

Community Engagement Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2024 – 6 PM Council Chambers

Item	Presented By:	Action	Topic	Report
Call to Order & Roll Call	Ms. Bruewer			The Community Engagement Committee of Council convened its regular, in person meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 6 PM with committee chair Charlotte Bruewer presiding. Roll call of Committee Members: Ms. Bruewer: Present Ms. Mayle: Present Ms. Snyder: Present Dr. Fischer: Absent Mr. Sickles: Present Also in attendance: Ron Hirth, Village Administrator Eric Pridonoff, Fiscal Officer
Set the Agenda & Adopt		Review & Motion		Motion to adopt by Ms. Snyder. Second by Ms. Mayle. All voted in favor
Persons Registered to Address the Committee				None
Adopt Robert's Rules of Order				Motion to adopt Robert's Rules of Order by Ms. Mayle. Second by Ms. Snyder. All voted in favor.

Minutes to be	Mr. Pridonoff	Review &	Committee meeting	Motion to approve by Ms. Snyder.
Approved		Motion	<u>9/17/2023</u>	Second by Ms. Mayle.
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New Business	Discussion Ma. December 1 and the list of accordance in the control of the contr			
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			 Neighborhood Communications Social Media Newsletter Avenue Advocates Seniors aging in place Welcome Wagon 	Ms. Bruewer spoke about streamlining the communication process with the Village through all possible outlets. Ms. Snyder encouraged examination of existing social media and internet communication. Ms. Bruewer indicated the current function of Go Golf Manor is inadequate for Village communication. Ms. Mayle encouraged a Village-run group. Ms. Snyder cautioned against the Village monitoring speech online. Ms. Bruewer would like to see streamlined branding with the Village Newsletter, existing Facebook group, X, and Golf Manor App. Mr. Hirth indicated the Village has collected approximately 400 email addresses from Mail Chimp for mass messaging. Ms. Bruewer encouraged a discussion of rules for the social media account.
				Mr. Hirth explained the Solicitor is researching relevant ordinances to Village social media activity.
				Mr. Sickles asked if the Village utilizes QR codes. Mr. Hirth indicated the Village has used QR codes. Ms. Bruewer encouraged additional usage of QR codes.
				Ms. Snyder asked if a budget was established for the newsletter in 2024. Mr. Hirth indicated there was not.
				Mr. Pridonoff indicated that quarterly appropriations can be amended to include a budget for the newsletter, but the full cost must be clarified before any amendment is made.
				Mr. Sickles spoke about the advantages of Avenue Advocates who live on the block they are assigned, especially stop sign to stop sign.
				Ms. Bruewer encouraged the idea.
				Mr. Hirth encouraged reinstituting the Welcome Wagon for new residents.

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		Ms. Mayle would like to see more engagement of seniors in person or by phone.
		Mr. Sickles wants to focus on all people in the Village, bridging the generational gap.
	Strategic Plan Town Hall	Ms. Bruewer mentioned the Strategic Plan, passed by Council. The first focus is to obtain community feedback. Ms. Bruewer mentioned a date must be chosen for the Town Hall. Mr. Hirth recommended Wednesdays are open in the Community Hall.
		Mr. Sickles departed at 6:30pm.
		Ms. Snyder asked who should host the Town Hall. Ms. Bruewer recommended Mayor Densmore present and Ms. Bruewer facilitate.
		Ms. Bruewer recommended holding the Town Hall before March 11.
		Ms. Snyder asked if the Village could provide child care for the Town Hall.
		Ms. Bruewer asked about holding multiple sessions, whether they should be on separate days of the week or separate weeks.
		Ms. Snyder and Ms. Mayle proposed after 3pm on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024. Ms. Bruewer proposed to block 2 hours for the event.
		Ms. Mayle proposed Feb 28, 2024, 6-8pm. Ms. Bruewer and Ms. Snyder agreed.
		Ms. Mayle requested the Village Marquis in front of the building to be updated.
		Ms. Mayle volunteered to lead the effort to organize the Town Hall.
	Juneteenth planning committee	Ms. Mayle would like to see the Village participate in the Juneteenth event.
	Community-Based Event Grant opportunity	Ms. Bruewer mentioned the Hamilton County event planning grant. Ms. Bruewer explained the details of the planning grant. Ms. Mayle recommended utilizing the grant for Juneteenth.
		Mr. Hirth recommended recruitment of entertainment for C77.

			 Rental Properties & Tenant Rights Establish sub-committee Volunteer Recruitment and Monthly engagement 	Ms. Bruewer explained Community Engagement will seek more information from residents and renters before moving forward on any action items. Ms. Bruewer asked if anyone is interested in leading the sub-committee for tenants' rights. Ms. Thomas mentioned she would be available to help; she asked whether the committee will have power or just collect information. Ms. Bruewer discussed opportunities to continue resident engagement to keep momentum and interest in Village participation going.
Old Business			Parks Report	Ms. Bruewer mentioned the parks report from Mr. Bussa. Mr. Hirth engaged in a few vendors to engage in park improvements. Thanks to the Bussas for their input and reporting of the Parks Report.
Education	Ms. Chaney	Report		Pleasant Ridge Montessori Local School Decision Making Committee (PRMLSDMC) met Jan 10. 759 kids are at PRM. The school was built for 550. The CPS board agreed to build an addition to fit 750 kids, but capacity is already too high. Jan 27 at 8:30, CPS will hold a meeting. CPS is losing Covid money for nurses. Principals of CPS build plans for improving their state report card. Withrow High School's outgoing senior class went from a 63% to 79% graduation rate.
Recreation			 Status of commissioner appointments Open Discussion 	Ms. Bruewer mentioned a few vacancies on the Recreation Commission. The goal of the Commission is to work closely with children. A policy must be established for background checks before Recreation can be fully independent. Application forms must be collected. Ms. Bruewer asked for feedback what the Recreation Commission should look like. Mayor Densmore indicated a presentation is available of Recreation Commission based on the Charter. Ms. Bruewer encouraged that presentation. Ms. Snyder recommended committee members audit Recreation Commission equipment.
Announcements				The next Community Engagement Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM.
Adjourn				Motion to adjourn by Ms. Snyder.

		Second by Ms. Mayle. All voted in favor	
Approvals:			
		Date:	
Submitted by Eric Pridono	f, Fiscal Officer		
Bryant Bussa, Committee (Chair	Date:	
		Date:	

Paula Burgin, Asst. Clerk of Council