

Linwood Community Council
General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Linwood Community Council was called to order by Pres. TJ Russo, at 7:02 P.M. on Mar. 23, 2021 via a ZOOM online conference connection:

Present:

Eight (8) Council members and four (4) guests were present. Refer to the meeting sign-in sheet, attached.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting, Feb. 23, 2021, were previously transmitted by Sec. N. Johns. A motion was made by Trustee P. Goodman, and seconded by Trustee E. Hartlaub, 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 we have total cash assets of \$12,937.57 motion was made by N. Johns and seconded by M. Wagner, to accept the report as previously transmitted.
- N. Johns asked about the source of the "General Funds" included in the total, and M. Wagner replied that they are "non-contractual funds" accumulated from various past Council fundraising events (dues, raffles, donation(s) such as from the Flying Pig).

City Services Speakers

CPD District 2:

Present were the following officers:

- Captain Danita Pettis, District 2; (523) 979-4444
 - Officer Al Brown: Community liaison for Madisonville and Linwood (979-4429)
 - Lt. Chris Seta
- *Officer Brown reported 3 incidents: 1 theft personal property (?) and 2 theft from auto. He also informed us of the CPOP project to place "vehicle report cards" on windshields to help owners avoid break ins. Finally, there will be "liaison involved surveillance activity".

*Lt. Seta reported that the CPD “National Night Out” will be held on October 5, 2021 at Owls Nest Park. They have begun a donation drive, contact: christopher.seta@C-onio.gov P. Goodman asked for information to place on our website.

CFD :

No report this month.

CRC:

No report this month

Guest Speaker: Brandon Raifstanger, 3 East Business Association

Brandon told us that 3E meets on the last Weds of every month at Eli’s in Columbia Tusculum (CT). The “3” are CT, East End, and Linwood. He stayed and offered input during our Committee Reports.

Committee Reports:

- **Safety:**

Trustee E. Hartlaub reported that there were three (3) car windows broken on Linwood, off of Eastern, in front of the apartment complex. (We acknowledged that Officer Brown had already reported on it – see above).

Trustee/Treasurer T. Salamon has contacted Citizens on Patrol and found that no one is leading it at this time, and it is not being reinstated. He states that C.o P. had a very good effect on monitoring crime, and they were uniformed and had radio contact to rely on. In his experience, they handled two (2) incidents each at both, Lunken Playfield and in Hyde Park. They also used “report cards” for citizens to advise them.

Trustee P. Goodman offered, “Fix It Cincinnati” as a contact to report abandoned cars.

- **Beautification:**

P. Goodman provided a spreadsheet outlining our flower pot needs and potential prices. Brandon offered that “3 E” received a grant from the City for CT, approved by City Council. **The Neighborhood Business & Development program(?)** Other options past and future: “Keep America Beautiful” and “The Great American Cleanup”.

P. Goodman discussed lowering speed limits on Eastern Ave., near and beyond Linwood Ave. as cars approach the Columbia Pkwy entrance. He also commented that 4805 Eastern Ave., for rent, looks like a nice property.

- **Communications:**

We were updated on options for our new website, foremost being Google “office” (G suite \$6.00 per month). Also, the design of our “email tree” and how it can be used by officers and Committee members. Memo from the Committee is included with this month’s minutes.

There will be City of Cincinnati Public Staff Conference on Thurs., March 25th about the “Bloor Ave. Development”. (See Old Business)

- Points to discuss: ML to PD? Mixed use. Historic housing.

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

Awaiting the outcome of the voting process.

- **Events:**
There will be no scheduling of events until the State lifts COVID restrictions
- **Zoning:**
No report at this time.

Other:

MLCC-Linwood Advisory Committee:

Secretary: N. Johns: The project has had a second Coordinated Site Review (CSR) provided by the City of Cincinnati, which had been requested to change the project from “cluster housing” to “subdivision” which would result in a fewer number of houses. The City permits three (3) CSRs in total, so the project could technically revert to “cluster housing”. The CAG has still had no direct contact on the project, but will keep the LCC informed as needed.

IIN Meetings:

P. Goodman and E. Hartlaub attended Sat. March 20, 2021 Reported that the Councils want to start speaking more “as one”. Joe Grohs, from Oakley, placed a “link to app” in the meeting agenda to get feedback from all Community Councils. They especially want a “larger voice” on development activity from the communities; they feel that they are getting organized but not quite there yet. They were considering streaming the Mayoral Forum on 3/31/21

Membership Letter for emailing March 25, 2021:

A vote was called to approve, a letter to some identified Linwood residents to boost membership. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Old Business:

- IIN Top Five (5) Projects list was approved in June. Submitted? **REQUEST DELETION**
- ~~Sec. N. Johns will work with City to see what contact info they have on file and how it relates to the website and NSP app.~~ NSP and Communications upgrade. **PART OF TRUSTEE “NEW BUSINESS” 2/23/21.**
- 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 ___ at Garland Signs, and got an inventory of signs remaining/being repaired. Also was told that Treas. T. Salamon has extra paint for signage. Treas. 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 (**NEW**)

New Business:

- **NEW & TIME SENSITIVE** Follow up letter to Paul Schirmer. **Guest Speaker #2**
RESOLVED BY TJ RUSSO (EMAIL/PHONE)

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM by E. Stoehr and seconded by E. Hartlaub

Submitted by Nina Johns
Secretary