

Minutes of Sayler Park Village Council Meeting March 6, 2017

Our Vice President, Garrett Gerard, called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. There were 39 people in attendance. We began with the pledge to the flag.

Secretary: Amanda Flick reported. Council minutes will no longer be read aloud during the meetings, instead they will be emailed to members and also available on the Sayler Park website.

Treasurer: Mary Dornette reported. We have \$14,740.77 in the checking account, \$7,700.00 of that total being NSP funds. There is \$35,651.98 in the CD.

Police: Officer Johnson reported. Crime stats are now distributed in a simpler format, names of arrests and reports per address are no longer available. There is a juvenile cadet program for those students 16 and older who are interested in a career in law enforcement or other city entities, you can find more information online. City camp is available for those students 14 and older for the summer, please check out the Cincinnati Police website for more information. We were reminded of Facebook safety, do not post that you're out of town. Officer Johnson's email address is anthony.johnson@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Cincinnati Recreation Center: Family Dodge Ball Night will be Friday, March 10th, and is open to people of all ages. See the CRC front desk for more information.

Sayler Park Elementary PTA: Erin Clark reported. All PTA board positions are open for the 2017-2018 school year, please see the school website for more information. The school will be hosting two events in the spring, Father/Daughter Dance and Grandparent's Day.

Business District Committee: Ellen Gerard reported. The next meeting will be held on March 8th at 7pm, we will be choosing the Graphic Designer in charge of creating the new banners. If interested in joining the committee please see Ellen after the meeting.

Old Business:

Community Planning Project: Garrett Gerard reported. The core group involved in the Community Planning Project will meet at Sayler Park School on March 15th at 7:30pm, stay tuned for a community wide meeting.

Ellen Gerard reported. Last month we discussed amending the bylaws to add a new type of council membership for business owners in Sayler Park which would give business owners a right to vote. This amendment will put our council in compliance with the city to receive funding. A motion was made to vote on the amendment, there was no discussion. 26 members voted in favor of the amendment, 0 opposed.

Betty Kumpf reported. The playground renovation at Stuart Park has been completed, check it out when you have time.

New Business:

Sayler Park Farmer's Market: Tony Anneken reported. We are asking the council for \$325 to purchase 150 tote bags to sell and advertise for the farmer's market. The market will reimburse the council the full amount once it's collected. A motion was made to give the market \$325 for tote bags, there was no discussion. 25 members voted in favor for funding the tote bags, 0 opposed.

Sienna Condy reported. The website is currently being updated, if you have an organization, event, or business in Sayler Park that you want to be included on the Sayler Park website please see Sienna. www.saylerpark.org

Neighborhood Operations (Sanitation): Joseph Scharff reported. 2 trash cans have been added to the 5 already in Sayler Park. As long as these cans aren't stolen there could be more installed. The Cleanup Blitz will take place on October 13th on Parkland, between Monitor and Thelma.

Spring Cleanup: Richard Lemker reported. Our community cleanup will take place on April 1st at 9am, please meet at Nelson Sayler Memorial Park. The focus of the cleanup will be sidewalks, streets, and litter.

Sayler Park Octoberfest: Howard Hughes reported. The proposed Sayler Park Octoberfest event will take place on August 26th, there will be bands, beer, and food. Howard made a motion for council funding in the amount of \$6-6,500. Discussion ensued. Ellen Gerard asked if the money would be paid back to the council and also how marketing is being approached. Howard answered that all profits would be given back to the council and advertising would be through radio and social media. Mary Dornette asked how much profit Howard was projecting for the event, to which he answered \$3,600. Garrett Gerard asked to table the discussion and revisit the request at the April meeting.

Christen McCoy asked for information on the CPS Preschool Promise and tax levy. The preschool at Sayler Park Elementary is still income based, so although the taxes increased for CPS not everyone in the community can use the school. She is looking for any contact information for CPS preschools. Sienna Condy was able to provide information for the new liaison for CPS. Please see Sienna for more information.

Henry Frondorff is running for city council. He created the Neighborhood Games and is involved in the Neighborhood Improvement Plan. Henry is asking for our support in the next city council election.

13 Below Brewing: Doug Menkedick reported. The brewery is scheduled to open in May 2017 and will seat 25 at the bar, 100 inside and 60 outside. There will be a handicap accessible bar top. A website, Twitter, and Facebook page for the brewery is coming soon. Doug passed out beer coozies for council members.

Cincinnati Councilperson Amy Murray reported. Amy gave out information regarding frequently called numbers for the city. New apps were added this year for Fix It Cincy, Passport Parking, and Cincy EZ Ride. Additionally, there is a monthly newsletter that comes out of her office, if you're not signed up please do so online. This is an election year and signatures are needed to get on the ballot, please sign if you want. This year the Western Hills Viaduct is the most important issue regarding Cincinnati transportation, which will be 300 million dollars to repair and replace. Please contact Amy with any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming election or city issues.

Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley reported. His office is currently working on the litter and housing court issue. He's trying to add more garbage trucks, street sweepers, and salt trucks while also paving more roads. Mayor Cranley helped secure funding to get the Parkland Theatre back open and supported Fernbank Park maintenance by the Cincinnati Parks. Sharon Sellet asked what Mayor Cranley sees for our neighborhood, he stated that our area needs a Washington Park type of place to gather and to clean up the blight in Price Hill. Our council members alerted him that there is no current crosswalk, traffic light, or pedestrian bridge to get to Fernbank Park from Sayler Park, Mayor Cranley stated that his office would look into helping get this request fulfilled. Sharon Sellet will be the Sayler Park contact for Mayor Cranley's office. Dave Pickeral asked about trying to secure a stop sign on Gracely and Monitor to slow down the traffic in the business district. Anna Mouch stated that an expert came to monitor the stop sign issue and his findings came back with no need for a sign at that particular spot.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. Respectively submitted by Amanda Flick, Recording Secretary.