**Linwood Community Council**

***DRAFT*** General Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2025

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the Linwood Community Council was called to order by President TJ Russo on July 22, 2025, with all attending in-person.

**Present:**

Five (5) Council members (3 Officers/2 Trustees), one (1) resident(s) were present. Refer to the meeting sign-in sheet, attached.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the last meeting, June 27, 2025 were previously transmitted by Sec. M. Sallee and a motion was made by B Levine and seconded by M Wagner, to accept the minutes as transmitted.

**President’s Report**

TJ Russo provided agenda and the following mailbox items: Let’s Taco about Tools at the Toolbank, City Small Business Expansion Grant Applications are open, Night of the Neighborhoods Summer Social at Cincinnati Reds Youth Academy, Second Chance Job Fair, Hamilton County Office of Reentry Annual “Building Bridges,” Starfire Inclusion Seekers Summit at Cincinnati Art Museum, Homeownership Fair.

**Treasurer’s Report**

M. Wagner’s report noted that NSP funds have been received. Repayment for Beautification expenditures give LCC total assets a balance of $20,237.18. Reminder that member dues are $5.00. Report on file. B Levine motioned and TJ Russo seconded.

**City Services Speakers**

*CFD*: Lt. Oliver reported there were 118 runs last month and of those 99 were EMS runs. Reminder to stay hydrated in the heat.

*CPD:* Not present.

*CRC:* B Servizi update on the Land of Make Believe building – possibly will be rented to Anderson Art Collective – no updates available. No update on the development of Luken Airport.

**Committee Reports:**

* **Safety:** T Salamon Citizens on Patrol – has resumed. Usually go out Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Working with L Gardner to post notice on website that volunteers are needed. No new updates.
* **Beautification:**  B Levine has met with Bzak to continue working on the island between Beechmont and Old Wooster. Waiting on new estimate for that planting. New planter for Eastern and Linwood will be delivered next week. Planters for median on Beechmont Circle are planned for August.
* **Communications:** L Gardner reported the site has been freshly updated with community news, links and “about” information. This has resulted in 15 new subscribers to the LCC e-newsletter and 12 new Facebook followers. All should feel free to forward submissions on to L Gardner.
* **Engagement:** fka Events and Membership. A family movie night event flyer was left in mailboxes for July 19th, but had to be cancelled due to rain. Would like to contact the organizers to see if they’d be interested in helping with the LCC event. Late September or first week of October for the LCC event. Still confirming power connection from the church next to the Tot Lot. B Servizi advised that CRC has a movie license that LCC may be able to use. Look to partner with Stagnaro for drinks (suggested).
* **AIG/NSP:** Looking at cost re-allocations – storage rental fee will be increasing from $88 per month to $110. Discussion related to alternatives to storing items as contract is up this month. Will pay for August and plan to empty the storage space. File cabinet could be stored in the Land of Make of Believe building. No re-allocations for Beautification as balance is expected to be spent. TJ Russo motioned to move $500 from storage Project 2 to Project 1 communication fees. Seconded by B Levine and all present in favor.
* **Zoning:** Demolition has begun at the old Wine Cellar Innovation. Demolition taking place at the Bloor Circle, word is that it is for a heated and two level storage facility.
* **For information on Linwood’s development projects, visit our website at**

[**https://www.linwoodcc.com/meeting-notes**](https://www.linwoodcc.com/meeting-notes)

* **Please be reminded that our Membership form can be downloaded from our website:** [**https://www.linwoodcc.com/contact**](https://www.linwoodcc.com/contact)

**Old Business:**

* + Sidewalk repair/replacement notifications from City. Resident, Matt on Hutton St received notification to replace home front sidewalk in the amount of $2,000. Highest estimate in neighborhood is $3000. Update: A Nextdoor Group has been created by Matt and is looking to contact City Council – no updates.
  + Connected Communities – the Save Hyde Park Square Zoning Referendum Petition collected the necessary number of signatures to place on the November ballot.

**New Business:** No August meeting.

**Open Forum**: Discussion regarding the Linwood monument-like placard that has settled into the ground on the Beechmont Levy – Old Wooster exit/entrance ramp. B Levine seeking ideas as to how to have it elevated and leveled.

A motion was made to adjourn by TJ Russo and seconded by L Markham at 8:18 p.m. Submitted by M. Sallee, Secretary