

HPNC Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

7:00 PM in the Little Theatre

Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church

Meeting Agenda

- **Welcome**
 - Valerie Woodham, President, Presiding
- **Location of future meetings:**

Tuesday, October 14th, 7pm, Hyde Park United Methodist Church
- **Recurring Guests (*topics limited to 5 minutes, unless otherwise posted*)**
 - Cincinnati Police Department, *Officer Monique Martin*
 - Cincinnati Fire Department, *Lieutenant Dan Coletta or Captain B. Scott Snell*
 - Hyde Park Library, *Ben Lathrop*
 - Cincinnati Recreation Center, *Joe Berta*
 - Hyde Park School, *Jill Sunderman*
 - Withrow University High School, *Belinda Carson*
 - Clark Montessori High School, *TBD*
- **Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes, Officer Reports, Committee Reports**
- **Guests (*topics limited to 5 minutes, unless otherwise posted*)**
 - Kevin Farmer, Candidate for Cincinnati City Council
 - Abby Cuyler, Community Outreach Research Coordinator for the Community Engagement Core/P20 Center at UC.
 - Save Hyde Park Square
- **Old Business (*topics limited to 10 minutes, unless otherwise posted*)**
 - None
- **New Business (*topics limited to 10 minutes, including discussion, unless otherwise posted*)**
 - None
- **Adjourn**



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HPNC President's Report

Halloween on the Square Celebration

Once again, HPNC will be hosting Halloween on the Square on Saturday October 25th.

Look for more details soon on all the fun, including:

Spooky Story times from your favorite witches and ghouls from the Hyde Park Library and

Trick-or-Treating at Hyde Park Square businesses.

HPNC Finance Committee

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HPNC Nominating Committee

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Nothing to report.

HPNC Education Committee

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Nothing to report.

HPNC PLAN Hyde Park Committee

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No Report

HPNC Traffic & Safety Committee

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Our committee is reviewing options for traffic and safety concerns at pickup time, HP School. Current recommendation can accommodate 28 vehicles without blocking what would be a single driving lane between the school driveway and the driveway across from LNCB. Included in this proposal is enforcement of the No Left Turn out of driveway during pickup.



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HPNC Wasson Way Committee

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No Report

HPNC Zoning Committee

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Old business:

2719 Erie Avenue, a.k.a. Hyde Park Square South Block Redevelopment

The developer, HPSRD, LLC, has rescinded its application for a Planned Development.

Consequently, City Council voted unanimously on September 4, 2025, to repeal its former ordinance creating a Planned Development. The developer indicated in news articles its intent to reapply at a later date with a “scaled down” plan.

New business:

1255 Meriweather Avenue

The applicant is the owner of a single-family residence (SF-6 zone) seeking to add a covered deck in the rear yard. The addition requires a variance of 4’4” on the side yard setback and 30’ on the rear yard setback. The ZC voted to oppose the application, for now, in the absence of a survey, full site plan, and input from neighbors. Should more information become available, the ZC may reevaluate.



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Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, August 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Meeting at Hyde Park United Methodist Church called to order by HPNC President, V. Woodham at 7:05 p.m.

In Attendance: D. Hapner, S. Lauter, J. Matulaitis, M. Monroe, S. Mullin, M. Olson, B. Whitney, G. Wollenweber

Advance Notice of Absence: B. Frappier Schirmang, D. Lee, T. McEvoy, K. Michel Marks, E. Paff, R. Sweeney

1. Guests:

Cincinnati Police Department, District 2 Officer Monique Martin: Officer Martin distributed the crime statistics and noted:

- They had great attendance at the National Night Out event, despite the rain.
- Despite continued pleas from the police not to do so, people continue to leave key fobs in their car. Please don't do this. Additionally, please don't leave personal items in your car in plain view.
- Please call District 2 if you see a suspicious vehicle or person in your neighborhood. They may not respond right away, but they will have a record of this. A recent report of a suspicious person led to the arrest of someone suspected of stealing packages from porches.
- District 2 is working to set up directed patrols at Ault Park in the overnight hours in response to some recent incidents there.
- District 2 is continuing to investigate the reported lewd act that occurred along Wasson Way.

Officer Martin can be reached at (513) 979-4481. monique.martin@cincinnati-oh.gov. District 2's non-emergency line is (513) 765-1212.

Hyde Park Library—Branch Manager Ben Lathrop shared that:

- The summer reading program just wrapped up. 846 kids participated. These numbers are steady with last year's participation.
- The library is preparing for the upcoming school year.
- The library's Stern Lecture will take place at the Aronoff Center on September 30 and features journalist and author Nicholas Kristof. For more information, see: <https://chpl.org/stern/>



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- Please come and get a library card—the library has a goal of issuing 1,000 new cards for 2025.

For information on upcoming events, see: [Hyde Park | Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library \(chpl.org\)](https://chpl.org) (513) 369-4456.

Withrow University High School

Belinda Carson reported that:

- Withrow is getting ready for the new school year, which begins August 20th.
- Withrow will be teaching students in grade 9-12 only this year. 7th-8th graders will be taught at Evanston Academy.
- Withrow currently has an interim principal and is searching for a permanent principal.
- 45% of Withrow students are English as a second language(ESL) learners. The school is currently trying to put together a Welcome Center for ESL families where they can provide resources and meet with those families. The school may need help getting some furniture for this effort.
- The school is still looking for shelving and/or storage solutions so that Belinda can organize and manage the supplies and clothing that she distributes to students in need.

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Approval of Consent Agenda

S. Lauter moved to approve the Consent Agenda and amended June minutes. Second by J. Matulaitis. All trustees voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Guests

Jerry Corbett, Candidate for Cincinnati City Council

- He is not a politician—he is a retired Greater Cincinnati Water Works employee (31 years) who is running for City Council.
- He wants to improve city services, especially in areas such as snow removal. He is also concerned about mental health, homelessness, and crime.
- He currently lives in Mt. Washington and is a Democrat, but he is running without party affiliation.
- For more information, see: <https://sites.google.com/view/corbettforcincinnati>

Judge Josh Berkowitz, Candidate for Re-election to Hamilton County Municipal Court

- He has served as our municipal court judge for the last 10 years and will be on the ballot this year for reelection. His court's district includes Hyde Park, Norwood, Oakley, Mt. Lookout.



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- His court serves largest number of cases for the broadest cross section of the public (civil—disputes under 15K, traffic tickets, etc.). He handles both criminal and civil matters, and he is also responsible for setting bonds when people get arrested.
- He has served as the presiding administrative judge for the last year and a half.
- Public safety is very important to him, especially when it comes to setting the appropriate bond. He tries to coordinate with services in the jails for mental health and addiction.
- For more information, see: keepjudgeberkowitz.com

Candra Reeves, Center for Social Justice

- The Urban League, together with the Holloman Center for Social Justice, is conducting a survey on residents' feelings about policing in Hamilton County.
- They will be releasing the report next year, and it will be an update to a report that they produced in 2021.
- You can access the survey here:
https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=KC6x8c3zkUS7cUgh5NYDyJaeWzX439EulGYqSMhRGZUQUdHUzdDRFc4WUJIRTRZUU5RSElwNEg1TS4u&route=shorturl&fbclid=IwY2xjawMrnztleHRuA2FlbQlzMABicmlkETFFRW1uV25OZzJlVlVQR2ZhAR6DhNbHGJSW25xUjM9uR0V_zMduomOYg82sHTHt7AwP2iL8-vfANrc-XH_MdA_aem_TqBYDJ_vZA0lhP5L5VRGeA

3. New Business

V. Woodham noted:

- Work is ongoing to realign HPNC's committee structure, with the help of R. Sweeney and D. Lee. They are working to eliminate committees that have not functioned so that HPNC can focus their efforts and get more community volunteers.
- The Hyde Park Square Business Association (HPSBA) will be hosting their annual Holiday Tree Lighting event on Saturday, November 22, 2025. They are hoping that many businesses will participate and that it will be a fun, community event.
- Several trustees and members of the community had a good and informative lunch at the firehouse on Hyde Park Square last month. Captain Snell even made chicken strips for the kids. The firehouse really wants to be a part of the community.

The firehouse is currently looking for a donation towards the cost of a "Santa Paws" costume (dalmatian). HPNIC (Hyde Park Neighborhood Improvement Committee) and HPSBA have agreed to split the costs with HPNC.

V. Woodham proposed a motion to share in the cost of the costume for the firehouse. Second by S. Mullin. Motion passed unanimously, with V. Woodham abstaining.

- Work on the new website continues. V. Woodham hopes that it will be up and running soon.

4. Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



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Blair Whitney, Recording Secretary