

Linwood Community Council
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Linwood Community Council was called to order by Pres. TJ Russo, at 7:04 P.M. on April 27, 2021 via a ZOOM online conference connection.

Present:

Nine (9) Council members and one (1) guest were present. Refer to the meeting sign-in sheet, attached.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting, March 23, 2021, were previously transmitted by Sec. N. Johns. A motion was made by Trustee P. Goodman, and seconded by Trustee M. Wagner, to accept the minutes, as transmitted; they passed unanimously by voice vote.

President's Report

- There was no President's report.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer T. Salamon reported that as of March 31st, we have total cash assets of \$12,938.74. Tom informed us that our insurance policy needed to be renewed promptly, and paid. We discussed which fund should be used in the short term. M. Wagner suggested the AIG funds, and then when our NSP money is received we can reimburse AIG and reclassify the NSP funds. A motion was made to approve this method, and to approve the Treasurer's report by C. Salamon and seconded by N. Johns.

City Services Speakers

CPD District 2:

Present were the following officers:

- Officer Al Brown: Community liaison for Madisonville and Linwood (979-4429)
*Officer Brown reported 9 incidents: 6 theft from auto and 3 thefts of autos in the Lunken Playfield, and area.
*T. Salamon asked if Citizens on Patrol (CoP) could resume being on site just to watch for criminal activity and call it in to the police. Officer Brown will respond.

CFD:

No report this month.

CRC:

No report this month

Committee Reports:

- **Beautification:**

P. Goodman asked about the Grasshopper contract and Tom informed him that we do not have one, but we use the company for landscaping when we have funds remaining to do so, at EOY. The City will do maintenance work for neighborhoods, if we are placed on a list. As per E. Hartlaub, Saturday cleanup events can be/or are being posted on Linwood's Nextdoor account.

- **Communications:**

P. Goodman updated us on the LCC email account which will probably be these types: "general connection", "President" and "Trustee". Reminded that the website builder will be either Wix or Squarespace. E. Hartlaub will also set up a Nextdoor account for Linwood Community Council. We are awaiting NSP funds.

- **Safety:**

Tom has already commented during Officer Brown's report, above.

- **Events:**

There will be no scheduling of events until the State lifts COVID restrictions

- **Garden:** (*Dormant since 2019; \$1,980.70 available; formerly on Beechmont Circle*)

UPDATE: The Google phone number for the garden goes to the garden email although the number is attached to N. Johns' home phone number for maintenance and renewal purposes. Renewal takes place this month. JUST FYI to Council of status, all documented in the "Garden" folder in Dropbox. At this time, all phone calls (emails) have been wrong numbers.

- **Zoning:**

Today, April 27th, at 3:00 PM, there was a ZOOM meeting with Andy Juengling and Alex Peppers, City Planning Supervisor, scheduled by TJ Russo to get input from the City on how to update our neighborhood plan; the last one being done in 2002. We were told that there is a backlog of communities waiting to work with the City, and we might get on the list in/around October. We were told that it is a labor intensive project. M. Wagner recommended that it be done, and there was general consensus that it should be. She also told us about a design process called "charrette" which can incorporate multi-disciplinary consultants to help. [This random link is inserted by the Secretary, after this meeting, for reference <https://www.epa.gov/international-cooperation/public-participation-guide-charrettes>]. E. Stoehr suggested that we include the new plan in our NSP proposal for some financial support.

AIG/NSP:

- Patrick reported that the NSP contract and other documents requiring signature had been received via email on 4/22/21 from Valerie McIntosh; TJ Russo will coordinate with T. Salamon for signature, and mailing.

Other:

MLCC-Linwood Advisory Committee:

- Nothing to report via the Advisory Committee.

City Planning Commission Hearing on April 16, 2021

- The Commission decided not to approve BMV Vision, LLC's request for a zoning change for the Bloor Development project on Beechmont Circle, from ML to PD. They will reconvene on the zoning change request.
- Random comments on the hearing:
 1. Jane Butschie thanked the Council for its participation, and will become a member. The following were general appraisals:
 2. We believe that we were perceived as diligent and professional for being open to some kind of development.
 3. We were glad to finally be informed of intended the price ranges for the proposed apt rentals; estimated at \$1200-\$1400 for one BR, to which the Commission reacted with concern.
 4. Byron Stallworth, Commission chairman said that he takes Council presidents seriously in these matters.
 5. Mentioned: the ML zoning status and past usage has kept the traffic lower on the round about, but even as is the speed is between 30-50 mph.
 6. Nina noted that at today's meeting with the City, Alex Peppers, commented that the City will have "a hard time turning down the developers a second time", if nothing has been proposed by Council to be considered for taking its place.
 7. E. Hartlaub asked about "next steps"; TJ said he would reach out/coordinate, and we could all submit our alternate planning for review/next presentation.

Boundaries:

- Laura Whitman of the MtLCC who is on the zoning committee, requested our by-laws in order to resume the study of the boundaries of our two communities. N. Johns provided the by-laws to her.

Old Business:

- ~~HN Top Five (5) Projects list was approved in June. Submitted?~~ **REQUEST DELETION**
- Nina reported on streetcalming efforts on Heekin Ave. P.G. **Sittenfeld's motion was passed on Sept. 30, 2020.** Sec. N. Johns has asked Heekin residents to give update to her before each LCC meeting, since they took this most recent initiative, and the Council did not intercede for oversight of the actual solution.
- Linwood banners: **UPDATE** Trustee P. Goodman spoke to someone at Garland Signs, and got an inventory of signs remaining/being repaired. Also was told that Treas. T. Salamon has extra paint for signage. Tres. T. Salamon will look. Remaining discussion: suggestions for placement at Armleder Park, Heekin/Shattuc, Linwood Ave/Eastern.
- ~~Mail box item from October. Urban Housing Overlay meeting notice.~~ **REQUEST DELETION**
- ~~Review March 25th Public Staff Conference outcome~~ (**OUTDATED BY PLANNING COMMITTEE HEARING APRIL 16TH**) **REQUEST DELETION**

New Business:

- None at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM without a motion. TJ Russo requested that we end our meetings by 8:30, in future. N. Johns commented that having Committee meetings during the month and providing summaries of those at the General Meeting would save time.

Submitted by Nina Johns
Secretary