

Linwood Community Council
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2020 Trustee Meeting

Opening

The regular meeting of the Linwood Community Council was called to order at 7:05 P.M. on October 27, 2020 via a ZOOM online conference connection, by Vice President, TJ Russo.

Present

Five (5) Trustees were present. Refer to meeting sign-in sheet, attached.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of previous membership meeting, July 7, 2020, were previously transmitted by Nina Johns. A motion was made by Tom Salamon, and seconded by Elizabeth Stoehr, to accept minutes as previously transmitted; passed unanimously by voice vote.

President's Report

- Vice President, TJ Russo presented a slate of officers/Board members and Trustees for the year beginning January 2021, and to be voted on at our November 2021, General meeting. They are as follows:
 - President: Anthony "TJ" Russo
 - Vice President: Elizabeth Stoehr
 - Secretary: Nina Johns
 - Treasurer: Tom Salamon

In addition to the four officers who also act as Trustees, the following existing Trustees are nominated:

- Chris Nesbitt
- Eileen Salamon
- Marlene Wagner
- Jack Weaver
- NSP Funds
TJ reported that we are past the deadline for spending our 2020 NSP funds \$6,078.00. Tom Salamon has offered to begin researching how we may either extend the period or refund them. We will then undertake the task of applying for 2021.

Treasurer's Report

Tom informed us that three signatures are required to be on file at our bank, and so, will make sure that the necessary forms are completed for new officers, as needed to achieve three. Tom also prepared Financial reports dated Nov. 16th, and barring changes, we agreed that it will be appropriate to have the reports at the General meeting in one week. A motion was made by

Cookie Salamon and seconded by Tom Salamon, to accept the report as submitted; it was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Guest Speakers (UPCOMING at General Meeting on Nov. 24th)

TJ informed us that Paul Schirmer will return with information about our questions posed to him at the September 22, 2020 meeting. TJ also informed us that he put the meeting notice on Facebook and Nextdoor with ZOOM information. (This is our first public meeting notice since May's notice of cancellation.- Per Secretary checked after meeting, not a quote from TJ).

Since there was no notice of the developer's visit, Elizabeth asked to revisit our last general meeting's discussion about not being more inclined to encourage community outreach on this and other topics. TJ felt that this was enough notice but that if individuals want to make additional comments, in these forums, they should.

Due to her nomination, Elizabeth asked about our Council's Mission statement, if one exists. TJ offered his comments: Advocacy, communication to the community, passing along information from the City Council to residents. Nina will supply Elizabeth with a copy of the by-laws.

Old Business:

○ **Neighborhood Boundaries:**

1. Marlene had agreed to set a meeting with the Mt. Lookout Community Council President.
2. TJ had begun by verbally reviewing the boundaries according to the bylaws:
 - a. on the SW, Wortman to Wilmer, to Lunken Park Dr., with the NIOSH Bldg to be determined. (It could be a valuable future development). At Nina's request, TJ added a very helpful online map, for the meeting and continued with roughly outlined boundaries.
 - b. "The river" (Little Miami) is the southern boundary up to Wilmer.
 - c. Linwood Ave. (discussion about the Western side of Linwood before Eastern Ave)/Beverly Hills Dr./Ault Park – to City corporate line (North)
 - d. East side of Heekin Ave is boundary with Mt. Lookout.
3. TJ shared an email of ODOT proposals for extending Linwood Ave. (54 plans, not funded). Will look for the same for the Eastern Corridor project.
 - a. Elizabeth expressed a concern about hillside water runoff from the proposed Linwood/Sheffield/Richwood "cluster housing" development. TJ felt that there would be no concern.
 - i. Nina asked how our quality of life issues, re this project, would be expressed as it relates to boundary issues (technically still Linwood, and Council has not opposed anything thus far).
4. Membership Recruitment Goals
 - Want to continue focus on more trustees and business owners

- Aggressive focus on getting our “Social Media Assistant” with our NSP funds. [Incoming President 2021] will ask Chris Nesbitt to help compose a job description ASAP. General description of duties:
 1. Coordinate with President, Communications et al., to get, and coordinate our plans, events, other items of interest, on a regular, frequent basis, for Facebook, Next Door, newsletter, mailing.
 - Nina said that her membership plan, reliant on mass mailing seems outdated, especially in light of the COVID need for online communication. What she feels is still extremely important is frequent communication of our proposed and finalized activities to keep people informed, by closing the communication loop.

New Business:

Elizabeth Stoehr proposed a Linwood Lantern fundraiser project, similar to the Mt. Lookout Luminaria each year. It would run from September to Nov/December. Fundraising as well as meeting new residents and building membership, added by Nina.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM by V.P. TJ Russo
There was no date selected for the next Trustee meeting.

Minutes submitted by:

Nina Johns
Secretary