**Linwood Community Council**

General Membership Meeting Minutes

DRAFT June 28, 2022

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the Linwood Community Council was called to order by President, TJ Russo at 7:01 P.M. on June 28, 2022 with some in-person, and others via ZOOM conference meeting.

**Present:**

Eight (8) Council members and three (3) guests were present. Refer to the meeting sign-in sheet, attached.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the last meeting, May 24, 2022, were previously transmitted by Sec. N. Johns. A motion was made by C. Salamon, and seconded by M. Wagner, to accept the minutes, as transmitted; they passed unanimously by voice vote.

**President’s Report**

No report this month.

**Treasurer’s Report**

M. Wagner stated that there were no changes to the Treasurer’s report this month except a small amount of interest. See the report for May, 2022. She confirmed that the deadline for use of our Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) funds is August 31st this year. She will be filing an interim progress report with NSP shortly. [*Secretary’s note: these are contractual funds from the City used by Council Committees*].

**City Services Speakers**

*CPD District 2*: Officer Al Brown reported one “theft from auto” this month. The District 2 National Night Out will take place on the 1st Tuesday in August, once again at Owl’s Nest Park, Madison Rd. in O’Bryonville.

*CFD*: No report this month.

*CRC:* Bryan Servizzi said that shelter rentals at the Playfield remain strong”. He also advised of a pickle ball tournament coming up. He also told us that he has placed a work order with the City for a new gate for Linwood Park. As with many things, there is a backlog of orders, so no timetable yet. We thanked him for his effort. (See “Safety”, below).

**Committee Reports:**

* **Safety:**

**\* From May’s minutes:** *Discussion of problem with Linwood Park’s system for locking up. Historically managed by local residents, during the day, but in the evening there has been some confusion which is a problem for groups who pay rental to the City for that space. There has been some breaching of the current structure by frustrated individuals. We are working closely with CRC for a new locking system which will accommodate these rentals. Gate being considered.*

**\***T. Salamon reported on Citizens on Patrol (COP). It is no longer located at Lunken Airport, but has moved to a building at Lunken Playfield. The cruiser assigned to them has broken down and they are looking into another vehicle, possibly unmarked.

**\***M. Wagner feels that drug use activity may be returning to Linwood Park. TJ Russo will post phone numbers to call to report suspected activity, on our website.

**\***N. Johns was informed that the planters in front of the former Linwood Academy, 4800 Eastern Ave. (location of Crossfit) were missing. “Dave” at Crossfit said “things do walk off”. These were the property of the LCC, purchased in 2021; Nina filed a police report with desk Officer Deardorf, District 2.

**\***E. Stoehr asked B. Servizzi about the the dog park gate in Armleder Park. He consults with their administration (Ham. Cty.). She indicated that it seemed possible for animals to escape via the gate on the enclosure. He will try to look into this.

* **Beautification:**

**\***M. Wagner feels that the four (4) wooden “gateway” signs need painting touch up. She also suggested getting hanging additions to those signs, with the website address: [**www.linwoodcc.com**](http://www.linwoodcc.com)to raise awareness and support community engagement. T. Salamon will contact Garland Signs. All agreed to make this purchase with Communication Comm. funds.

**\***C. Salamon asked if we could restore daffodil bulbs around Linwood since it was traditional at one time, according to M. Wagner. 200 bulbs will be ordered.

* **Communications:**

**\*Email list:** T. Salamon is no longer working with the email list. Emails are added automatically when someone subscribes to our “newsletter” on the Contact page of our website. Other emails can be added manually as we receive them. (Comm. Committee).

**\*Website:** N/A

* **Events:**

**\*** TJ Russo reported that two committee members were able to meet and are working on ideas for the event we will have in late Summer or Autumn. Many ideas are being floated, so…

***STAY TUNED:***

Website: <https://www.linwoodcc.com/>

Facebook: Linwood, Cincinnati Ohio, and Linwood Nextdoor

* **Membership Committee:**

\*The Committee consulted with the Council to restart the collection of membership dues after a lapse during the pandemic. A proposal was made to increase the dues from $5.00 per household to $10.00, after a comparison with other community councils’ fees. The general consensus was to begin collecting again right away, but to not raise the dues in 2022, and revisit. The feeling is that people are still experiencing pandemic, and economic fallout. A motion was made by TJ Russo and seconded by C. Salamon; passed unanimously.

\*Ideas to be discussed for maintaining the General Fund (not NSP) could be:

1) The eventual activation of a “donate button” on the website, and/or

2) Sponsorship opportunities for neighborhood businesses.

\**If, in reading this you would like to join the Council, please email us at* [***linwoodcc001@gmail.com***](mailto:linwoodcc001@gmail.com) or visit the website’s “Contact” page, “Email Us”.

* **Zoning:** No new items.

**MtLCC-Linwood CAG:** No update.

**Bloor Ave project:** No update.

**IIN/EGD subcommittee:** The City is responding to the rejection of CM Keating’s density ordinance. We will need to stay informed on their counter proposals.

E**.** Stoehr [via EGD?] advised that there is a new ordinance(?) re: “U.D. Overlay districts” example: Mt.Lookout Square, which will allow developers to demolish properties without plans. Also a discussion of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU).

* **Old Business:**

**\*** *Record Retention***:** N. Johns will report as needed.

*LCC Dashboard***:** N. Johns ongoing project; a master list to capture periodic, ongoing Council responsibilities/deadlines/renewals.

**\*** *Heekin Ave. Traffic:*  Thanks to City recognition by installing/upgrading three (3) new STOP signs, this is **resolved**. We will keep the City apprised as needed.

**\*** N. Johns asked the Council to consider having an LCC credit card with the necessary controls for its use.

\* Lisa Russo, TJ’s wife will be starting a food pantry for Linwood residents, with some funding by the Council. Amount to be determined, after proposal received. *This received unanimous approval by voice vote.*

* **New Business**: President’s summary of City emails received.

**\***Due to the Heekin traffic issue, N.Johns had already engaged Councilmember Jeffreys who leads the Pedestrian Traffic and Safety subcommittee.

**\***New Linwood banners to be ordered from Garland Signs. **(See Beautification)**

* **Open Forum**: N/A

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM, with a motion by T. Salamon, seconded by E. Stoehr.

Submitted by

Nina Johns

Secretary