**Linwood Community Council**

***DRAFT*** General Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2023

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the Linwood Community Council was called to order by President, TJ Russo at 7:00 P.M. on November 28, 2023 with all attending in-person.

**Present:**

Seven (7) Council members (6 in person, 1 via Zoom), and two (2) residents were present. Refer to the meeting sign-in sheet, attached. Introductions were made on behalf of our resident attendees.

**Approval of Minutes**

N/A – due to Secretary’s vacancy, no minutes recorded last month

**President’s Report**

No report this month.

**Treasurer’s Report**

M. Wagner’s report noted that our total assets are $15,554.49; NAF grant refund for unused fund ($8,199.92) cleared 11/6/2023 and Beautification Committee expenditures of $653.10. Report on file. Motion was made by TJ Russo and seconded by B. Levine, to accept the report as given.

**City Services Speakers**

*CPD:* Officer Jason Rice, from District 2, was in attendance. He provided a comprehensive written report, the “Linwood Neighborhood Crime Report: 28 Day Reporting Period”, summary attached herewith. Beware ‘tis the season for porch pirates.

*CFD*: N/A

*CRC:* B. Servizzi not in attendance, but TJ Russo communicated on Bryan’s behalf that a joint effort project between CRC and FCC to construct a mini-pitch soccer field is under way and a full report to be given in January.

**Guest Speakers:**

N/A

**Committee Reports:**

* **Safety:** T. Salamon reported that there was no Citizen Patrol activity in November due to mechanical issues with the patrol vehicle. Patrols are ordinarily from 3pm-6pm and now extend to the new CPD district boundaries.
* **Beautification:** M. Sallee reported that Bean Native Nursery has been hired to create a Native Pollinator garden design and the Committee has decided to hire Honeysuckle Removal Co to clear invasives at the foot bridge located between Eastern Ave and Hutton St.
* **Communications:** N/A
* **Events:** M. Wagner reported window has closed on a fall/winter event for this year. Looking towards spring 2024.
* **Zoning:** TJ Russo reported that a Virtual Public Staff Conference hosted by Andrew Halt, City Planner, is scheduled 11/29/2023 at 4:00pm for proposed Zone change at 4575 Eastern Ave from Manufacturing General (MG) to Residential Multifamily 0.7 (RM-0.7) by CIG Communities. Additional comments in New Business.

**For information on Linwood’s development projects, visit our website at**

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

* **Membership Committee:**  M. Wagner reported the Committee will be discussing plans for a Membership Drive to possibly be scheduled in January. *Please be reminded that our Membership form can be downloaded from our website:* <https://www.linwoodcc.com/contact>
* **AIG/NSP:** M. Wagner reported on the November NSP report of funds spent, and balances remaining as we continue our projects. Motion by TJ Russo to move $1000.00 in NSP funds from Events to Beautification. Motion seconded by B. Levine. January 15th is deadline to spend NSP funds. February 9th is due date for the 2024 NSP application with $7,375.00 in funds available.
* **Old Business:**

\*Linwood Banners. TJ has map of nearly 24 banner locations and will contact banner maker to determine if there are previously printed banners in their possession.

* **New Business:**

\*Slate of Officers Vote:

TJ Russo, President

Elizabeth Stoehr, Vice President

Marlene Wanger, Treasurer

Michelle Sallee, Secretary

Jane Butschie, Trustee

Bonnie Levine, Trustee

Todd Newcomb, Trustee

Tom Salamon, Trustee

One vote was called for the entire slate and it was unanimously approved by 9 voice votes.

\*4575 Eastern Ave Zone Change Virtual Public Staff Conference – TJ reported that he plans to attend and advised that he provided the host with a copy of Goals for Linwood located in the drop box of the Linwood Community Archive that includes language about preserving historical architecture of Linwood while enhancing its image and marketability.

\*City Planning Commission meeting to be held on Friday, December 1, 2023 at 9:00am. See attached Agenda from CPC. For calendar and meeting packets please go to: [City Planning Commission - City Planning (cincinnati-oh.gov)](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/about-city-planning/city-planning-commission/)

\*Updates from the office of Council-member Harris

1. neighborhood-level data on housing units
2. [Housing Unit Activity (cincinnati-oh.gov)](https://insights.cincinnati-oh.gov/stories/s/2rpa-tuj4)

\*FY24 carry over budget request Community Councils – additional 75K for NSP. TJ Russo reported he sent letter in support. M. Wagner reported that the request has been denied.

\*Reeves Golf liquor license renewal – no objections voiced.

\*Coffee with the Chief. M. Wagner reported that she attended this event hosted by CPD and Chief Teresa Theetge. Others from nearby Community Councils were in attendance along with Council-member Elect, Anna Albi. Youth violence was a hot topic due to a recent gun death in the City.

* **Open Forum**:

Resident M Shaw reported on continued dumping and much needed invasive control measures near Beechmont Circle. The Beautification and Events Committees took under advisement.

Resident J Weaver inquired about the construction and any new proposals on the former Jacob Bros site. TJ Russo reported that the construction is related to gas lines and that he is not aware of any development plans at this time.

A motion was made to adjourn by B. Levine and seconded by E. Stoehr at 8:30PM

Submitted by

Michelle Sallee

Trustee/Secretary elect

\*\*\* AGENDA \*\*\*

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY HALL

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 300

801 PLUM STREET

CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202

VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

December 1, 2023

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES Consider the minutes of October 20, 2023. (p. 2)

DISCUSSION ITEM – LEGISLATIVE

ITEM 1 A report and recommendation on proposed zoning text amendments to modify

Title XIV, “Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati,” of the Cincinnati Municipal

Code by amending certain provisions of Chapters 1411, “Downtown Development

Districts,” and 1441, “Application, Procedures, Permits and Certificates,” to restrict

the development of surface parking lots and implement new design standards for

temporary surface parking lots in the DD, “Downtown Development,” zoning

district and further recommending the early termination of Interim Development

Control Overlay District No. 88, “Surface Parking in the Downtown Development

District,” as an overlay district. (Dienger) (p. 11)

DISCUSSION ITEM – QUASI-JUDICIAL

Governed by Section 5 F.[G.] of the City Planning Commission Rules: <http://tinyurl.com/CPCprocedures>

ITEM 2 A report and recommendation on a proposed new commercial parking lot at 1005

Gilbert Avenue in the Central Business District and within the boundary of Interim

Development Control Overlay District No. 88, “Surface Parking in the Downtown

Development District.” (Dienger) (p. 228)

OTHER BUSINESS

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

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