE conducted a traffic/speed study on Observatory between Madison and Edwards during the month of August, similar to the study recently completed on Linwood (which resulted in speed limit reduction on Linwood). Unfortunately, the speed study on Observatory did not yield a reduction in the posted speed limit.
- **Neighborhood meeting:** On August 30, approximately 20 residents of Observatory Ave. met to discuss the ongoing traffic/safety challenges and align on a recommended solution. The 3 elements of the proposed solution (which were shared w/ DOTE on Sept 2) are as follows:
 - 1) Striping of dedicated parking lanes on each side of Observatory
 - 2) Installation of “your speed” signs (n = 2)
 - 3) Stop sign at Menlo/Observatory

These requests were discussed w/ DOTE during Sept 2 meeting. Awaiting response from DOTE re: potential funding options. Additionally, requested that DOTE “merge” the Linwood and Observatory solutions together into a single project, given the connectedness of these two streets.



New Zoning Business

UDOD Sandwich Board Text Amendment – Gary Wollenweber attended the Staff Conference Sept 5 and learned the background on attached Ordinance that will permit sandwich board signs in Urban Design Overlay Districts (UDOD).

1. City considers sandwich board signs as *temporary signs*, and they are not permitted in any UDOD by S1 in CMC Chapter 1437-09,
2. About one year ago, someone complained about a Mt. Washington sign, and the owner was fined \$700/day by city. Not sure why someone complained (perhaps in the way of pedestrian or blocking a car door???).
3. Proposed ordinance adds S6 to 1437-09 which would allow sandwich signs in Mt Washington, but it does not modify 1437-09 to permit sandwich signs in any other UDOD.
4. Neither the City nor multiple Mt. Washington business owners, neighborhood council members or City administrators wanted to talk about any other neighborhood except Mt. Washington.
5. There is a \$2500 application fee for each UDOD unless sponsored by a Councilperson. Mt Washington was sponsored by Councilperson Kerney.
6. Other temporary signs & banners in UD are also at risk of citation (HP School, dentist at Shaw, library, Mesa Loca, Knox church, farmers market routinely use banners).

Now we know Sandwich Board signs are not permitted in UDOD #4 (HPS BD) and #11 (HP East BD). Should HPNC educate business owners and potentially support approval for sandwich signs in HP or do nothing?

Public Library Parking Lot - Associated with HP Flats, the Falling Leaves project, Terrex (contractor) is relocating a portion of the combined sewer in Library parking lot. The Zoning Committee (ZC) 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 | to discuss a new parking lot design and several variances that will be needed.

The ZC met with Mr, Macht and library representatives on September 1 and learned that the Terrex is offering to level, repave, and improve the parking lot at no cost to the library. The improvement will also add about 50% more parking spaces, but several variances will be required. The library will need to request variances (on behalf of Terrex) on the following items:

- 1423-13 Required Buffer Yards
The library property adjoins RM 1 & 2 along the east and south property lines.
There is no existing buffer, nor is one planned with the proposed development.
- 1425-29 Parking Lot Screening
The library property adjoins RM 1 & 2 along the east and south property lines.
There is an existing chain link fence along the east and south (but not a solid screen), nor is any new screening planned with the proposed development.
- 1425-29 Parking Lot Landscaping
The proposed development is bringing the parking lot closer to the property lines and will be less than 3' landscape perimeter in some areas.

The design is not complete, so ZC does not have a recommendation at this time. The zoning committee recommended that the final design incorporate some landscaping and tree elements to replace the perimeter trees lost by widening the parking lot and rearranging the driveways. We would be willing to trade required buffer yard and screening for landscaping and tree elements at other locations.

The ZC will meet with Mr. Macht again when the design is complete.

Proposed Urban Parking Overlay District in Oakley--Notice of Public Staff Conference

9/19 @ 4pm

Zoom only

On August 7, 2013, Cincinnati City Council amended the Zoning Code to add section 1425-04 Urban Parking Overlay Districts, which allows City Council to establish Urban Parking Overlay Districts which remove all parking regulations within the Overlay District Boundary. The Oakley Community Council has requested an Urban Parking Overlay District (UPOD) along Madison Road, encompassing the neighborhood business district, along [apparent typo left out the word "with"] Wasson Road between Edwards and Paxton.

To register, contact: Jesse.Urbancsik@cincinnati.gov; 513-352-4843

More info at: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/planning-projects-and-studies/active-ongoing/oakley-upod/>

New Applications/New Hearings

2686 Grandin Road (ZH20220132) and 2684 Grandin Place (ZH20220129)

A locational variance - Proposed variance to allow an accessory structure in the front yard of a residential property. An in-ground pool is considered an accessory structure and is proposed in the front yard (north side) of the parcel. The Zoning Committee did not comment. The hearing was September 7, 2022.

3101 Victoria (ZH20220130) Proposed variance of 4.2' from the 10' minimum SF-10 side setback requirement to allow a 5.8' east side setback to an existing garage; and a 31.5' variance from the SF-10 rear setback requirement of 35' to allow a 3.5' rear setback to an existing garage. The Zoning Committee did not comment. The hearing was September 7, 2022.

2881 Ziegle (ZH20220128) Two dimensional variances – Proposed variance of 0.7' from the minimum side setback requirement of 5.75' (5'9") for a 40' wide SF-6 subminimum lot width and a proposed variance of 15.2' from the 35' minimum SF-6 rear setback requirement to allow a 19.8' rear setback to the deck to allow a 5.1' east side setback of new deck with pergola. The Zoning Committee did not comment. The hearing was September 7, 2022.

3543 Vista (2022P04929) - The applicant is seeking a location variance to place a garage/accessory structure in a front yard. It appears the property may have two front yards. The zoning committee reviewed documents and offered no comment because the variance is consistent with abutting and other properties on the same block. The hearing was August 31, 2022. No decision has been issued.

Old Business

Hyde Park Flats 3460 Michigan (2741 Erie) – demolition is complete, sewer relocation underway.

Hyde Park School (3401 Edwards) – Construction has started, there is a hole where new classroom addition will be.

Urban Design District Contributing Structure Review – HPNC Recommendations

While there has been some clarifying communication with Maria Dienger-Planner, and she hopes to complete this fall, there has been no date or time proposed for the meeting to discuss the City’s evaluation and recommendation.

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, August 9, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Meeting at Knox Church called to order by President, S. Hassell at 7:05 p.m.

In Attendance: J. Buening, A. Edwards, B. Frappier-Schirmang, S. Hassell, T. McEvoy, S. Mullin, N. Lewis, A. Rusche, A. Schutte, B. Whitney, G. Wollenweber, and V. Woodham.

Advance Notice of Absence: D. Hapner, T. Roe, and B. Smyth.

Guests:

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2 Officer Christine Barry and Sergeant Sellers

distributed the neighborhood crime report for the period. The Ohio Department of Transportation and Engineering has reduced the speed limit on Linwood Avenue to 30 mph to promote pedestrian safety. New signage to be in place soon. Officer Barry talked about the rash of vehicle thefts in Hyde Park and around the city. Kias and Hyundais are being targeted as a result of a viral YouTube video showing how to steal those makes without a key using a simple flash drive. 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.

Hyde Park Library—Branch Manager Ben Lathrop shared that the branch is undergoing a minor renovation project. The project is not expected to interrupt any hours or programming at the branch.

Hyde Park School—G. Wollenweber reported that construction barriers have been put in place at Hyde Park School. The project will begin later in August.

Bob and Diane Brown—Hyde Park residents (1 Grandin Lane) shared their concern about a potential teardown (2219 Grandin Road) around the corner from their residence. The house is a historic home, on a one-acre lot, constructed in 1880, and one of the oldest on Grandin Road. The buyer who purchased the home in June 2022 said his intention was to renovate it, however no work has begun to date. The Browns are concerned that a teardown of a historic property will be a detriment to the neighborhood and open the door for more property owners to follow suit. At present, no demolition permit has been applied for.

Janet Smith—Chair of the Hyde Park Art Show shared that the annual art show will take place as always, the first Sunday in October (this year on October 2). The square will be closed to traffic for the duration of the show as will portions of Edwards, and Michigan. She asked for volunteer help on the morning and afternoon of the show to mark booth spaces, set up art boards, and traffic control. Anyone interested can contact Janet directly. We will also post a link for volunteers on our website and social media accounts.

1. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

B. Frappier-Schirmang moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by T. McEvoy. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. **Old Business**

a. **Community Budget Requests**

S. Hassell shared that proposals must be submitted by the end of September and notification of approval of any requests will be made in May of 2023. The Board discussed options including wayfinding for parking in the HP business district, neighborhood gateway signage, neighborhood plan development, fixing stormwater drainage on the sidewalk on the north side of Erie near Bayard, improved lighting in pedestrian crosswalks. Several Trustees expressed concern about visual clutter by adding any additional signage around Hyde Park. The stormwater drainage matter on Erie by Bayard is better suited for a request on the Fix It Cincy app. Several Trustees suggested the possibility of an Artworks mural in Hyde Park, possibly along the Wasson way Trail. At the September meeting the Board will need a motion/vote on what we plan to submit as Community Budget Requests.

b. **RTA Residential Tax Abatement Study**

S. Hassell shared that the consultant hired by the City has reviewed data and provided recommendations based upon their review to the NCAC Subcommittee on Housing and Economic Development. Hyde Park homeowners have received \$40 million of the total \$200 million in incentives. The Committee is hoping to make the incentives more equitable without gentrifying neighborhoods to a degree that displaces residents. G. Wollenweber said that in the past many were opposed to using different criteria in different neighborhoods. A big part of the discussion was how to use diverse criteria without encouraging tear-downs and new builds vs. renovations. Some residents expressed concern for and interest in allowing seniors to age in place. One resident shared that fewer than 50% of the properties that qualify for the abatement are tear-downs, but rather are remodels. The same resident also offered that the abatement program encourages investment in our neighborhoods, increases the tax base, and improves public services and road maintenance.

c. **Neighborhood Activation Fund (NAF) Proposal**

Of the \$10,000, \$2,900 has been allocated to the HP Square Circus in the Square event, \$6,300 to the HP East celebration and \$800 not yet allocated. The HP Square Circus event will require an additional police detail for safety for the scavenger hunt.

J. Buening moved, ***“That the HPNC distribute \$800 of the remaining NAF funds in support of the 9/17 Circus in the Square event.”*** Second by N. Lewis. Motion failed.

The Board discussed options for the remaining funds. The HPSBA could have applied for \$10,000 in NAF funds and chose not to do so. The Hyde Park East event’s budget has been updated and insurance and permitting efforts are ongoing. T. McEvoy moved, ***“That the remaining \$800 NAF funds be allocated \$400 to the HP Square Circus event and remaining \$400 be left in the Hyde Park East budget in case it is needed.”*** Second by G. Wollenweber. All in favor, motion carried.

3. **New Business**

- a. **Membership** A. Rusche provided an update on the Hyde Park Perks program and the upcoming September membership drive. The plan is to outline and highlight how membership on the Neighborhood Council benefits Hyde Park and the value of the HP Perks program for local businesses and residents. There will be signage encouraging membership and Annie asks for help in walking our neighborhood with letters to share with residents about the Neighborhood Council membership drive. The details will also be posted on our website and social media accounts.
- b. **Community Engagement -- Anthony Isaacs** talked about getting Hyde Park residents interested and engaged in community projects and showing how the Council is important to the vibrancy of the neighborhood. The idea is to do the work, share the result, and engage other participants. Manageably sized projects will encourage residents and allow them to see results without a long-term commitment. Posting about the project, work, and results will be part of the plan.

Anthony undertook an initial small project to clear the overgrown vegetation from the walking path that connects Tamarack Avenue to Withrow H.S. and Wulsin Park on July 28th. The results are great and there is improved access for walkers, runners, bikers, and strollers in the area. Anthony will connect with T. McEvoy to ensure that before and after photos are posted on our website and social media accounts.

- c. **Updating HPNC Committee Roster** S. Hassell asked Trustees to confirm interest in the committees they are presently assigned to and request service on any different committees. Any Trustee wishing to chair a committee should share their interest with Scott. There is still a gap on the Finance Committee, with N. Lewis serving as chair and sole member. G. Wollenweber mentioned that he would like a vice chair for the Zoning Committee.

Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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	27,164.64	24,881.53	24,881.53	24,881.53	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	133.77				402.20
	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						2,844.00				12,844.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	12,430	57.33	10,019.11	956.55	38.22	19.11	20.00	19.11	2,977.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,107.20
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								600				600.00
	- Web Domain Fee	600	20.98							440.00				460.98
	- 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								500.00				500.00
	- Wasson Way	750								750.00				750.00
	- Hyde Park East	500								500.00				500.00
	- 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 (55 North)	1000								1,000.00				1,000.00
	- Ault Park Fireworks	1,442				1,442.00								1,442.00
	NSP Subtotal	7,638	134.68	0.00	1,000.00	1,719.28	39.61	182.00	500.00	3,790.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,365.57
	<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								342.60				342.60
	Miscellaneous Expenses	200												0.00
	NAF projects	10,000					2,900.00		400.00	1,128.28				4,428.28
	TOTAL DISBURSMENTS	18438.00	134.68	0.00	1000.00	1719.28	2939.61	182.00	900.00	5260.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	12136.45
ENDING OPERATING BALANCE		16,903	22,833.43	32,852.54	32,809.09	31,128.03	28,207.53	28,045.53	27,164.64	24,881.53	24,881.53	24,881.53	24,881.53	24,881.53



City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2022

MODIFYING Title XIV, "Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, by **AMENDING** the provisions of Sections 1427-26, "Sandwich Board Sign Regulations," 1437-07, "Applications Subject to Review," and 1437-09, "Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts," to allow the placement of sandwich board signs in designated Urban Design Overlay Districts.

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to permit the placement of sandwich board signs in designated Urban Design Overlay Districts ("Districts") to allow for the efficient and affordable marketing of businesses within those Districts; and

WHEREAS, the use of sandwich board signs will allow for temporary marketing of neighborhood businesses without detracting from the aesthetics, character, or safety of the Districts or the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, allowing the use of sandwich board signs will support and facilitate future development in the Districts and is compatible with existing commercial uses in the Districts; and

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting on _____, the City Planning Commission reviewed and considered proposed text amendments to allow the placement of sandwich board signs in designated Urban Design Overlay Districts, and it determined that the text amendments are in the interest of the public's health, safety, morals, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, a committee of Council held a public hearing on the proposed text amendments, following due and proper notice pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 111-1, and the committee approved the amendments, finding them in the interest of the public's health, safety, morals, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the text amendments are in accordance with the Live Initiative Area of Plan Cincinnati (2012), particularly the goal to "create a more livable community" by supporting and stabilizing our neighborhoods (p. 156); and

WHEREAS, the Council finds the proposed text amendments to be in the best interest of the City and the public's health, safety, morals, and general welfare; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Section 1437-07, "Applications Subject to Review," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1437-07. - Applications Subject to Review.

- (a) The Zoning Administrator has the duty to review the following permits in an established Urban Design Overlay District for compliance with the base requirements of the district:
 - (1) *Signs*: Permits for the installation of all signs, with the exception of sandwich board signs authorized pursuant to § 723-9.
 - (2) *Awnings*: Permits for the installation of all awnings.
 - (3) *Mechanical Equipment and Utilities*: Permits for the installation of all exterior mechanical equipment and utility service connections.
 - (4) *Replacement Windows*: Permits for the installation of replacement windows.
 - (5) *Exterior Renovation or Alterations of Existing Structures*: Permits for exterior renovations, alterations, or additions.
 - (6) *Eating and Drinking Establishments*: Permits for Restaurants, Limited.
- (b) The Zoning Hearing Examiner shall approve, approve with conditions or disapprove an application for the following types of development in an established Urban Design Overlay District in accordance with the base requirements of the district:
 - (1) New construction: Permits for new construction.
 - (2) Demolition: Permits for demolition.
- (c) The City Planning Commission is authorized to exercise the powers granted to the Zoning Hearing Examiner pursuant to Chapter 1437 when an application is submitted in connection with an application to subdivide land.
- (d) The Director of Buildings and Inspections is authorized to order the demolition of a building located in an established Urban Design Overlay District, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b), if he or she finds that the building poses an immediate threat to public health or safety.

Section 2. That Section 1437-09, “Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1437-09. – Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts.

Development within individual UD Overlay Districts must comply with the standards prescribed below that the ordinance that establishes the UD Overlay District declares applicable to that district. These standards are intended to implement policies in adopted urban design plans. Whenever the standards conflict with the development regulations of the underlying district, these standards supersede those regulations. The following regulations will apply to some or all of the

UD Overlay Districts as determined by the urban design plan prepared and adopted for each district. Refer to Schedule 1437-09 for applicability.

Urban Design District Standards

Schedule 1437-09

	UD #1	UD #2	UD #3	UD #4	UD #5	UD #6	UD #7	UD #8	UD #9	UD #10	UD #11	UD #12	UD #13	UD #14	UD #15
S1		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<u>S6</u>								<u>X</u>							
A1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
M1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

W1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
R1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
R2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
E1		X	X	X	X		X				X				
F1		X													X
N1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
N2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
D1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

UD #1 - College Hill Business District	UD #9 - Mt. Airy Business District
UD #2 - Clifton Business District	UD #10 - Columbia-Tusculum Business District
UD #3 - Hartwell Business District	UD #11 - Hyde Park East Business District
UD #4 - Hyde Park Square Business District	UD #12 - Mt. Lookout Square
UD #5 - Oakley Square Business District	UD #13 - Pleasant Ridge Business District
UD #6 - University Village Business District	UD #14 - Kennedy Heights Business District
UD #7 - North Avondale Along Reading Road	UD #15 - Roselawn Business District

(a) *Signs and Signage Standards:*

S1. Prohibited Signs:

- All blinking, flashing, rotating or moving signs, except barber poles and theater marquees;
- Neon signs;
- Banners, portable or temporary signs except sandwich board signs where permitted pursuant to Schedule 1437-09;
- Rooftop signs, signs or awnings extending above the roofline of the building, or signs or awnings that extend above the window sill line of the second floor of the building;
- Any advertising sign on or about an unoccupied building, except those related to the sale or rental of that building;
- All signs, handbills, or flyers on utility poles, except those installed by the city and state.
- All outdoor advertising signs, as that term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 895.

S2. Projecting Signs

- Projecting signs shall not be used except for small identification or trademark signs symbolic of the business identified.
- The copy of all signs should identify the predominant business on the premises or its principal product or service.
- Advertising signs are prohibited.
- Projecting signs shall not exceed six square feet per sign face and shall not exceed 12 square feet for all faces.
- Projecting signs should be located over entry doors or building columns or piers and shall be limited to one projecting sign per business.
- All sign supports shall be simple in nature, have no visible guy wires and be made less obtrusive with camouflaging color in harmony with the surrounding environment.

- S3. In the case where buildings have multiple storefronts occupied by different tenants, the allowable signage area for each tenant will be calculated based upon the

storefront street frontage in order to maintain a proportional distribution of signage area.

S4. For businesses located within an interior portion of a building, or on the second floor or higher story of a building and lacking an exterior wall or window area, a sign identifying the business no larger than six square feet may be affixed to the exterior of the building. This sign area shall be included in the maximum allowable area for all signs on the property.

S5. Ground signs: where permitted, ground signs shall meet the following standards:

- Ground signs shall be a maximum sign area of not more than one square foot of sign area per linear foot of street frontage per sign face, up to a maximum sign area of 30 square feet per face, or 60 square feet for all sign faces.
- Ground signs shall be limited to two sign faces and shall not exceed six feet in height.
- Ground signs shall be located at or near the primary street frontage.
- Ground signs shall be compatible with the design of the building in proportion, shape, scale, materials, colors, and lighting.

S6. Sandwich board signs are permitted, subject to the provisions of § 723-9 and § 1427-26.

(b) *Awning Standards:*

A1. Awnings shall meet the following standards:

- Awnings shall project no more than two-thirds the width of the sidewalk or six feet, whichever is less.
- Awnings shall run parallel to the face of the building.
- Awnings shall be located within the existing building framework - between columns and below spandrel panels. Awning colors and design shall be compatible with the colors and design of the building.
- Structural supports for all awnings shall be contained within the awning covering.
- Each storefront bay shall have a similar awning to the other storefront bays on the same building.
- Awnings shall be designed to be harmonious with the architecture of the building that they are to be placed on. They shall relate in shape and proportion to the building's architectural elements such as window and opening shapes, facade articulation and general character of the building.

(c) *Mechanical Equipment and Utility Standards:*

M1. Mechanical equipment, including air conditioning, piping, ducts, and conduits external to the building shall be concealed from view from adjacent buildings or street level by grills, screens or other enclosures. Electric and other utility service connections shall be underground for new construction and encouraged for all other changes.

(d) *Replacement Window Standards:*

W1. Replacement windows shall meet the following standards:

- Replacement windows shall fit the size and style of the original openings.
- Original window and door openings shall not be enclosed or bricked-in on the street elevation. Where openings on the sides or rear of the building are to be closed, the infill materials shall match that of the wall and be recessed a maximum of three inches within the opening.

(e) *Exterior Renovation or Alterations of Existing Structures:*

R1. Renovations, alterations or additions shall be designed and executed in a manner that is sympathetic to the particular architectural character of the structure being worked on. Architectural elements shall be sensitively designed to reflect the detailing and materials associated with the particular style of the building.

R2. Renovations and restorations of older buildings shall respect the original building design, including structure, use of materials and details. New materials or signs shall not cover original materials and detailing. Natural materials (brick, slate, glass, stone, etc.) shall be retained in their natural state and not covered with any other contemporary materials. Materials that are out of keeping with the historic character of the building shall be removed from the facade upon significant exterior renovation or restoration of the existing structure.

(f) *Eating and Drinking Establishments:*

E1. Restaurants, Limited shall meet the following standards:

- No more than 45 percent of their gross floor area may be devoted to food preparation, related activities and other space not accessible to the public;
- No more than 35 percent of the restaurant's sales by dollar volume are carry-out and the patrons are served with other than single-use utensils, plates and beverage containers.
- The consumption of food or beverage in automobiles parked upon the premises is prohibited.

(g) *Franchise Establishments:*

- F1. New businesses should contribute to the desired mix of commercial activities; franchise type establishments are acceptable provided that they are primarily pedestrian and not automobile oriented.

(h) *New Construction:*

- N1. New buildings shall be compatible with their surroundings. Architectural style, bulk, shape, massing, scale and form of new buildings and the space between and around buildings shall be consistent with the area; and should be in harmony with neighboring buildings.
- New buildings shall respond to the pattern of window placement in the district. The designs of new buildings shall avoid long unrelieved expanses of wall along the street by maintaining the rhythm of windows and structural bays in the district. The preferred pattern of ground floor windows is open show windows, with inset or recessed entryways; and landscaping, lighting and other amenities equivalent to those existing in the district.
 - Buildings shall de-emphasize secondary rear or side door entrances to commercial space, unless the entrances are associated with public parking areas.
- N2. The Zoning Hearing Examiner shall review and consider the applicable urban design plan and other applicable community plans approved by City Council when making decisions for projects in an Urban Design District.
- New buildings and proposed uses shall be consistent with the goals, objectives and guidelines of the applicable urban design plan or other applicable community plans approved by City Council.
- N3 At the request of an applicant, the Zoning Hearing Examiner may conduct a review of a new building or change in use of a property in two parts: (i) first, an initial review of schematic plans in which setbacks, structure and site improvement placement, massing, building envelope, and uses are considered; and (ii) second, a subsequent review in which final plans, materials, and designs are considered.

(i) *Demolition:*

- D1. An existing building may only be demolished if the owner of the building, or a person authorized by the owner of the building, demonstrates that one of the following standards is met:
- The building does not contribute to the physical character and economic vitality of the district, which is determined by weighing the following factors:
 - (i) whether the building is identified as a contributing building or recommended for demolition by the applicable urban design plan or other applicable community plans approved by City Council;

- (ii) whether the building's architectural style, bulk, shape, massing, scale, form, and setbacks are consistent with the predominant characteristics of the district;
 - (iii) whether the building is iconic or specially associated with the district;
 - (iv) whether the demolition of the building will negatively impact the district streetscape; and
 - (v) whether the building is obsolete, damaged, in a state of disrepair, dilapidated, or unsanitary, and whether its condition was caused by the owner or his or her predecessors through deliberate action or willful neglect.
- The demolition of the building will facilitate the construction of a new building or the establishment of a use that will contribute to the physical character and economic vitality of the district, which is demonstrated by evidence that the owner, or a person authorized by the owner, has:
 - (i) obtained final approval to construct a new building or change the use of property pursuant to the requirements of subsection (h) above;
 - (ii) obtained all building permit approvals necessary to commence the new construction or effect the change in use, and
 - (iii) certified via affidavit or sworn testimony as to his or her intent to diligently pursue the construction of the new building or change in use if demolition of the building is approved.
 - Prohibiting demolition of the building would impose economic hardship on its owner, which is determined by weighing the following factors:
 - (i) whether the owner would be denied all economically viable use of the property if demolition is not approved;
 - (ii) whether the owner's reasonable investment-backed expectations may be maintained if demolition is not approved; and
 - (iii) whether the owner's actions created or exacerbated the alleged economic hardship.

Section 3. That Section 1427-26, "Sandwich Board Sign Regulations," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1427-26. Sandwich Board Sign Regulations.

The following regulations apply to sandwich board signs (See § 1427-03-S), unless more specifically regulated elsewhere in this Chapter or by the District regulations applicable to the zoning district in which the sign is located:

- (a) Only one sandwich board sign is permitted per retail business or service.
- (b) Such a sign shall be displayed only during the business hours of the establishment.
- (c) Each sandwich board sign shall be limited in size to a maximum total sign face area of 12 square feet and 6 square feet for any single face. A single sign face shall not exceed 3 feet in height and 2 feet in width.
- (d) Sandwich board signs in the public right of way shall be in compliance with § 723-9-§ 723-12 of the Municipal Code ~~(Ordained by Ord. No. 184-1992, eff. May 29, 1992).~~
- (e) Sandwich board signs shall not require a building permit or Certificate of Compliance.

Section 4. That existing Sections 1427-26, "Sandwich Board Sign Regulations," 1437-07, "Applications Subject to Review," and 1437-09, "Development Standards in UD Overlay Districts," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code are hereby repealed.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

New language underscored. Deleted language indicated by strike through.