



## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023**

**7:00 pm**

**Clark Montessori**

### **Agenda**

*Subject to change*

#### **1. Welcome**

#### **2. Location of future meetings:**

- June 13: Location TBD but likely Clark Montessori
- July 11: Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, Little Theater

#### **3. Meeting Overview, including HPNC Trustee Election Process**

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

- Clark Montessori
- Hyde Park
- Kilgour
- St. Mary
- Springer
- Summit Country Day
- Withrow University

#### **5. Community Awards - Presentation of Awards**

- Person of the Year
- Community Builder

#### **6. Discussion on Connected Communities, Zoning, Density, Housing**

- City of Cincinnati Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
- City of Cincinnati Council Member Reggie Harris
- Opening Comments
- Discussion and Q&A with HPNC and community

#### **7. Election of HPNC Trustees**

- Distribution of ballots
- Current trustees seeking re-election:
  - Sybil Mullin
  - Brianna Frappier-Schirmang
  - Dave Hapner
  - Tommy McEvoy
  - Gary Wollenweber

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

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

**9. Nominating Committee**

**10. Adjourn**



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### **HPNC Trustee and Committee Openings**

- Zoning Committee, Vice Chair opening
  - We are still seeking **trustee** and **non-trustee** committee members.
- If you would like to join a committee, please email [hpncpres@gmail.com](mailto:hpncpres@gmail.com).

### **Farmers' Market Glean Team Sign Up Opportunity**

- The Society of St Andrew is seeking volunteers to help glean (collect unpurchased produce for charitable causes) at the end of the Hyde Park Farmers' Market.
- To sign up or learn more, reach out to Sue Plummer, SoSA Ohio Program Coordinator at [sw-ohio@endhunger.org](mailto:sw-ohio@endhunger.org) or 513-458-9808.

### **Withrow University High School Student Fees**

Last week's Enquirer featured an article about this year's graduating class at Withrow University High School. Unfortunately, because over 125 owe student fees for activities, like field trips, and classroom materials, like books, tablets, pens and paper, they will not receive their diplomas until they're able to pay off these fees. The Enquirer lists a foundation that is helping to raise funds to pay off these fees. For more information, see

<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2023/05/05/withrow-high-school-seniors-graduation-unpaid-fees-diplomas/70186727007/>

According to the Enquirer, you can make a donation to support City-wide efforts to pay these expenses at

[https://checkout.square.site/merchant/ML1KN5W72STWD/checkout/CHZ6NKZV6PK3ZH7VB537CQML?src=sm\\_s](https://checkout.square.site/merchant/ML1KN5W72STWD/checkout/CHZ6NKZV6PK3ZH7VB537CQML?src=sm_s)

Or by scanning the QR code below:



For the 2023-2024 school year, HPNC hopes to work with Withrow to find ways that we can engage the community to help meet these needs in time for graduation.



### Community Engagement – Anthony Isaacs

Working on a few different possible recurring opportunities for engagement:

- Hyde Park Parents - Coffee on the Square
  - 1st Saturday of each month
  - Test out 8am and noon times
  - Stop in at a local shop for coffee
  - Meet other parents in the neighborhood
  - Bring agenda for next meeting if available
  - Discuss ad hoc community issues
- Walking group - Wasson Way
  - Choose a meeting point (Buskin, Aylesboro trail entrance, etc.)
  - Choose a time and day based on interest
  - Choose a route
- Book club
  - Identify available meeting locations (public library meeting rooms, church meeting rooms, Joseph Beth Booksellers?)
  - Choose a time and day based on interest
  - Choose a book

### Hyde Park Square Business Association –Janet Buening

The minor grant for \$50,000 for pedestrian safety improvements in Hyde Park Square was submitted and will move to the next levels: be included on a bus tour of proposed projects and then presented along with all other NBDIP proposals to the members of Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United (CNBDU), which will vote to rank the projects. The City has a role in making the final decisions on what gets funded.

The major grant request - \$200,000 for sidewalk replacement in the Hyde Park Square business district, was not submitted, as we learned that the funding requested was not sufficient to do even just the block of Erie between Edwards and Michigan (both sides), due to currently extremely high construction costs. To replace the sidewalks piecemeal would not achieve the goal of improving the overall appearance of the Square; it would cause significant disruption for minimal results and leave the problems on Edwards, Michigan, and Erie beyond those two points unresolved. What really needs to be done is a full streetscape for the HPSBD. We have obtained the plans for the last streetscape (in 2000-01) from City Planning, and are researching funding strategies/options, including City support for this initiative. We also plan to apply for NBDIP funding in the next cycle. Additionally, we hope that not applying for the major grant this cycle will increase the chances of getting funding for the minor grant.

## PLAN Hyde Park –Janet Buening

The Steering Committee has been reconvened, with new members to replace people who have left the community. The Committee met on April 12 to review the current draft of PLAN Hyde Park and made recommendations for updates. The Committee met on April 18 with Stacey Hoffman, from Cincinnati City Planning, to begin work on completing this document. We hope to accomplish that task in four more meetings with Stacey, and then present PLAN Hyde Park to the community (for information), HPNC (for approval), and then the Planning Commission and City Council (for adoption). To expedite this process the Committee will continue to meet between our sessions with Stacey to reach consensus on the changes that need to be made.

## Treasurer Report and Neighborhood Support Program – Norm Lewis

- HPNC received 1 membership for \$19.11 and spent \$100 for the Cincinnati Fire Museum in memory of Carl Uebelacker, and \$332 for Student plaques, and \$1500 for Ault Park Advisory Council Fireworks on July 4th.
- Invest reports that our Annual Invest Grant check is in the mail, but not received yet. See attached.

### HPNC Financial Report April 11 2023 – May 8. 2023

#### RECEIPTS

2/14/23	Membership	19.11
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$19.11</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

4/29/23	1518	Cincinnati Fire Museum in memory of Carl Uebelacker	100.00
4/30/23	1515	Valerie Woodham for student of the year plaques	332.00
5/07/23	1516	Ault Park Advisory Council for July 4th fireworks	1500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1932.00</b>



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**New Zoning Business**

**Proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance**

The Zoning Committee has not officially discussed, but the HPNC may wish to offer an opinion after Q&A on the subject with Vice Mayor at the May meeting:

- Allows up to 2 accessory dwelling units in Single Family (SF) districts in accessory (separate) structure, perhaps a repurposed garage.
- No additional off-street parking required (implies accessory dwelling occupants will park on street, extra parking on my block does not exist)
- May be operated as short-term rental (allows Air B&B, a commercial enterprise in a residential district)

The proposed Ordinance is attached. Trustees and neighbors should read and consider how this may impact Hyde Park positively and negatively.

**Cincinnati Tennis Foundation Facility at Withrow School** – The Zoning Committee was contacted by Matt Dektas of the Foundation after the Foundation was directed to discuss their current plans with HPNC and neighbors. According to Matt, they have pivoted towards a reduced footprint at Withrow and are thinking about covering four of the current tennis courts with what appears to be an industrial structure with a connected entry, restrooms, and a meeting area. Any structure will require Conditional Use public hearing before Zoning Hearing Examiner for an expansion of school facilities or a new recreation facility use in a single family district. The Zoning Committee will meet with representatives in the near future and may help arrange a meeting with neighbors abutting Withrow school property. Eventually, they will put on the agenda at a Hyde Park Community Council meeting and present to Trustees and the public.

**3704 Erie (ZH20230048) Hyde Park Country Club Golf Fence along Wasson Way.** An 80 feet tall fence along Wasson Way is proposed to protect the trail users from errant golf balls. A height variance is required. HPNC letter supporting the variances was sent to the hearing examiner. The hearing was May 3. HPNC representatives did not attend. No decision has been issued.

**2121 Madison (ZH20230049) Springer School – Variances**

Variances for building height and number of parking spaces are required. HPNC letter supporting the variances was sent to the hearing examiner. The hearing was May 3. HPNC representatives did not attend. No decision has been issued.

**2770 Walsh (ZH20230057) Variances in Hillside District**

The applicant is seeking side, front setback, height of retaining wall and cut and fill variances for an addition. The hearing is May 17. The Zoning Committee has not reviewed the plans or offered an opinion.

### **3019 Alpine (ZH20230061) Front Setback Variance**

The applicant is seeking a front yard variance for a front porch addition. The proposed front setback is 37.5 feet versus required 42' calculated from the average front setback 300 feet in each direction. The hearing has not been scheduled. The Zoning Committee has not reviewed the plans or offered an opinion.

### **Old Business**

No other applications for hearings before the Zoning Hearing Examiner are visible in CAGISdocs.

**Sandwich Sign Ordinance** – No new information on action by City to approve use in HP Urban Design overlay district. According to the Vice Mayor, the Ordinance has been delayed.

**Hyde Park School (3401 Edwards)** – Construction has started, the steel frame for where new classroom addition will be is going up

### **Urban Design District Contributing Structure Review – HPNC Recommendations**

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

### **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](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/boards).





## Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church called to order by President, S. Hassell at 7:04 p.m.

The Annual Meeting (May 9) will be held at Clark Montessori (in the Cafetorium) at 7 p.m. Students of the Year will be recognized, Hyde Park Person of the Year and Community Builder awards will be given, and the annual trustee election will be held. In addition, Special Guests Vice Mayor Jean Michell Lemon Kearney and Council Member Reggie Harris will talk about density and connected communities.

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

*Advance Notice of Absence: A. Edwards, T. McEvoy, A. Rusche*

#### Guests:

**Cincinnati Police Department, District 2 Officer Christine Barry** distributed the neighborhood crime report. During the period there were no violent crimes, property crimes were down 71%, and 2 burglaries were reported. The monthly police report will be broken down into crime statistics and traffic statistics going forward. Captain Danita Pettis spoke about the shooting that occurred on the 24 Metro bus. A juvenile suspect solicited a bus patron for money and when the victim did not give the suspect enough money, he shot him. The victim is expected to be ok. Sergeant Sellers talked about the Smart and Safe Giver project to assist homeless residents and invited interested residents to come to Crossroads Church on May 20<sup>th</sup> (12-4 pm) to distribute food to homeless residents. Contact Officer Barry to find out details. Officer Barry can be reached at 979-4480. [Christine.Barry@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:Christine.Barry@cincinnati-oh.gov). Captain Danita Pettis can be reached at: 979-4444 [Danita.pettis@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:Danita.pettis@cincinnati-oh.gov). Police non-emergency line 765-1212.

**Hyde Park Library—Manager, Ben Lathrop** shared that the Madisonville Branch has a new maker space available to residents as well as a recording studio, and an extra-large printer for banners. The Pleasant Ridge Branch has recently reopened after undergoing major roof repairs. The Hyde Park Branch has added additional story times Thursday mornings at the Observatory and Thursday afternoons at the temporary branch in Hyde Park Plaza. Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2

p.m. the HP Branch is hosting an R2D2 Automaton robot visit, all ages are welcome to the free program. Visit the temporary location at 3764 Paxton Avenue. Contact the branch at (513) 369-4456.

**Oakley Recreation Center—S. Hassell for Blake Williams** Shared that the funding for the gates/fence around Sunny Kim Park has been approved and materials are on order. The fencing for the demolition of the current Oakley Rec Center pool building is going up this week. The construction of new tennis and basketball courts behind the current center will begin in May. The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success with over 100 kids in attendance.

**Hyde Park School—Principal Jill Sunderman** shared that 2 clean up days in partnership with CRC are scheduled at Edwards and Observatory as well as at the Oakley Rec. Center (contact the School to volunteer). The roof trusses were completed on the addition this week, and the projected opening of the addition is still August 2023. The CPS Summer Scholars Program will be held at Kilgour (grades 2-12) during June. The Spring Celebration fundraiser is scheduled for Friday April 17 at Mad Tree, contact the PTO for tickets. [www.cps-k12.org/hydepark](http://www.cps-k12.org/hydepark) Contact the school at (513) 363-2800.

**Withrow High School—Resource Coordinator, Belinda Carson** thanked the HPNC and residents for their generous donations collected for the Spring Break snack drive; 40 students were given a substantial supply of snacks for the week. The Withrow Rugby traveled to DC and won first place in their tournament. Senior Appreciation Week is May 1-5; the last day for Seniors is May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Prom is May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and graduation is scheduled for May 12. To show appreciation for the staff/teachers, Ms. Carson encouraged any residents interested in donating breakfast or lunch for 150 teachers/staff (during the last week of school) to contact her directly. Belinda can be reached at (513) 363-9207 or [Carsonb@cpsboe.k12.oh.us](mailto:Carsonb@cpsboe.k12.oh.us)

**Ohio Society of St. Andrew—Sue Plummer** introduced herself and shared details about the Society of St. Andrew whose mission is focused on “gleaning”. Gleaning is picking digging, gathering crops from farm fields and sharing them with local hunger relief agencies. The group works with farmers to redistribute food that would not make it to market (and would go to waste) and donate it to organizations that make good use of it. Last month one benefactor of their efforts was La Soupe. The events happen on weekday mornings from June- November on local farms in the Tri-State Region. Sign up to volunteer at [www.Endhunger.org/Ohio/](http://www.Endhunger.org/Ohio/)

## 1. Approval of Consent Agenda

B. Smyth moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by A. Schutte. All in favor. Motion carried.

## 2. New Business

- a. **Springer School and Center Expansion Project--G. Wollenweber** Shared that Springer and adjacent property owner, Peg Wyant, have come to a mutually agreeable resolution for the project. G. Wollenweber moved, *“That the HPNC*

***write a letter supporting the variances applied for by Springer School and Center.*** Second by B. Smyth. All in favor, motion carried.

b. **Hyde Park Country Club/Proposed 80' fence adjacent to Wasson Way** G.

Wollenweber shared that the Zoning Committee had met with the Country Club about a variance that the 80' fence would require to protect users of the Wasson Way from errant golf balls.

Nick\_\_\_\_\_, President of the HPGCC shared details of the proposed poles and fencing parallel to the Wasson Way trail. He asked the HPNC for a letter in support of the variance required for constructing the new fence. Residents and Trustees asked questions about the location of the poles and fencing and safety considerations for trail users. N. Lewis moved, ***"That the HPNC support the variance requested for the HPGCC because we want to protect users of the Wasson way Trail as best we can."*** Second by V. Woodham. 9 votes in favor, 2 abstentions. Motion carried. J. Buening suggested that the HPGCC and residents meet to come to a mutually agreeable resolution.

- c. **2739 Observatory Avenue** G. Wollenweber shared an update about the proposed demolition and development to the site. The neighbors are appealing the Board of Zoning Appeals decision and their attorney, Sean Suder, is handling the representation pro bono. The Board of Zoning Appeals ignored the HPNC recommendations and opinion that the property is a contributing structure. Trustees and residents discussed the potential of designating funds from our budget to support the residents in their appeal expense. Any contribution could not be from NSP funds. One neighbor commented that the neighbors could afford to pay the expenses associated with the appeal themselves. One Trustee expressed concern that if we support this appeal, would the council be expected to financially support all other similar appeals. G. Wollenweber offered that he feels that the HPNC needs to fight back and get the attention of the City to ensure that the Hyde Park Neighborhood Council be taken more seriously. N. Lewis moved, ***"That the HPNC join in support of the 2739 Observatory neighbors for the appeal of the Board of Zoning Appeals by contributing \$500 toward the expense."*** Second by G. Wollenweber. 3 in favor, 5 opposed. 3 Abstentions. Motion failed.

- d. **Traffic & Safety Issues** T. Roe, Chair, Traffic & Safety Committee shared the proposed plan for Observatory between Dana and Edwards. The plan will be funded from an education fund through DOTE. The general plan will be for one lane of traffic in each direction and one lane of parking on each side of Observatory. Bus lanes in front of HP School will remain in place at drop off and dismissal times. The plan will result in the removal of two parking meters in front of Cincy Shirts and there will be dedicated left turn lanes at the intersection. The timing of the signals will change and be monitored by DOTE to track efficiency and safety. HP School is in favor of the proposed plan. The project, if approved, will likely be started in May or June. D. Hapner moved, "

That the HPNC support and adopt the DOTE Plan as submitted.” Second by B. Smyth. 9 in favor. 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

3. **Planning for HPNC Annual Meeting May 9** S. Hassell provided details for the upcoming Annual meeting, May 9 at 7 p.m. at Clark Montessori. D. Hapner has contacted the HP schools regarding the students of the year awards to be distributed at the meeting. Vice Mayor Kearney and Council member Reggie Harris will be speaking about density and connected communities. V. Woodham agreed to order the plaques for students of the year, Hyde Park Person of the Year, and Community Builder.

Bob Smyth nominated Tim Schirmang as HP Person of the Year for his work in spearheading the design and rebuild of the Hyde Park East pillars. J. Buening nominated Karen Robertson as HP Person of the Year for her work and efforts on the tax abatement issue since 2017. B. Frappier-Schirmang nominated Ben Lathrop (HP Library Branch Manager) for the Community Builder Award for seeing the branch through the temporary move the HP Plaza location, innovative programming, and hard work in partnering with the HP community. G. Wollenweber nominated Mike Mauch for the Community Builder Award for his years of service, professional insight, and constructive suggestions to improve the appearance of development projects in Hyde Park.

The Trustees unanimously voted in favor of Mike Mauch and Ben Lathrop as Community Builders. Trustees voted (7 to 2) in favor of Tim Schirmang as Hyde Park Person of the Year.

4. **Celebration of Life for Carl Uebelacker** A memorial service is scheduled for Carl Uebelacker on April 29 2023 at noon at the Cincinnati Fire Museum. N. Lewis moved, ***“That the HPNC donate \$100 in Carl’s memory to the Cincinnati Fire Museum.”*** Second by G. Wollenweber. All in favor. Motion carried

**Adjourn:** Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary

## HPNC Financial Report - 2023

HPNC budget 2023		Budget	Jan/Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
	Revised May 7, 2023													
<b>BEGINNING OPERATING BALANCE</b>		19979.71	19979.71	19,658.95	19,027.83	28,995.38	27,082.49	27,082.49	27,082.49	27,082.49	27,082.49	27,082.49	27,082.49	19,979.71
<b>RECEIPTS</b>														
	NSP - 2023	9,872			9,872.00									9,872.00
	Membership	1,500	114.66	152.88	95.55	19.11								382.20
	Halloween Event	300												0.00
	Fundraiser	0												0.00
	Invest In Neighborhoods	630												0.00
	Miscellaneous Donations	500												0.00
	NAF funding	0												0.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	12,802	114.66	152.88	9,967.55	19.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,254.20
<b>DISBURSMENTS</b>														
	<i>To Be Submitted to NSP</i>													
	<i>Newsletter</i>													
	- Mailing	50												0.00
	- Printing	50												0.00
	-membership	400												0.00
	<i>HPNC Expenses</i>													
	- Intern	400												0.00
	- Web Hosting Fees	2,300												0.00
	ost	200												0.00
	- D/O Insurance	0												0.00
	- Halloween Event	400												0.00
	- Annual Meeting	400				332.00								332.00
	<i>Community Grants</i>													0.00
	- Withrow	600												0.00
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	- Wasson Way	600												0.00
	- Hyde Park East	600												0.00
	- Hyde Park School	600		600.00										600.00
	- HydeParkChurch IHN	500												0.00
	- Knox Church	0												0.00
	- HPCOA (55 North)	600												0.00
	- Ault Park Fireworks	1,500				1,500.00								1,500.00
	NSP Subtotal	9,800	0.00	600.00	0.00	1,832.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,432.00
	<b>Not Submitted to NSP</b>													0.00
	<i>HPNC Expenses</i>													0.00
	- Ault Park Advisory Council	50												0.00
	- Meet & Greet	100												0.00
	- Cintii Fire Museum					100.00								
	NAF projects	2,200	413.44											0.00
	Website Host fees	200	21.98	184.00	600									
	TOTAL DISBURSMENTS	12550.00	435.42	784.00	0.00	1932.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2432.00
<b>ENDING OPERATING BALANCE</b>		20,232	19,658.95	19,027.83	28,995.38	27,082.49	27,082.49	27,082.49	27,082.49	27,082.49	27,082.49	27,082.49	27,082.49	27,801.91