



# HPNC Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 7:00 PM  
Hyde Park United Methodist Church

## Meeting Agenda

- **Welcome**
  - Valerie Woodham, President, Presiding
- **Location of future meetings:**
  - Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Hyde Park United Methodist Church, Little Theater
- **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*)**

No Guests have requested time
- **Old Business (*topics limited to 5 minutes, unless otherwise posted*)**
  - Ad Hoc Committee Update
  - Plan Hyde Park
- **New Business (*topics limited to 5 minutes, unless otherwise posted*)**
  - Nominating Committee Results and Vote
- **Adjourn**

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## **HPNC President's Report**

### **February 2026**

Executive Committee met via zoom Thursday February 5, 2026 at 8am to discuss Ad Hoc Committee structure and purpose.

Following that discussion, the Executive Committee unanimously agreed on the following structure:

- 2 HPNC Trustees
- 1 member of the Zoning Committee (does not need to be a HPNC Trustee)
- 1 member of the Traffic & Safety Committee (does not need to be a HPNC Trustee)
- 1 member of the Education Committee (does not need to be a HPNC Trustee)
- 1 member of HPBSA
- 1 member of Save Hyde Park, possibly 2.
- 1 additional member with legal expertise

This results in a total of 8 members.

With respect to representation and scope:

- Farmers Market and Events would fall under HPSBA.
  - Schools would fall under the Education Committee.
- Those representatives would serve as the primary voices and liaisons for those areas.

I reached out to both HPSBA and Save HP to let us know who their representative/volunteer to finalize the committee members.

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## **HPNC Education Committee**

### **February 2026**

I have completed some research on traffic and safety when a hotel is placed across from the driveway of an elementary school with 700 students, and will reach out directly to Shauna Murphy, Chris Burkhardt, Jill Sunderman and HP School PTO/LSDMC when we have a plan presented to us re HP Square.

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## **HPNC Traffic & Safety Committee**

### **February 2026**

One of our five 311cincy requests was addressed a couple of weeks ago, and the overhead sign stating "Do Not Block Intersection" has been remounted at SB Edwards crossing Madison. Two additional requests for refurbishing broken, potholed speed humps have been placed in a group designation for humps "needing repair"

Still no word on when we will see the 20 MPH flashing school signs on both sides of Madison Rd in front of Withrow. The promise date was November 2024. Will follow up this week

### **HPNC Wasson Way Committee February 2026**

An open call for Wasson Way Trail volunteers elicited over 50 responses, covering items like landscaping, implementation, fundraising and marketing. If you are interested in volunteering in any of these areas, please see the form on [wassonway.org](http://wassonway.org). If you have any questions about any of these volunteer areas, please reach out to me after Tuesday's meeting.

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### **HPNC Zoning Committee February 2026**

#### **Old business:**

Hyde Park Square Redevelopment

At present, no application has been filed by HPSRD with the City. The Zoning Committee remains open to conversation with the development group and will evaluate formal plans as they become available.

The Zoning Committee has selected Trustee Murray Monroe to serve on the newly-formed adhoc committee as a representative.

#### **New business:**

There is no new business at this time.

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### **HPNC Nominating Committee February 2026**

The Nominating Committee held a meet-n-greet on Jan. 18th with 6 very strong candidates interested in joining our board. All of them were familiar faces, either as having thrown their hat into the ring before or having attended/participated in HPNC meetings in the past 12-18 months. It was great to have so much interest from such a strong pool of applicants.

Following the meet-n-greet, the committee held a zoom meeting to discuss the candidates and their qualifications. The committee members ranked the candidates (by email) and votes were tallied. The two top candidates were Dr. Crystal Williams and John Menninger.

At the February meeting, the committee will recommend that Crystal and John fill the two vacancies from Ric and Kyndall's resignations, and then the full board will vote.



**Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, January 12, 2026  
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting at Hyde Park United Methodist Church called to order by HPNC President, V. Woodham at 7:04 p.m.

*In Attendance: B. Frappier Schirmang, D. Hapner, D. Lee, S. Lauter, J. Matulaitis, K. Michel Marks, T. McEvoy, M. Monroe, S. Mullin, M. Olson, E. Paff, R. Sweeney, B. Whitney*

*Advance Notice of Absence: G. Wollenweber*

1. **Guests:**

**Cincinnati Police Department, District 2 Officer:** The officer distributed the crime statistics and noted:

- This month, there was one auto theft, six personal thefts, and one theft from auto.
- If you are interested in allowing the police to have access to your Ring camera data so that it can be used to investigate neighborhood crime, please register it here:

<https://connectcincinnati.org/>

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

**Hyde Park Library—Branch Manager Ben Lathrop** shared that:

- In 2025, the Hyde Park library branch:
  - Had 95,262 visits in one year, for a neighborhood with 13,000 residents.
  - Had 11,739 visits to programs.
  - Was in the Top 8 in the library system for checkouts.
- Winter Checkout Challenge will start this coming Friday. Sign up starting on Friday and you will receive a “legit” tote bag (while supplies last) when you join the Winter Checkout Challenge! The library will also be distributing bookmarks with a list of fun things to do on them. Complete four of the activities on the bookmark and return it to the library for an entry to win a blanket. Return your completed bookmark to the branch on Jan 30 or after to receive a Winter Checkout Challenge collectible mug.

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

**Eastside Rec Center—Service Area Coordinator Joe Berta** shared that:

- He is hoping to hold a one year anniversary celebration for the new center at the end of February.
- There are 13 teens from the Eastside Rec Center enrolled in ski/snowboard club taking part in 6 week lessons (160 kids from across Cincinnati).
- Winter program guides are now available. All classes are included with a membership.

**Hyde Park School—Principal Jill Sunderman** shared that:

- School is back in session after winter break.
- Kindergarten Info Night will be held on January 28th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- STEAM night will be held at the end of February.
- The school's International Night will be held the first week of March
- The community is invited to all these events.
- The school is looking forward to spring and the completion of work on the garden in the back parking lot. There will also be opportunities for the community to help with the once it is open.

**Withrow University High School—Resource Coordinator Belinda Carson** noted that:

- The school received \$3200 in donations for their holiday drive, which allowed 32 kids to receive \$100 gift cards.
- She worked with the Salvation Army to ensure that 24 families received gifts for Christmas.
- She distributed 50 bags of snacks to kids to help with food insecurity over the holidays.
- Queen City Church raised \$15,000 for Withrow's kids for clothing, etc.
- Other members of the community also donated gift cards for students.
- Withrow's football coach will be leaving to take a job at Clark Montessori.
- Withrow's DECCA chapter was featured in the latest Career and Technical Ed newsletter last week.
- Withrow's current wish list for student needs can be found here:  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16K6AJMKMBFBQ?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16K6AJMKMBFBQ?ref_=wl_share)

For more information, contact Belinda Carson at [carsonb@cpsboe.k12.oh.us](mailto:carsonb@cpsboe.k12.oh.us).

**Clark Montessori**

No report

## **Approval of Consent Agenda**

*J. Matulaitis moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by S. Mullin. All trustees voted in favor. Motion carried.*

## **2. Update from the Nominating Committee**

The committee is currently accepting candidate forms for two open trustee positions. There is a meet-and-greet event for candidates scheduled for Sunday morning (January 18, 2026). If anyone else is interested in serving as a trustee, please submit a candidate information form through the contact us link on our website:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/152YQIVL9IEmPXmHL7fwdYY3Wn08iJXqB/view>

## **3. Old Business: Proposed Bylaws Amendment**

### **● Motion to form an Ad Hoc Committee regarding the Hyde Park Square Development**

V. Woodham presents the following motion put forward by Maureen Hood (and others) regarding the proposed formation of an Ad Hoc Committee:

*We move that the Hyde Park Neighborhood Council (HPNC) creates an Ad Hoc Committee regarding the Hyde Park Square (HPS) Development. The HPS Development Ad Hoc Committee will be a working group that makes recommendations to HPNC related to the development. The Committee will: 1) Represent key community stakeholder groups to provide a consistent, cohesive voice regarding the development; 2) Create and lead development of a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) with the developer and City; and 3) Monitor revisions to development plans and adherence to CBA, as well as other duties as mutually agreed with the HPNC Board.*

M. Olsen: Would this be a committee under the HPNC? Who would this committee's recommendations go to?

Yes, the committee would be formed under the umbrella of HPNC. The committee would act in an advisory capacity with any recommendations coming to the full board. Right now, it's important to vote on whether to create it. We can then determine more specifics about how it would function. The precise mission of the committee and who serves on it would need to be figured out.

J Matulaitis: Right now, it seems like we're sitting in limbo waiting on the developers. Isn't forming such a committee like having a reserve team?

S. Lauter: The Ad Hoc Committee could be proactive and approach either the city or the developer, depending on the authority that the committee has.

M. Monroe: The Ad Hoc Committee would need to have pre-meetings, etc. to figure out how they will operate.

The goal of the committee is ultimately to give the community, and the business community in particular, more of a voice in terms of the development project.

*The motion is seconded by S. Mullin. Eight trustees vote in favor of the motion. Three trustees (B. Frappier Schirmang, M. Olsen, T. McEvoy) abstained. The motion carries.*

Maureen Hood: Neighborhood schools would need to be involved in the committee. The Hyde Park Square Farmers Market and Hyde Park Square Art Fair also want a voice in the committee.

- **PLAN Hyde Park Update**

Emily Burns from Cincinnati's Department of Planning and Engagement explained that the draft of the official Hyde Park Plan is now available on the city's planning website:

<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/neighborhood-plans/ongoing-neighborhood-planning-processes/plan-hyde-park/>

A survey about the plan is open until January 26, 2026. All feedback will be taken into consideration before the plan is brought to HPNC for a vote. If HPNC approves the plan, then the plan goes to City Planning Commission and City Council for approval. Many thanks to the PLAN Hyde Park steering committee members.

Question: "How much teeth does such a plan have?"

All neighborhood plans that are approved by City Council are referenced by city planners. It provides a guide for decision making and funding, either from the city or from outside funding sources.

**4. Adjourn: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

Blair Whitney, Recording Secretary