



City of Cincinnati

Neighborhoods Committee

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson, Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
Vice Chair, Wendell Young
Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman
Councilmember Betsy Sundermann

Monday, September 28, 2020 11:00 AM Council Chambers, Room 300

JOINT MEETING: Neighborhoods Committee and Law & Public Safety Committee

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Pastor
Christopher Smitherman
Betsy Sundermann
Absent: Vice Chair Wendell Young

Law & Public Safety Committee Members

Christopher Smitherman, Chair (P); David Mann, Vice Chair(P); Jan-Michele Kearney, Member (P); Greg Landsman, Member (P); Betsy Sundermann, Member (P)

DISCUSSION

Cincinnati Parks & Neighboring Complaints/Concerns

AGENDA

Law & Public Safety

REPORT, dated 6/10/2020, submitted by Patrick A. Duhaney, regarding Twin Lakes area of Eden Park. (SEE DOC. #202000590)

[202000715](#)

Held

COMMUNICATION, submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman from Carol Gibbs, President/CEO, Mt. Auburn Community Development Corporation, regarding an issue that is affecting the quality of life for at least 11 neighborhoods... Mt. Auburn, OTR, Pendleton, Walnut Hills, East Walnut Hills, Northside, Corryville, CUF, CBD, Mt. Adams, North

[202000766](#)

Avondale, by drivers of illegally modified or altered off road vehicles...motorcycles and ATVs.

Held

Neighborhoods

COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Pastor, from Emily Jenkins regarding Piatt Park concerns.

[202001687](#)

Filed

COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Pastor from Carol Gibbs and Mary Armor regarding Motorcycles.

[202001688](#)

Filed

COMMUNICATION, submitted by Councilmember Sittenfeld from Becky Smolenski Finnigan, President, Northside Community Council, regarding support of reinstalling parking meters along Hoffner Street.

[202001634](#)

Filed

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Sittenfeld, dated 8/4/2020, WE MOVE that the City Administration prepare and provide a report regarding the feasibility of installing a stop sign on Heekin Avenue at or near the intersection of Heekin Avenue and Bouton Street in Linwood in order to address speeding and vehicular collisions. WE FURTHER MOVE that the City of Cincinnati make a recommendation on a safe, effective effort, either through the installation of a stop sign, or a different solution that creates a safer environment along Heekin Avenue. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202001200](#)

Adopt

Yes: Chairperson Pastor
 Vice Mayor Smitherman
 Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Vice Chair Young

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Sittenfeld, dated 8/4/2020, WE MOVE that the City Administration prepare a report on the feasibility of implementing a Parklet Program utilizing City-controlled right of way for Cincinnati restaurants looking to expand outdoor dining throughout the duration of the pandemic and beyond. Parklets would be

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procured, owned, and operated by local businesses for enhanced dining operations, and the City would collect revenues associated with the use of the right of way. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Adopt

Yes: Chairperson Pastor
Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Vice Chair Young

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Sundermann, dated 8/31/2020, WE MOVE the City Administration direct the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) to conduct a parking analysis of the Madisonville Neighborhood Business District (generally highlighted area of the attached map). The data should include - as closely as possible - the number of public and private parking spots available in the immediate, walkable area after phase I, II, and III of the Ackerman Group's (developer) project at Madison & Whetsel are completed. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202001320](#)

Adopt

Yes: Chairperson Pastor
Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Vice Chair Young

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Sundermann, WE MOVE that the City Administration through the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) and Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) explore the street closure and conversion to a pedestrian plaza on Epworth Avenue between Harrison Avenue and Montana Avenue in the Westwood neighborhood. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202001431](#)

Held

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Pastor and Councilmember Seelbach, WE MOVE that the Department of Transportation and Engineering study the feasibility of a "road diet" on Linn Street in the West End from Central

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Parkway to West Court Street for the purpose of increasing the pedestrian character and walkability of this corridor thereby furthering the safety of the neighborhood and the potential for future development. The Administration shall report on this study by January 1, 2021.

Adopt

Yes: Chairperson Pastor
Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Vice Chair Young

MOTION (AMENDED), submitted by Councilmember Kearney and Young, WE MOVE for the entire stretch of Reading Road that is located within Cincinnati city limits, specifically from downtown Cincinnati to the edge of Reading, Ohio at Galbraith Road, to be named "President Barack Obama Avenue" in honor of the 44th president of the United States who became the first African-American elected to serve in the highest office in our country when he was inaugurated on January 20, 2009, * and we request a report by the City Administration. (BALANCE ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

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Adopt

Yes: Chairperson Pastor
Vice Mayor Smitherman

Absent: Vice Chair Young

Abstain: Councilmember Sundermann

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Sittenfeld, WE MOVE that the City Administration work with the Northside Community Council, and the Northside Business Association, to install parking meters along Hamilton Avenue and Hoffner Street. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

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Adopt

Yes: Chairperson Pastor
Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Vice Chair Young

ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by

[202001339](#)

Councilmember Pastor, dated August 20, 2020, DECLARING that Dana Avenue between Victory Parkway and Madison Road shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of William J. Keating Way in memory of William J. Keating and in recognition of his many contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati.

Recommend Passage Emergency

Yes: Chairperson Pastor
Vice Mayor Smitherman
Councilmember Sundermann

Absent: Vice Chair Young