



Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
7:00 PM in Little Theater
Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church

AGENDA
Subject to change

1. Welcome - President Tommy McEvoy, presiding

2. Location of future meetings:

- Tuesday, October 10, 2023 - Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, Little Theater, 7 pm

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 – *unable to attend*
- Cincinnati Recreation Center, Blake Williams
- Hyde Park School, Jill Sunderman / Gary Tate
- Withrow University High School, Resource Coordinator, Belinda Carson

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

5. Guest Speakers

- Oakley 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

6. New Business

- Board Openings
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- *Linwood - because 3 pedestrians have been killed in recent years*

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It is unfortunate that DOTE communicated the way they did, but we can't control that.

7. Adjourn



HYDE PARK

Board opening

Unfortunately, we have had two resignations since our August meeting. As a result, we now have one trustee opening. If you are interested, please contact hpncpres@gmail.com to receive a candidate form.

Zoning Committee, Vice Chair opening

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

WLWT news story & article regarding traffic safety within Hyde Park

On Wednesday, September 6th, WLWT aired a news story regarding traffic issues at the intersection of Erie Ave & Hyde Park Ave. You can read the full story here:

<https://www.wlwt.com/article/neighbors-growing-safety-pedestrians-hyde-park/45028969>. I have shared the following message as a formal response to the story:

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HPNC President's Report, *continued*
September 2023

Customer Appreciation Day at Hyde Park Branch Library

You're invited to stop by the Hyde Park Branch on September 18th from 10am –6pm! We're hosting this celebration to show our appreciation for our community and give the opportunity to get to know your branch better! Drop in any time for fun and activities! All are welcome! Raffle - Library Swag - Library Selfie Station - Renovation Pictures - Library Card Sign Up - And more!

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.



HPNC Committee Reports

September 2023

Advance Notice of Absence for September Meeting

Janet Buening, Dave Hapner. Alex Schutte will arrive late, due to a work obligation.

Education —

Hyde Park School – Valerie Woodham would like another HPNC trustee would to take over as the LSDMC rep for Hyde Park School since she no longer has children in attendance there.

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 three sections of the PLAN: Quality of Life, How We Move, and Hyde Park Square. We began work on The Built Environment but have decided that major changes need to be made to that section. The committee next meets on Tuesday, September 26.



HPNC Financial Report

Norm Lewis, Treasurer

HPNC has received no new members, and has spent no money this month.

NSP - I am still actively working several NSP projects as well as working on HPNC proof of existence forms, and the city's response to our submitted NAF report.

Note that Wasson Way wants \$1,000 to have a tree plaque placed in honor of Carl Uebelacker—above the budgeted amount of \$600. They might let us have a plaque for the \$600 figure budgeted based on HPNC's many prior contributions. Would like approval from the board to spend up to \$1,000 if we must, in order to get the plaque.



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, August, 2023

Meeting Minutes

MEETING AT HYDE PARK COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH CALLED TO ORDER BY VICE PRESIDENT V. WOODHAM AT 7:01 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: J. BUENING, B. FRAPPIER-SCHIRMANG, D. HAPNER, S. HASSELL, D. LEE, S. MULLIN, A. SCHUTTE, B. SMYTH, B. WHITNEY, G. WOLLENWEBER, AND V. WOODHAM.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF ABSENCE: A. EDWARDS, N. LEWIS, T. McEVOY, AND A. RUSCHE.

V. Woodham, HPNC VP, standing in for T. McEvoy, HPNC President, thanked the audience for being in attendance and referenced the agenda, officer reports, and last meeting's minutes. The September meeting will also take place at HPCUM Church.

1. Guests:

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2 Officer Christine Barry distributed the neighborhood crime and traffic reports for the period. She reviewed the crime report, noting the assault/domestic violence and reported that no injury was sustained. One breaking and entering was reported and involved a storage unit in an apartment building. 5 stolen cars reported during the period (all Kias and Hyundais). She warned about cell phone scams involving text links about a missing package—do not fall prey to these scams. Do not answer calls from any unknown #'s, and any solicitation that sounds too good to be true, typically is.

Officer Barry shared that Dist. 2 has stepped up patrols with school back in session to improve pedestrian/motorist safety. She encouraged residents to report any issues directly to Dist. 2, which will generate the fastest attention/enforcement. 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 Branch Library—Manager Ben Lathrop reported that the summer program has ended and this year the branch has been much busier than previous years. There have been 12,000 visitors and 15,00+ books checked out. The Library Foundation is hosting a lecture at the Aronoff featuring Pulitzer Prize winner, Isabelle Wilkerson, on October 5th. Tickets available on the Library's website for \$5.00, and special up-close tickets for \$15.00! Phone: (513) 369-4456 Email: hydepark@chpl.org

Withrow University High School—Resource Coordinator, Belinda Carson d reported that there were 42 students enrolled in the school's summer programming. Their field trips included a trampoline park, paintball, skating and Kings Island. In November there will be tours of HBCU's for interested seniors. Belinda introduced Student Ambassador, Pi'son Brown, a Withrow senior. Pi'son has attended Withrow since 7th grade and is grateful for the Hyde Park Community's support of the school and its programming. Check out the school's virtual tour on their website <https://youtu.be/ltqGZENWXms>. On September 21st the school is hosting a literacy night with reading specialist available from 7-9 p.m. Belinda can be reached at (513) 363-9207 or Carsonb@cpsboe.k12.oh.us

Curt Kissinger—Presiding Judge Hamilton County Municipal Court shared that he is running for reelection in November. He was raised in Cincinnati and his father was a police officer. He has two grown daughters that attended St. Mary's School in Hyde Park. He has been practicing law for 32 years, served as the Juvenile Court Administrator, and currently handles one of Municipal Courts's mental health dockets. He is a proponent of public safety and is endorsed by the Police. Learn more about Judge Kissinger and his campaign at <https://KeepKissinger.com>

Anna Albi—Candidate for Cincinnati City Council Anna currently serves on the Madisonville Community Council and is a Cincinnati native having attended Summit. Her mother is a retired public defender and her father a former police officer. She is focused on community safety and wants to ensure that all Cincinnatians can earn a living wage, attend good schools, and have access to excellent healthcare. Learn more about Anna at <https://albiforcincinnati.com>.

2. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

3. **New Business**

Withrow University High School Belinda Carson is putting together an Amazon wish list for interested residents to assist the student population with back-to-school supplies. Once complete, we will post to our website.

HPSBA—HPNC Liaison, Janet Buening reported that the HPSBA has been discussing how to improve the sidewalks on the Square. The DORA is active and cups available at the participating restaurants and bars. Holiday lighting was discussed and HPNIC has historically provided the majority of the annual expense (\$25-30K). Any recommendation for additional funding sources is welcome.

Anthony Edwards presented an idea to the HPSBA about making one side of the Square a pedestrian plaza with traffic only on one side of the park island. The HPSBA expressed interest in the concept, which would provide for a larger public space and enhance pedestrian safety. The farmer's market could operate without closing the Square to traffic on Sundays. More discussion regarding possible plans and how to address the loss of parking to come.

Community Budget Requests—parking signage directing motorists to the North frame lot was approved, though gateway signage request was denied.

Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary