



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

7:00 pm

Clark Montessori

Agenda

Subject to change

1. Welcome

Location of future meetings:

- July 11: Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, Little Theater

2. Guests (please limit comments to 3-4 minutes each)

- Cincinnati Police Department, Officer Christine Barry
- Cincinnati Fire Department, Lieutenant Dan Coletta
- Hyde Park Library, Ben Lathrop
- Cincinnati Recreation Center, Blake Williams
- Hyde Park School, Jill Sunderman/Gary Tate
- Withrow University High School, Resource Coordinator, Belinda Carson
- Other Guests

3. . Community Awards - Presentation of Awards (continued from May meeting)

- Person of the Year

4. A Discussion with Council Member Liz Keating

- Opening comments on Zoning, the new UDOT demolition standard, Density, Connected Communities, ADUs, and our community plan
- Discussion and Q&A with HPNC and community

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

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

6. Review of recent issues

- Zoning, Variances, Engagement
 - Recent suggestion to ask the City to add Invest In Neighborhoods/Community Councils as standing agenda items to committees and council meetings
- ADU proposal – will be voted on by City Council's Equitable Growth & Housing Committee on 6/21 at 1pm
- City Budget, including proposed budget's full or partial inclusion of Hyde Park's Community Budget Requests (CBRs) and related matters
- Mt Lookout Community Council (MLCC) Court of Appeals win in *MLCC vs. City of Cincinnati et al.*

- Requests for HPNC engagement to request the City to stop using PFAS-containing materials in City-funded projects (see requests in President's Report)

7. Nominating Committee

- Recommendation for new trustee

8. Election of HPNC Officers

- President
- Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Communications Secretary
- Treasurer
- Executive Committee members

9. Adjourn



HPNC Trustee and Committee Openings

- Zoning Committee, Vice Chair opening
 - We are still seeking **trustee** and **non-trustee** committee members.
 - If you are interested, please email hpncpres@gmail.com

Landslides in Cincinnati

The Hillside Trust has posted three 10-minute segments of *Living with Landslides* on their website. This documentary film, commissioned by The Hillside Trust, aired on WCPO-TV Channel 9 on September 7, 2022. Director & Producer Laure Quinlivan and her team spent two years filming landslide damage and interviewing homeowners in Milford, Mt. Washington, North Avondale, Bellevue, Clifton, and East End. The film also documents the two-year \$18M fix to Columbia Parkway and showcases remediation efforts. To watch the segments, go to <https://hillsidetrust.org/> and scroll down to "Hillside Trust Landslide Documentary".

Requests for HPNC engagement with the City to stop using PFAS-containing materials in City-funded projects

Request #1:

From: Cynthia Duval <cynthia@preserveburnnetwoods.org>

Date: Sat, Jun 3, 2023 at 5:18 PM

Subject: Letter of Support Request

Good afternoon -

I am writing to you today as the listed representative for your community council in city records to request a letter of support be sent to City of Cincinnati - City Council for the passing of an ordinance against the use of PFAS-containing materials, aka 'forever chemicals', in public lands and greenspaces.

This letter would be as a follow up to *City of Cincinnati Motion 202300782: Per - and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) & Forever Chemicals in Cincinnati (attached)*, passed on March 8, 2023 to study PFAS in our city, subsequent to a presentation the Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee heard from local experts/researchers on the impact of these chemicals on public health and the environment.

More cities are taking steps to eliminate PFAS from usage in city spaces as the health threats of this chemical group become more widely known and their contribution to watershed contamination becomes indisputable. Eliminating or severely restricting usage for the City of Cincinnati would be consistent with the goals of the Cincinnati Green Plan.

Currently, our city is on an upward trajectory for installations of synthetic turf in playgrounds, public parks, and playing fields - not only adding to the proliferation of these hazardous chemicals in our

watersheds and public spaces, but also increasing the heat island effect in those spaces as synthetic turf gets considerably hotter (by 37-55 degrees) than natural grasses which transpire to cool our environment and support wildlife. A synthetic turf infield was recently installed at LeBlond Recreation Center. The Ziegler Park expansion included use of synthetic turf. Of direct interest to Burnet Woods is the Board of Park Commissioners intention to remove a healthy green field in Burnet Woods Park for the installation of a synthetic turf and concrete dog park that will watershed into Burnet Woods (Fishing) Lake and the Mill Creek, at a cost of over \$400,000. Cincinnati is moving against the tide in use of these materials and recognition of their public health risk.

Please support a ban on the use of PFAS-containing materials in the City of Cincinnati public lands, greenspaces and playgrounds by sending a letter of support for an ordinance against PFAS to City Council.

You can view the presentation made to Cincinnati City Council on February 14, 2023 [here](#).

Additional resources:

[EPA Information Sheet on PFAS.](#)

[3M \\$10 Billion PFAS Pollution Settlement](#)

[Artificial Turf is piling up with no Recycling Fix](#)

[Turf Recycler Hit with Environmental Violations](#)

[CDC Fact Sheet on PFAS](#)

[Artificial Turf linked to Brain Cancer of 6 Phillies Players](#)

[Synthetic Turf & Heat Island Effect](#)

[EU considers ban on forever chemicals](#)

Thank you,
Cynthia Duval
513.477.4584

Request #2

From: **Bob Hyland** <bobnhyland@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jun 6, 2023 at 10:34 AM

Subject: Community Council and a Better Cincinnati

Greetings:

You are the listed representative for your neighborhood council on the City's community council directory, and so I'm emailing today to ask for your support in making Cincinnati a safer city for all of its residents.

Back in March, Cincinnati City Council directed the Mayor's office to study the sources and risks of PFAS chemicals in our communities. The Administration was given 90 days to report back to Council on their findings. As that deadline is soon approaching, we need to let City Council know that we want follow through on this issue. If you don't already know, PFAS are man-made chemicals that have been shown to cause several morbidities in humans, including cancer, obesity, and birth defects. You may

have heard of PFAS referred to as "forever chemicals," and this is because they are persistent in the environment, as well as in the human body and so they bioaccumulate.

On top of the need for all of our neighborhoods to let Council know that we want the City to do what it can to protect citizens from PFAS, it's also important to point out that some of our city Departments are knowingly, or unknowingly, likely introducing these chemicals into the environment when they install synthetic turf (along with other contaminants such as phthalates, VOCs, microplastics, and heavy metals). Two community councils (i.e., CUFNA and the Corryville Community Council) passed resolutions in opposition to a synthetic turf dog park in Burnet Woods, in part because of the concern over PFAS. However, the Cincinnati Park Board has ignored CUFNA and Corryville's formal opposition.

So, in addition to the valid concern we all should have for city departments introducing these harmful chemicals into our public spaces, we also should be concerned about appointed city officials (i.e., the Cincinnati Park Board of Commissioners) ignoring the input of Community Councils.

We live in contentious times, to be sure. We all feel strongly one way or another on many things. But, as you read this email, and perhaps look out your window at the haze of wildfire smoke across our city's skies today (and the unhealthy air quality that smoke represents), I hope that you will feel we can all agree that everyone has a right to a healthy environment for themselves, their children, and their grandchildren. Cincinnati City leadership can take a big step toward promoting this fundamental right by banning the use of synthetic turf in our public spaces, identifying and eliminating other exposure pathways for PFAS (e.g., in firefighter gear), and also by holding city departments and their appointed leaders to account in listening to the will of neighborhood councils because who better to know what a neighborhood NEEDS than the people who LIVE in that neighborhood.

Please consider bringing these issues before your full Council right away, and joining us in letting City leaders that know we want action on PFAS and city department appointees who are unresponsive to the will of neighborhood Councils.

Thank you for your time.
Bob Hyland



Education – David Hapner

- In the 2009 Zoning MOU between Clark Montessori and the HPNC/city, there was an agreement that the student population would be limited to 660 students, unless state requirements dictated otherwise. Parent groups, including my own Local School Decision Making Committee team have formed a subcommittee to address this issue, as the school has consistently been over 700 students, and with the east/west feeder school policy, could get much worse.
- There is another push to move the pedestrian crosswalk, presently 22 feet on center with the driveway. This move was approved some four years ago by HPNC, and I have been asked to take the lead on this now that DOTE is receptive(?) to moving it east to the center set of stairs into the school, as another student was struck by a vehicle this past school year.
- Petitioned city (SR23051107) to install a flashing "20 MPH Speed Limit During School Hours" sign in front of Withrow University HS so that police can more readily enforce that law. This was previously approved by District 2. State law does not REQUIRE those signs be posted at high schools, although the same law applies. DOTE supports installation.

Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program (NBDIP) Funding –Janet Buening

The Hyde Park Square Business Association, in partnership with HPNC, applied for and received a \$50,000 Neighborhood Business District Improvement Grant to improve pedestrian safety in Hyde Park Square, at the two access points to the park in the Square. Alfio Gulisano of HPSBA and Dave Hapner of HPNC wrote the application; Janet Buening and Dave Hapner participated in the bus tour to view the sites of all major and minor projects; Dave Hapner made the required online presentation, with support from Eddie Walter and Janet Buening. This is the first time in many years that Hyde Park has taken part in this process, which is very competitive, with only about 1/4 of the projects being funded. We made a very compelling case for the great need to ensure the safety of pedestrians in HP Square, especially with DORA starting this summer in addition to the daily high pedestrian use of the Square.

We had also wanted to apply for a major grant for sidewalk renovation in the Square, but the construction costs were so high they could not be covered by the amount of funding we could ask for, and without a secondary funding source we had no chance of getting that grant. We felt it was better to focus on the minor grant, which proved to be a successful strategy. Conversations and research about how to upgrade the entire HP Square streetscape will continue. We will work with various City departments to seek the \$\$\$ needed for this project. This could be a multi-year process.

PLAN Hyde Park –Janet Buening

The Steering Committee met on May 23 with Stacey Hoffman and Andrew Halt of City Planning to continue work on our long-range plan. We reviewed and updated the Quality of Life section of the PLAN and began work on How We Move. The committee will meet again on June 27, 6:30pm, at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church.

Treasurer Report and Neighborhood Support Program – Norm Lewis

- HPNC received 2 memberships for \$38.22

- HPNC spent \$28.57 for Mail Chimp and made a \$100 donation to the Cincinnati Fire Museum in memory of Carl Uebelacker.

HPNC Financial Report
April 11, 2023 – June 12, 2023

RECEIPTS

5/10/23	Membership (2)	38.22
TOTAL		\$38.22

DISBURSEMENTS

5/31/23	1517	Tommy McEvoy---Mail Chimp reimbursement	28.57
5/11/23	1518	Cincinnati Fire Museum – Carl Uebelacker	100.00
TOTAL			\$128.57

HPNC Financial Report - 2023

HPNC budget 2023		Budget	Jan/Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
	Revised June 11, 2023													
BEGINNING OPERATING BALANCE		19979.71	19979.71	19,658.95	19,027.83	28,995.38	27,082.49	27,092.14	27,092.14	27,092.14	27,092.14	27,092.14	27,092.14	19,979.71
RECEIPTS														
	NSP - 2023	9,872			9,872.00									9,872.00
	Membership	1,500	114.66	152.88	95.55	19.11	38.22							420.42
	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	38.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,292.42
DISBURSMENTS														
	<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					28.57							28.57
	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
	-----Clark	600												
	- 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	28.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,460.57
	<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
	- 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	28.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2460.57
ENDING OPERATING BALANCE		20,232	19,658.95	19,027.83	28,995.38	27,082.49	27,092.14	27,092.14	27,092.14	27,092.14	27,092.14	27,092.14	27,092.14	27,811.56



Board of Trustees Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Meeting at Clark Montessori called to order by President, S. Hassell at 7:04 p.m.

In Attendance: J. Buening, D. Hapner, S. Hassell, N. Lewis, T. McEvoy, S. Mullin, A. Rusche, B. Smyth, A. Schutte, B. Whitney, G. Wollenweber, and V. Woodham

Advance Notice of Absence: A. Edwards, B. Frappier-Schirmang

Board President, S. Hassell welcomed the audience and shared that our annual meeting format would present the Hyde Park Students of the Year and guest speakers and hold Trustee elections before our regular business meeting. He reminded meeting attendees that our June meeting would be held at Clark Montessori and the July meeting would likely be held at the Hyde Park Methodist Church. He encouraged residents to attend our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. and to become official members of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Council. S. Hassell reminded board members and residents to consider contributing to the Butts Foundation to enable CPS seniors with outstanding school fees to graduate this year.

Students of the Year

D. Hapner, Chair of the Education Committee, welcomed representatives from the 6 Hyde Park Schools to introduce their “Student of the Year” and share why they were chosen as student of the year. Plaques with the students’ names were presented to the students in recognition of their accomplishments.

Clark Montessori: Colin Wright, presented by Joyia Johnson

Hyde Park School: Sadie Lucas, presented Sally Bidlingmeyer

Kilgour School: Madeline Wehby, presented by Michelle Kowalski

St. Mary School: Roman Grossman, presented by Jen Moodey

Springer School: Cole Hardin, presented by Kristy Ilg

Summit Country Day: Emmett Hood, presented by Rosie Sansalone

Withrow University: Mark Madden, presented by Dwayne Dubois

Trustee Elections

Ballots were distributed to the meeting attendees for the annual election of Trustees. The following Trustees were up for election (terms 2023-2026) and attendees voted in favor of all Trustees on the ballot.

Brianna Frappier-Schirmang

Dave Hapner

Tommy McEvoy

Sybil Mullin

Gary Wollenweber

Hyde Park Person of the Year

Bob Smyth announced Tim Schirmang as Person of the Year. Tim, a Hyde Park East resident, has done a tremendous amount of work with the pillars in East Hyde Park (at the intersections of side streets with Erie Avenue). From the genesis / idea of replacing missing pillars, to design, construction, installation, and everything in between, Tim has done it all. And they look awesome. Congratulations, Tim! While Tim was unable to attend the meeting, he will receive a plaque honoring him as 2023 Hyde Park Person of The Year.

Hyde Park Community Builder Awards

Scott Hassell presented a Community Builder award to Ben Lathrop, Branch Manager of the Hyde Park Library and Hyde Park Resident. Ben has provided a welcoming and nurturing home at the Library during COVID and the temporary relocation of the branch during renovations. He has improved offerings at the branch, including Story times at the Observatory and yoga classes at the branch. His partnership with the HPNC for the annual Halloween event with the special spooky story time was a huge success in 2022, with over 100 children in attendance. Thanks to Ben for his great communication and outreach to the Hyde Park Community!.

Scott Hassell announced Michael Mauch, of RWA Architects, as the second Community Builder Award Recipient. Mike has been a tireless supporter

and champion of Hyde Park for over two decades. He is a key member of the HPNC Zoning Committee. Mike's efforts and dedication have helped revitalize Hyde Park Square and its infrastructure. While Mike was unable to attend the meeting, he will receive a plaque honoring his as a 2023 Hyde Park Community Builder. Thanks, Mike, for your tireless efforts to make Hyde Park a better place to live and work!

1. **Guests:**

Jan Michelle Lemon Kearney (Vice Mayor and Cincinnati City Council Member) and Reggie Harris (Cincinnati City Council Member and Chair of the City's Budget Committee) introduced themselves and talked about the community engagement sessions regarding the City's Budget to hear from residents prior to preparing a proposal. The proposed budget is expected to be ready by late May and once it is approved by the City Manager and the Mayor, City Council has until June 30 to vote on its approval.

Vice Mayor Kearney provided an update about the sandwich board legislation changes that are expected to be enacted in mid-June, removing the current \$750 fine for placement in City business districts.

VM Kearney also talked about the ADU (accessory dwelling unit) proposal and that is expected to make housing more affordable by allowing a family member to "live" with the primary residence owner in a unit on the same property. The owner must live on site and a \$15,000 fine will be imposed for non-compliance. The legislation requires that the ADU be comparable in size to the original structure on the property.

Eric Russo, Executive Director of the Hillside Trust, shared that while he agrees that the ADU concept makes sense, there is a trust issue because subdividing all usable greenspace for additional housing is not sustainable and Laure Quinlivan's documentary "Living With Landslides" sheds some light on the downside of rampant development in Cincinnati and the affects upon many homeowners. Russo is in favor of any potential measures to prevent developers from taking advantage of the City's regulations to develop all greenspace into housing. Erosion, flooding, landslides, and stormwater are all tremendous issues that need to be taken into account when it comes to development.

Reggie Harris added that the current City Council wants to build on the legacy of Cincinnati and that the council members want to do things differently and be responsive to residents' needs and expectations. "Connected Communities", the name given to a series of potential policy changes and the process involved in crafting those changes, related to land-use that will help Cincinnati grow into a more accessible, people-focused, diverse, healthy and connected community for all.

Council Member Harris asked why we have a zoning code at all if all variances requested are being granted? He offered that our zoning code does not serve us well, and asked what can be done to change it to take into consideration 2023 housing preferences?

Janet Buening, HPNC Trustee, raised the issue of Mt. Lookout and how it presently has nearly no green space to be developed. She asked how we make sure we can build multigenerational communities given the restrictions of limited greenspace availability. We know that growth is coming, how do we best prepare our neighborhoods to accommodate it?

Gary Wollenweber, HPNC Trustee and Zoning Committee Chair, thanked VM Kearney and CM Harris for coming to talk about ADU's and Connected Communities. He expressed concern about the notices to residents from the Zoning Board of Appeals arriving too late for residents to be able to respond or even to know about potential changes. He is concerned that approval of ADU legislation will pose many parking problems as there is no additional parking required to accommodate them. CM Harris said that Connected Communities expects that the expansion of SORTA will help alleviate some of the parking issues.

2. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

T. McEvoy moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by A. Schutte. All in favor, motioned carried.

Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary