



**Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
7:00 PM in Little Theater
Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church**

AGENDA
Subject to change

1. Welcome - Vice President Val Woodham, presiding

2. Location of future meetings:

- Tuesday, September 12, 2023, Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, Little Theater

3. 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
- Hyde Park Tennis Club, John Mitchell
- Speaking/presenting guests:
 - Representative Rachel Baker, Ohio House District 27
 - Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, City of Cincinnati
 - Dominica Brantley, Advisor for the College, Career + Community Resource Center
 - Marion Byndon, State Government Affairs Director, Duke Energy

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

5. Old Business

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 - More information on this topic can be found in the President's Report

6. New Business

- Withrow University High School has their back-to-school orientation on Friday, August 11. They would like to try to provide a few backpacks of school supplies. To contribute please get in touch with Belinda Carson (carsonb@cpsboe.k12.oh.us) or Blair Whitney (dblairb@gmail.com).

7. Adjourn



HPNC President's Report

August 2023

Tommy McEvoy

HYDE PARK

Zoning Committee, Vice Chair opening

We are still seeking trustee and non-trustee committee members. If you are interested, please email hpncpres@gmail.com.

DORA

The Hyde Park Square DORA officially opened on June 25, 2023. The team is still working to get the necessary paperwork in place with all establishments, but those that have submitted their agreements are able to serve alcoholic beverages in official DORA cups.

CITY-WIDE

Cincinnati Fire Department Recruiting

The Cincinnati Fire Department is accepting applications for Fire Recruit. The Office of the Fire Chief has asked that we help them share the opportunity to "join Cincy Fire & EMS." If you have any neighborhood events where you think their presence would be helpful, please reach out to jesse.short@cincinnati-oh.gov.

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If you would like to learn more about the UPOD please check out the following links:

- <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/planning-projects-and-studies/active-ongoing/oakley-upod/>
- <https://cincyweb.cincinnati-oh.gov/sites/planning/assets/UDOD%20Stuff/Item-5---Oakley-UPOD.pdf>
- <https://www.oakleynow.com/parking/12902192>



HPNC Committee Reports

August 2023

Education — Blair Whitney

School Supplies for Withrow - Belinda Carson, Withrow's resource coordinator, says Withrow has their back-to-school orientation next Friday, August 11th, and that she would love to “get some backpacks filled with school supplies” if possible.

I know that this is short notice, but please think about bringing some school supplies to donate to our Tuesday meeting. She did not have any specifics in terms of most needed supplies — my guess is that anything would be helpful and appreciated.

If you can't get a donation to the meeting on Tuesday, I will be happy to pick one up from you later in the week or even the month. Anything that we can gather for them during August would be much needed.

PLAN Hyde Park — Janet Buening

The Steering Committee continues to meet monthly with Stacey Hoffman and other staff members of City Planning. We have completed review and revision of two sections of the PLAN: Quality of Life and How We Move, and are in-progress on Hyde Park Square and other business areas. The committee next meets on Tuesday, August 22. Our goal is to complete work on the PLAN by September 2023 and present it to HPNC for acceptance and the community for review before submitting it to City Council for adoption.



HPNC Financial Report

Norm Lewis, Treasurer

HPNC received 1 membership for \$19.11 and spent \$572.00 for our computer support intern. Invest In Neighborhoods is still actively reviewing our NAF final report, so I expect some sort of response to HPNC's final report, submitted earlier.

HPNC FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 10, 2023 TO AUG 6, 2023

RECEIPTS

8/6/23	Membership	\$19.11
TOTAL		\$19.11

DISBURSEMENTS

8/6/23	1524	Gytis Matulaitis, HPNC intern	572.00
TOTAL			\$572.00

The August Budget spreadsheet will be sent to HPNC Trustees as an attachment.



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Meeting Minutes

MEETING AT HYDE PARK COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH CALLED TO ORDER BY VICE PRESIDENT V. WOODHAM AT 7:03 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: J. BUENING, B. FRAPPIER-SCHIRMANG, D. HAPNER, N. LEWIS, A. RUSCHE, A. SCHUTTE, B. SMYTH, G. WOLLENWEBER, AND V. WOODHAM

ADVANCE NOTICE OF ABSENCE: A. EDWARDS, S. HASSELL, D. LEE, T. MCEVOY, S. MULLIN, AND B. WHITNEY.

V. Woodham opened the meeting by introducing herself as Vice President, standing in for T. McEvoy, the new Hyde Park Neighborhood Council President. She thanked the audience for being in attendance and referenced the agenda, officer reports, and last meeting's minutes.

1. Guests:

Cincinnati Police Department — District 2 Officer Christine Barry distributed the neighborhood crime and traffic reports for the period. She began by introducing Captain Brian Norris. Captain Norris introduced himself and explained he will be part of the District 2 team for 1-2 months. He provided his phone number (513) 835-1717 for the public and encouraged the public to call if they ever needed anything.

Officer Barry reviewed the crime report, noting a robbery that occurred between two female individuals who knew each other. A warrant has been put out for the female who stole from the other female. Officer Barry continued to review the report, which showed no burglaries, two car thefts one of which involved a stolen laptop, and six thefts, which included a contractor who stole from a resident's basement, a cleaning company who stole from a resident's medicine cabinet, and two residents going through a divorce who stole from each other. Officer Barry introduced the traffic report and V. Woodham encouraged the audience to review it and reach out with any questions. Officer Barry then reviewed safety tips for the community and opened the conversation up to the audience. G. Wollenweber asked about the random shootings taking place in other neighborhoods. Captain Norris explained many of the shootings are a result of disagreements and shootings, unfortunately, are the conflict resolution. A meeting attendee asked about gang activity in Hyde Park. Captain Norris stated that District 2 has not seen any gang activity in Hyde Park and encouraged residents to call if they see anything suspicious. Another meeting attendee asked about any incidents

similar to the shooting on the city bus in Mt Lookout. Captain Norris explained that the individual involved in that shooting had pre planned that shooting and robbery. Captain Norris went on to explain that contributing factors for juvenile crime include the curfew being lifted and the Courts not holding juveniles. Captain Norris said most crimes occur in the evening and later. Officer Barry can be reached at 979-4480. Christine.Barry@cincinnati-oh.gov. Captain Brian Norris: (513) 835-1717. Police non-emergency line 765-1212.

Hyde Park Library — Manager, Ben Lathrop announced that the summer discovery program has had 18,528 sign-ups to date, which is a significant increase over last year. The library has seen an increase in teenagers participating in the program. Ben went on to discuss the temporary location and construction updates. The library will be in its temporary location until the end of the year. A lot of the construction will be completed by the end of August. A soil issue slowed construction and has taken some time to be resolved. G. Wollenweber commented on the parking lot construction. Ben confirmed that the parking lot is almost finished and the new drainage system is almost complete. Ben announced Dino Buddies will take place on Monday, July 17th.

Contact the branch at (513) 369-4456 <https://cincinnati-library.org/>.

Hyde Park Tennis Club — John Mitchell introduced himself and asked the audience if people knew of the club's location. He reviewed the club's history and stated they are working to increase their membership with Hyde Park residents. They have approximately 120 members, but many are not Hyde Park residents. He introduced Jessica, the marketing team member. Jessica shared news about the Club's Fourth Friday of the month event, which is open to current members and prospective members. She left pamphlets for the audience on the back table. J. Buening asked what months the club operates? John stated they operate April through October. J. Buening asked if they had any contact with the building that backs up to the courts? John stated they did not. The audience engaged in discussion regarding the sale of the building next to the courts. V. Woodham asked if Jessica could send some information electronically so Hyde Park Neighborhood Council could share it on their website and social media. John and Jessica said they would share the information.

Outreach Ohio — Janae provided fliers about Medicaid and individuals who may be at risk at losing their health insurance. V. Woodham asked her to share her information electronically and she stated she emailed it over on Friday.

Sonny Kim Park — A. Schutte commented about his excitement regarding the new gate at Sonny Kim Park and asked if a door was going to be installed. B. Smyth stated he thought he saw a door being installed. V. Woodham explained to the audience that there was an effort to put a gate around the park for safety reasons and emphasized the gate as a "big win" for East Hyde Park.

2. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

3. **New Business**

Oakley Urban Parking Overlay District — Oakley is pursuing an Urban Parking Overlay District for part of their neighborhood. At present, part of the proposal includes the Oakley side of Wasson Rd. N. Lewis expressed his concern about parking issues along the Wasson Way in those areas. Development under the current law is taking place and he felt that the parking should not be aggravated and expressed his opinion on whether a decision should be made at the meeting or at least discussed.

There are two upcoming meetings: Public Staff Conference - Monday 7/17 @ 4pm, held via Zoom, and City Planning Commission Meeting - Friday 7/21 @ 9am at City Hall (801 Plum St, Room 300) and via Zoom. Please contact jesse.urbanicsik@cincinnati-oh.gov or 513-352-4843 to register.

G. Wollenweber referenced the maps in the zoning report to outline the multiple locations where Oakley is proposing to remove the off-street parking requirements. The five commercial districts are behind this proposal. G. Wollenweber explained one of the districts is bounded by Michigan, Wasson, and Madison (Bonefish Grill) and another area extends down to the Chipotle and Bank of America on Madison. The proposal is for no off-street parking requirements where there are currently off-street parking requirements if a commercial building is more than 2,000 square feet, but many of the buildings in that area are less than 2,00 square feet.

G. Wollenweber said if the new parking proposal is approved, businesses could expand their square footage over their current parking without any variances. G. Wollenweber shared he reviewed the issue on the Oakley Community Council's website and most of the rationale for this new proposal references businesses in the heart of Oakley, not businesses on Wasson Road. The current parking conditions did not keep development from happening along Wasson Road as many businesses are open or new development is happening. G. Wollenweber expressed concern about the proposal and stated it would impact parking in Hyde Park if passed.

G. Wollenweber confirmed he does not believe Hyde Park would be denied standing on the issues. G. Wollenweber explained the proposed area is UDOD and explained the city has not granted small variances needed to develop these properties in the past. J. Buening shared her concern due to a resident on Columbus, frequent calls about the proposal. An audience member pointed out the two chain link fences along the Wasson Way makes it more difficult for residents to park on Columbus and walk over to the businesses. A. Schutte reiterated the fear that the parking proposal would spill over to Hyde Park and G. Wollenweber confirmed the same. G. Wollenweber moved, ***"That the HPNC oppose the elimination of off-street parking for districts D and E along Wasson Road."*** Second by J. Buening. Three in favor, two opposed, two abstentions. Motion carried. G. Wollenweber agreed to write a letter on Hyde Park's behalf.

Marjorie P. Lee Variance Application — G. Wollenweber presented information about the Marjorie P. Lee second story patio addition. HPNC historically does not take a position on zoning issues requiring variances in residents' backyard. He explained the new patio would allow those with mobility issues to enjoy the patio on the second floor. He recommends the zoning committee provide no comment on the addition.

Lev Martyniuk, homeowner at 3517 Victoria Place, asked to speak about the Marjorie P. Lee proposed addition. He expressed concern about many of the homes on his street having to see the view of the new patio if built, the noise of the two-story patio, the closeness of the patio addition to adjacent homes, and felt the final addition would look different from the photos provided to the neighborhood. He expressed the need for fast growing shrubbery, such as bamboo, to accommodate privacy and noise. He went into detail about current issues with the facility, including: wandering residents, sound and light pollution, and other issues that have caused them to not be "good neighbors". He commented on how in the past the neighbors had to stop the facility from adding beds to their memory unit, which would have changed the usage of the building. He also expressed that other neighbors are also concerned about the addition. G. Wollenweber commented that residents living on the street would be more familiar with the issues than the Hyde Park Neighborhood Council. He suggested the L. Martyniuk and the neighbors report the sound and light issues to Cincy311 or call the Building Department and he encouraged them to go to the Planning Commission meeting. G. Wollenweber explained L. Martyniuk would get significant time at the Commission Meeting since he is a lawyer. J. Buening suggested instead of making no comment on the issues, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Council comment the neighbors have issues. L. Martyniuk asked the council to reconsider their position. There was discussion around whether or not a motion was needed if a letter was sent opposing the addition. L. Martyniuk felt the day-to-day management is what leads to the daily issues the neighbors experience. V. Woodham encouraged him to come back if issues continue after being reported.

4. Old Business

- V. Woodham noted the approval of ADU legislation by City Council at their June 26th meeting. [City of Cincinnati - File #: 202301802 \(legistar.com\)](#)
- A last-minute effort to secure the supplemental funding for Invest in Neighborhoods did not receive approval (4-4 vote). There is still a possibility they will secure funding from the carry-over budget. Conversations will start in August. N. Lewis stated funding for neighborhood councils is being cut by several hundred dollars and the Invest in Neighborhoods program is being significantly cut. The hope is the city finds money within their budget for the program.

Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

A. Rusche (for Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary)