Board of Trustees Meeting



Tuesday, March 12, 2024 7:00 pm Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church

Agenda

Subject to change

1. Welcome

2. Location of future meetings

April 9th: Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, Little Theater

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

- Cincinnati Police Department, Captain Danita Pettis
- Cincinnati Fire Department, Lieutenant Dan Coletta
- Hyde Park Library, Ben Lathrop
- Cincinnati Recreation Center, Blake Williams
- Hyde Park School, Jull Sunderman
- Withrow University High School, Resource Coordinator, Belinda Carson
- Clark Montessori High School, Resource Coordinator Joyia Johnson

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

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

5. Guests

Cincinnati Tennis Foundation – Withrow High School Project

6. Old Business

Connected Communities Update, Scott Hassell

7. New Business

 Proposed New Event to benefit Cincinnati Animal Care: Chocolate Walk on Hyde Park Square, Val Woodham and Blair Whitney

8. Adjourn

Hyde Park Square DORA Update

During the December HPNC Monthly Meeting the following motion passed:

That the HPNC support the amended DORA application to increase hours of operation from 9 a.m.-11 p.m. every day, utilize designated DORA stickers in lieu of designated DORA cups, and replace the DORA sidewalk boundary stickers with temporary sidewalk tattoos.

In the time since, Austin Heidt et al. have been working with the City to get approval for the changes. They don't have an answer on everything at this time, but we will be sure to share an update once we have it.

In addition, they are planning a more formal launch of the DORA in June of this year. As details come together, we will share them with the community.

Zoning Committee, Vice Chair Opening

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

Liquor Control Permit Review

Once per year Cincinnati City Council's Public Safety & Governance Committee holds one public hearing on all permits. The hearing will be held during the Public Safety & Governance Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd, at 9:30 am, in Council Chambers.

If you would like to raise any objections, please bring them to our attention: hpncpres@gmail.com

Invest in Neighborhoods 2024 Neighborhood Summit

In 2017, IIN held the "Building Equitable Futures" Neighborhood Summit. Since then, data is showing that inequality is getting worse, not better. IIN plans to re-visit this and learn from organizations, funders, community partners and community members what actions have been taken since then that are impactful, measurable, and sustainable, and are re-dressing inequity.

This year's Summit will focus on equity work in core areas of economic sustainability, safe and affordable housing, and healthier futures, and the related factors necessary for just and equitable futures

SAVE THE DATE April 20, 2024

Tangeman University Center, University of Cincinnati

ArtWorks Apprentice Summer Hiring Event

ArtWorks is hiring teens and young adults (ages 14-21) to create new murals and projects across Cincinnati this summer. Apply for a paid ArtWorks Apprenticeship and be part of the team that brings these exciting masterpieces to fruition.

Event Details

April 6th

10am - 4pm

Hamilton County Youth Employment Office at Talbert House 644 Linn Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

If you'd like to learn more you can do so here: https://www.artworkscincinnati.org/artworks-now-hiring-110-teen-and-young-adults-for-summer-projects-and-murals/

Walk to End Gun Violence

The organizers behind the event are requesting involvement from local nonprofits and organizations throughout the West End and the Downtown area. If you or your organization would like to set up a table to offer resources or support to the community, please contact Ali Rizvi at aar656@nyu.edu or 513-557-6572.

Event Schedule

- 9:00 AM: Coffee and Donuts at Cincinnati College Preparatory Academy Parking Lot
- 10:00 AM: Walk to End Gun Violence The Walk begins on Linn St., goes around the West End, and will
 end at CCPA
- 11:00 AM: Town Hall/Community Dialogue Event at CCPA Auditorium
- 12:30 PM: Concert for Peace at Ezzard Charles Park: Live music, food trucks, and stations set up by nonprofits to provide resources and encourage alternatives to gangs and gang violence

Registration

• You can register for free here: https://www.eventcreate.com/e/walkcincinnati

Lastly, they are still looking for volunteers to assist with printing posters/banners, advertising, coordinating with local non-profits, etc. If you are interested in helping or volunteering, please reach out to Ali at ali.rizvi@nyu.edu. He can also be reached at 513-557-6572.

Clark High School Upcoming Events

The Resource Officer from Clark High School, Joyia Johnson, requested that I share information below with the community. Please reach out to her directly if you have questions about any of the events.





Clark Montessori Yearbook Club

Please donate to CM Yearbook Club!

We are raising funds to continue a tradition of gifting the students of the senior class with a copy of the yearbook from this year. They are \$40 each this year. Please help us by donating what you can to the cause.

Thank you for your support.



https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=73VW8585CTLQE

Treasurer Report and Neighborhood Support Program – Norm Lewis

- HPNC settled our outstanding NAF funding closeout with a return of our unspent funds of \$1897. We also paid our Domain registration fee of \$20.69 in order to keep our domain names. While we submitted our 2023 NSP final report before its February due date, we are not allowed to submit our 2024 NSP proposal until that report is accepted. At this minute, we should be prepared to wait until the April review meeting for our 2024 submittal. That said, please try to delay 2024 NSP expenses until our 2024 contract is approved.
- Dave Hapner asked for funds for eclipse viewing glasses to be given to Hyde Park School, Withrow and Clark. Since the eclipse is expected April 8, and it looks unlikely that HPNC will have our 2024 NSP contract in place in time to order and receive the glasses by then, HPNC could approve funding this request outside our NSP contract. He proposed giving \$400 to each school (glasses are about \$1 each).

HPNC Financial Report January 8, 2024 – March 10, 2024

RECEIPTS

2/27/24	Membership	19.11
TOTAL		\$19.11

DISBURSEMENTS

2/16/24	Paypal	Dynadot Domain Registration	20.69
12/11/22	1536	Invest in Neighborhoods/NAF Settlement	1896.99
TOTAL			\$1917.68



Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Meeting at Hyde Park Community Methodist Church called to order by Vice President, V. Woodham, on behalf of President, T. McEvoy at 7:01 p.m.

<u>In Attendance</u>: B. Frappier-Schirmang, D. Hapner, S. Hassell, D. Lee, N. Lewis, K. Michel Marks, S. Mullin, M. Olson, A. Schutte, B. Smyth, B. Whitney, and V. Woodham.

Advance Notice of Absence: J. Buening, T. McEvoy, and G. Wollenweber.

V. Woodham thanked the audience for attending the meeting and announced that the March 12th meeting would be held in the Little Theater at the Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church.

1. Guests:

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2 Officer Christine Barry reported an increase in thefts from autos in District 2, including 6 in Hyde Park. The police believe that criminals are breaking into cars and looking for guns. Neighborhood Crime Report and Traffic Report for the period available at the meeting. Officer Barry can be reached at 979-4480. Christine.Barry@cincinnatioh.gov. Captain Danita Pettis can be reached at: 979-4444 Danita.pettis@cincinnati-oh.gov. Police non-emergency line 765-1212.

Hyde Park Library—Manager, Ben Lathrop reported that the branch will be moving back out of their temporary space at Hyde Park Plaza at the end of March. The renovated Hyde Park Library is targeted to open in mid-April. During the interim time, all Hyde Park holds will move temporarily to the Oakley branch. Contact the branch at (513) 369-4456. Web site: https://cincinnatilibrary.org/. Email hydepark@chpl.org.

Hyde Park School—Resource Coordinator, Alyse Averdick reported that window cutouts for the gym have been installed and the gym project is expected to be complete prior to the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year. HP School has a new CRC afterschool homework program with a teacher proctor. For Black History month the homeroom classes are competing for the "Best Door" contest. On March 7th, the school is hosting an International Night with students preparing food and hosting games form many of their cultures. Reach out to Alyse or

pick up a flyer at the meeting for volunteer opportunities at HP School. Averdia@cpsboe.k12.oh.us. (513) 363-2800.

Withrow University High School—Resource Coordinator, Belinda Carson shared that students are working on the Big Black History Month program. It will take place March 20 at 7 p.m. at the school, admission is \$5.

The after-school Chess Club has been a big success on Tuesday afternoons with many students participating. The Archery club has also been popular and the school hope that it will develop into the Withrow Archery Team! Chris Henry Jr. has left Withrow and is currently attending high school and playing football for a high school in Santa Ana, California. Belinda can be reached at (513) 363-9207 or Carsonb@cpsboe.k12.oh.us

Jennifer Merrick, HP Resident expressed concern about the ongoing pedestrian safety issues along Erie and specifically at the crosswalk at Ault Park Avenue. She asked how to get the issue on the agenda for the City's Public Safety Forum. Several Trustees offered suggestions and will provide contact information for City contacts to address the matter.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

3. Old Business

Discussion of revised Bylaws—Potential dates for a meeting to discuss revised bylaws will be sent via Doodle and Trustees can input their availability for meeting. will.

4. New Business

Review and Discussion about proposed 2024 HPNC Budget—N. Lewis shared that the City finally accepted the NAF expense report submitted by HPNC last year, and there is \$1,897 in the proposed 2924 HPNC budget which represent the unused NAF funds. NSP reimbursement has been reduced from \$9,872 (last year) to \$7,375 (this year).

Funds that had previously been allocated to the Ault Park Fireworks have been re-allocated to a yet-to-be-determined summer community event. Anyone interested in chairing the committee for the summer event would be appreciated! Trustees discussed the possibility for a tree lighting even at the holidays and keeping options open for the specifics of the event to be determined once a committee is formed.

Trustees also discussed protocol for distributions to community organizations and if the custom had been to keep the same recipients from year to year and the possibility of taking applications was also suggested. Trustees agreed that it was a good idea to continue the discussion about allocation of funds going forward.

B. Whitney requested allocation of a few hundred dollars to cleaning up the formerly overgrown greenspace at Erie and Victoria and plant flowers for a pollinator garden. D. Lee and K. Michel Marks offered to look into strategic partnerships to optimize benefits for projects that HPNC is interested in pursuing in the community.

N. Lewis moved, "To approve the proposed budget as submitted as part of the Finance Committee Report." Second by D. Lee. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Connected Communities—S. Hassell shared a presentation about city Council's proposed 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. City Council hopes to pass the proposed bundled changes in May and begin implementation in June. There is no proposed legislation yet, merely policy recommendations.

The plan will affect the entire city and add density and housing near transportation corridors and neighborhood business districts and within a quarter mile of both. The regulations that communities have been accustomed to are expected to change markedly. S. Hassell encourages residents and Trustees to educate themselves about the proposed changes (WVXU Connected Communities presentation is a good first place to visit as well as the Planning Commission website with plan details and explanation).

There will be more middle housing (2/3/4 families) and adjustments to regulations including parking and affordable housing developments. On the Planning Commission website, residents can search by address to see what proposed changes are expected in their specific neighborhood.

Knox Preschool and Terrex construction issues on Michigan Avenue the Preschool Director has reached out to HPNC about safety and traffic concerns resulting from the Terrex construction project at Erie and Michigan. Parking by contractors and site workers, lack of parking enforcement, and frequent unannounced street closures have impacted safety and access of students/parents during pick up and drop off at the school. There have been unfriendly notes left on cars and a handicap parking sign was even cut off at the pole.

M. Olson has met with the Pastor to offer help and support from HPNC. The project owner has offered to pay for worker parking off-site, though it's unlikely that workers will be interested in parking anywhere but right near the project. The church would like to have signage for drop off and pick-up with a designated time and area for safety of children and parents. The multiple requests to replace the missing handicap sign have gone unanswered. Communication with the foreman on the project has not been fruitful. Some of the workers have been parking in the library lot, though that will not be an option in a few weeks.

M. Olson will each out to Tom Rowe, Terrex principal and former HPNC Trustee, to see if the issues can be addressed and resolved.

Annual Meeting maybe HP School will be an option depending on the status of their construction.

Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Sybil Mullin, Recording Secretary

HPNC Financial Report - 2024

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Connected Communities Policy Preview 2/26/2024

ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Dietrich	
Emily Ahouse	
Amber Kassem (EPH)	
Barb Didrichsen	
Belle Walsg	
Dawn Johnson	
Dennis Hickey	
Elizabeth Bartley	
Elizabeth Goodman	
John McHugh	
Steve Johns	
Joseph Nava	
Annie Ruth	
Kelly Hibbett	
patrice@raiseyourshare.com	
Next Up Cincinnati	
Elizabeth Roeding	
Scott Hassell	
Susan Bilz	
Raffel Prophett	
TeAirea Powell	
Tina Russo	
Coleman Kane	
Mike Cheetham	

Ouestion:

Amber Kassem

- For communities that already have middle housing which is where neighborhoods are
 most dense, which is where there is most crime, which is where there are most
 outstanding unaddressed litter/garbage/rat and parking issues—can you explain why
 this should be expanded for those of us that already have this in their literal front yard?
 <Think Warsaw , Glenway, West 8th, and Harrison in Price Hill and Westwood. >
- When you say "slow down projects" is it because The City's internal processes and hearings are inefficient and don't have turn-around standards? (i.e. are requests sitting on peoples desks not being turned around within 4-6 weeks?)
- Is it true that current city population is almost 250k lower than it's highest population in the 80s-90s?
- Has the city specifically reviewed where vacant (hoarded) structures are and what the unit count is on that? I have asked for water utilization reports to display that analysis

from 2006 (pre-2008 lending crisis) to current water utilization to illustrate how many parcels and structures are not being brought online and removed from productive use but masked in incomplete data tables and data attributes.

- Mayor, can this be an opt-in model rather than a blanket change? That way
 neighborhoods can get outstanding issues addressed in our most dense and challenged
 areas and then opt in once confidence in current crisis in our most dense and most
 challenged/most injurious/most deadly areas are addressed.
- Thanks for the answer. I have my first request for this in 2021 carrying all the way through 2023. I would love for some follow through on this Katherine. Can you share your email so I can connect with you directly per your expressed commitment here today?
- O Where we already see parking pressure and parking on the sidewalk, in front of fire hydrants, in marked crosswalks, and up to the corner, and in victim resident driveways -- how can residents feel confident that this won't be exacerbated and why has the city failed to address this except for in downtown/OTR/CUF? <do recall the parking enforcement shot at in Price Hill>
- O Why have these implementations not already been implemented? You see, we have a trust issue-- if we trusted The City would proactively and independently be able to address these things, especially the things and specific addresses in the business district and in the buffer zone, that the community has raised as a concern for years--> it wouldn't matter what this policy or any policy is. You have 20 year activists that should have the utmost respect from the City writing letters to the Enquire about "radio silence." ---> Why are these promises of implementation of QOL different tomorrow than they are today and yesterday?
- How will this not exacerbate crisis and add strain to the business districts where poverty and issues of compounded poverty are and lead to higher concentrated poverty and compounded poverty?
- I asked if there was any drafted policy, outside of the infographic presentation. Will
 drafted policy will be dropped in April and voted on in May? Will residents have 1, 2, 3,
 or 4 weeks after policy is dropped to respond?
- Can you assign a dedicated person to address current parking issues (like blocking sidewalks for use/accessibility and destroying curbs) so we can grow to be confident in what you're saying, Mayor?
- Are any neighborhoods at capacity for affordability? Like the ones with extreme poverty, lowest life expectancy, lowest literacy rates, most violent, and other compounded problems. What current measures are you using for who needs affordability vs what neighborhoods are challenged?

 But what in this plan guides that? Goes against what has naturally occurred or been picked as the "losers"? like in the example you mentioned in the west end

Dennis Hickey

o Can the questions presented through 'chat' also be forwarded after the meeting?

Kelly Ambrosius

- On my half of the street there are 4 empty houses. They have been sitting empty for a couple of years. How do landlords get on board with this program by keeping their properties in condition & available?
- But without parking in neighborhood business districts, businesses will be relying on neighborhood traffic only
- High density brings unsanitary conditions, such as litter, noise & air pollution & illegal parking. Also safety issues. These conditions are not addressed currently in neighborhoods. Shouldn't there be ways to manage these problems before increasing density?

Coleman Kane

Building on this question - how can the city better push property owners to "utilize or sell" vacant properties, because there are also a lot of properties where the current owners don't seem interested in making them occupied?

Raffel Prophett

o at our height we had 500 thousand people. where did they live?

Kelly Hibbett

- How can we see records of litigation against unethical landlords (out of town)? What wording should we use to get those specific records?
- Draft of map shows eliminating density restrictions and parking requirements are mostly in our lower income, higher crime, segregated, densest areas? How would your plan help with this?
- Wouldn't denser housing affect runoff just like parking lots?
- The litter around bus stops is horrific—corner cans are not used much. How will we reduce littering around bus stops?

• Mike Cheetham

O How will the proposed policy interact with existing urban design overlays? Mt Lookout established an Urban Design Overlay (as do I believe at least 15 other neighborhoods) to preserve the neighborhood character. Are UDODs still enforced within the revised zoning policy?

Dawn Johnson

O How do we keep things fair and equitable? Do you put plan on putting low income housing in Hyde Park? Amberley village? Logistically it makes sense but I'm sure none of you have section 8 housing on the same street as you live on. I've had so many problems with the section 8 house on my street. How is it fair that I'm investing 450k

- but section 8 pays nothing. Can we rebrand section 8 before we put low income people in our neighborhood
- How will section 8 neighbors be restricted on their behavior? It's deeper than logistics.
 You don't have neighbors being Loud and dumping litter on your street
- Big developers that aren't from here will buy the properties for these projects. How does this help us?

• <u>patrice@raiseyourshare.com</u>

- What are the plans and conversations coming up to involve Norwood and St. Bernard in these plans, esp. since they are BRT adjacent to one of the first routes?
- Will safe bike trials and a non-motorized corridor be integrated into the BRT corridors?

Susan Bilz

 Mayor Aftab, zoning has seen some of the landlords have over 35 citations and own several lots before they are in court. Why is this?

NextUp Cincinnati

Absentee landlords of 'middle' housing are an ongoing issue in Mt. Adams. They
ignore sidewalks, exterior condition and parking availability. How does your
proposed idea address these problems of landlords not on-site?

Scott Hassell

 The Mayor said the City wants to know how communities want Connected Communities to interact with UDODs. What are the specific areas of flexibility you want input on? That would help us have focused discussions in our community councils.

• Barb Didrichsen

First, I'm very supportive of this effort. My question: what, if anything, will this do to reduce the incredible red tape, especially through the permit process, every business in my neighborhood (Pleasant Ridge) has encountered when trying to reclaim older buildings into viable businesses?

• Elizabeth Goodman

- Could builders be incentivised to build small SF homes on the vacant lots in the city. (maybe with less variaces as you mentioned) This would increase housing stock to own and lower the prices of housing on the market. At some point the SF housing will age out and there won't be any left for anyone to buy in the future save for the "affluent" neighborhoods.
- Would love to see more of a drawn out plan like this but for improving public transit first in the identified areas, then work out the housing once residents feel confident it will be more reliable in the areas focused on density. Also, will the roads along the bus transit routes be prioritized for repair/updates?
- Which neighborhoods are successfully doing this so the city can add it to the proposal to show an example of success? Agree with limiting the giant apartment complexes.

Joseph Nava

- o what will it take to change te zoning code and how soon?
- TeAirea Powell

 Are there a breakdown of the data analytics on these engagement numbers? Total number of participants? Age, race, neighborhood etc..

• Tina Russo

 Will the city help support building parking garages for neighborhoods with limited parking?

FEEDBACK:

Joseph Nava

- o Importance of reaching immigrant community especially Latinos [i.e. Spanish speaking] who are growing rapidly and pushing Demand for Housing.
- AGAIN---Importance of reaching immigrant community especially Latinos [i.e.
 Spanish speaking] who are growing rapidly and pushing Demand for Housing.

Kelly Ambrosius

- Public transportation is good for some sectors. But families need cars to take their kids to sporting events & the doctor. Pet owners need cars to take animals to the park & vet
- In CUF landlords cram as many UC students into each house as they can. There is no driveway parking, so cars are parked in front of fire hydrants, blocking residents driveways, parking at the curb at intersections under No Parking signs. The litters is terrible. This is what happened in dense neighborhoods
- Our council was to,d there are 5 parking attendants. 4 address downtown parking issues.
 The other 1 handles all other neighborhoods

Susan Bilz

- We still have way too many out of state or country landlords that are not being held accountable, zoning is doing their best. A lot of these houses (Avi's and Vinebrook) are stuck in legal proceedings. We work with zoning officials, they are frustrated too. What is the latest status with the city lawsuit with the landlords that are STILL not cooperating.
- Impervious surfaces, overland flooding, and combined sewers, still need to be fixed in older neighborhoods.
- If the litigation against delinquent landlords is ongoing and consistent, it is effective. We know that isn't always the case. We hear that from many working in the city.
- Thank you Mayor Aftab for including us. The west side has been hit with a lot. We ask that you consider the zoning issues that still are outstanding, it is no surprise that Westwood and Price Hill have the most zoning issues.

Elizabeth Goodman

- The homeownership rate of Cincinnati is under 40%, has there been consideration in incentivizing homeownership in the city vs. renting. The proposal seems to favor renting.
- The middle housing plan in Minn. that is cited in the proposal is stalled due to litigation, therefore obviously slowing down construction. Has the city considered this could be the case here and is there a plan B? Mainly, how flexible would this proposal be should roadblocks be identified.

 It would help if there was a priority on increasing homeownership in the city and creating a supportive culture around that. Also, enforcing laws and improving the city infrastructure should be a priority.

Coleman Kane

- I would also love to see the vacancy analysis that Amber Kassem (EPH) (Guest) is referring to - and I think it would be helpful to the discussions in our community council meetings.
- One large example is West End neighborhood had about 50,000 housing units destroyed in the 1950's/60's and not replaced elsewhere. The same thing happened in multiple other old neighborhoods that used to have denser areas.

Nicholas Dietrich

- Thanks to the City and Quality of Life team for how they are holding landlords accountable!
- The City's Income Tax policies for those small investors aiding affordable housing needs should be addressed. Net income is taxed at the earnings rate.

Dawn Johnson

- This is a horrible idea
- o It's not addressing the core issue at all. Poverty. Putting low income in our neighborhood's is not the answer. You should teach people about being better neighbors and not having mattresses in their yard before we put them in our neighborhood's. I disagree with this and I am a black homeowner
- How are you going to address the 311 complaints. We need to improve our current system before we build and create more problems. This is a plan to make the rich even richer
- o I agree but this plan does not address that at all. 311 doesn't work. Our complaints aren't being heard. The bad behavior continues.
- o highly doubt Hyde Park will be affected at all. That's what makes me so upset about this. I don't see this being fairly distributed at all. How do the Amberly Village residents feel about low income housing next to their Million dollar homes? Why is it fair to us?
- Start with adding low income housing to the highest income neighborhoods and let's see how it goes
- We already voted against this as a city. Why are we doing this?
- o Homeownership programs are the way to go!

Kelly Hibbett

- I am seeing no changes in Vinebrook's predation in Westwood. City cannot handle all
 of the complaints. Just ask to see Building Inspectors' caseload. Too many warnings
 and steps before litigation. Too many loopholes the predators use.
- o Parking on streets may be legal, but there will not be enough spaces for residents.
- o But whether dense housing or parking lots...both take up greenspace.
- Please address and fix current process problems with litter and housing violations before creating more of the same. The city cannot keep up with the problems now pls spend some time with PLAP and B&I to find out why. There also needs to be a more efficient process for frequent violators to be sent to law department

- We have lots of middle housing in Westwood...mostly in our areas that already have huge problems. Pls deal with City operations and procedural problems before exacerbating the problems.
- o We need to prioritize home ownership.
- Thx for not changing the Regulatory Barriers laws—height, density & set back. That's a relief

• Nicholas Dietrich

 The change in densities along the targeted areas are great. The positive change in zoning restrictions should be complimented with tough design and solid quality of construction review from the appropriate departments.

Steve Johns

 The East End has unique characteristics like floodplains and steep slopes that may impact the 1/4 mile business district buffer area.

Mike Cheetham

- big fan of the push for middle housing. many neighborhoods have successful middle housing built prior to current zoning within 1/4 mile of their NBD. I'd rather see more middle housing (quads, row homes, etc) than potential massive apartment complexes that dwarf and can transform an NBD to the negative.
- O I'm in Mt Lookout. I live within 1/4 mile of our NBD on a street with many apt buildings interspersed with single family homes. Nearby neighborhoods have similar mix near their NBD, and IMO, it works. I'm thinking Oakley, Columbia Tusculum, Hyde Park, Madisonville. Each neighborhood is unique and faces different problems (ours is teardowns in favor of new builds, lot splits, and eliminating limited green space), but saying I like this policy pushing middle housing vs. overwhelming NBDs with large scale apartment or mixed use complexes.
- o Infrastructure is key to the success of this policy. Parking, sewer, stormwater. The system struggles as is. Adding density will only increase the burden on existing infrastructure. Like the policy, but related departments, etc. need to be considered with related budget increases to keep up.