

## February Community Council Meeting Minutes

**Attendee:** Daniel Traicoff, Steve Gibbs, Carol Gibbs, Ken Farmer, Anne Shannon, Rod Browne, Sandi Allen, Stan Broadnax, Anthony Thompson, Cathy Ingram, Annulla Linders.

**Absentee:** Tom Rotte.

**Guests:** Leo D'Cruz, Shawn Baker, and Matthew Walhert

### Agenda:

1. Call to Order - Stan Broadnax called to order at 7:02pm
2. Moment of Silence - recognized
3. Minutes - no corrections, Cathy Ingram moves, Carlton Farmer seconds. Unanimous.
4. Presentations
  - a. Safety Report - Officer Erica Brazile reports that Captain Broaxton has been replaced with Captain Martin Mack as our new captain as of this Sunday. Hopefully he will attend the March Community Council Meeting. Martin.Mack@cincinnati-oh.gov. Over the last 30 days the notes are that we are good, there have been no major crimes. Gilman is the largest drug activity lately, VCS is working this area to help prevent these crimes. Carol notes that there is more gun shots coming up the hill. Erica notes that it is increasing everywhere, typically comes from heroin related crimes. Daniel will work with Erica on emails. The crimes around McGregor place have slowed down, the Shell on Reading brings in the majority of the crime.
  - b. 32nd District Candidates
    - Cathy Ingram - Democrat - Lives in Mt. Auburn and has for years. Believes that some of the consequences we see now come from failed policies by the Ohio government. Economic development is crucial because we have a wide disparity of income. Will fight against the change in unemployment laws. Has worked in education for over 30 years, President of Ohio Schoolboard Association, and former member of the Cincinnati School Board. Undergraduate and Graduate degree in education from UC. Knows that there are no magic answers to fixing our system in a short time. Will focus on making good citizens. Wants to repeal Kasich's local money removal because she believes it isn't the best way to balance the budget. For more information, check out: [www.ingramforthepeople.com](http://www.ingramforthepeople.com)
    - Shawn Butler - Democrat - Mt. Auburn born and current resident, Walnut Hills graduate, then went to the University of Cincinnati for Political Science, works for the Community Builders, a property management company, former director of Community Affairs under Mark Mallory. He wants to focus on improving the education system, increasing jobs, and increasing access for senior citizens. Notes that many people live in a food desert and lack of business center. Wants to increase Community Bloc Dollars and increase cops on the ground. Supports Preschool

Promise. For more information, check out [www.electbutler.com](http://www.electbutler.com)

- Leo D'Cruz - Democrat - Northside resident, runs the Northside Newsletter, recently called the "community builder" in the Cincinnati Enquirer, helped create a referendum to restore voter rights for Ohioans, helped run Jason Riverio's campaign for City Council, Vice Chair of citizens complain authority, appointed by former Mayor Mark Mallory, Former Cincinnati State Teacher, both a home and business owner in the district. Will fight against the decrease of time allowed for Medicare applicants. For more information check out [www.leo4ohio.com](http://www.leo4ohio.com)
- Matthew Walhert - Republican - AP Government and AP US History teacher. Visiting professor at Miami University. Grew up in Colerain, lives in North College Hill. Bachelor's Degree from UC in History, Masters in Education and Political Science, PhD in Political Science. 20,000 hours in classrooms. Sits on accreditation boards. Can work better with the Republican Super Majority because he is a Republican. Heroin is a large issue. Wants to give tax breaks to those businesses wanting to come in the 32nd district. Believes that local institutions and churches can do things better. For more information, check out [www.ElectWalhert.com](http://www.ElectWalhert.com)

#### 5. Committee/Liaison Reports

- a. Treasurers Report - Currently have a balance of \$7,731. Additionally we have an NEP (Neighborhood Enhancement Program) Committee that is forming.
- b. Finance Committee - Pushed back until March meeting.
- c. By Laws Committee - Pushed back until March meeting.
- d. Communication Committee - Pushed back until March meeting.
- e. Membership Committee - Pushed back until April meeting.
- f. Chamber of Commerce - Pushed back until March meeting.
- g. LSDMC - Pushed back until March meeting.
- h. Community Development Corporation - Pushed back until March meeting.

#### 6. Old Business

- a. Uptown Properties Development - Pushed back until March meeting.
- b. Zoning - Pushed back until March meeting.
- c. Trustee Openings - Pushed back until March meeting.

#### 7. New Business - Pushed back until March meeting.

#### 8. Announcements

- a. Neighborhood Summit is March 12th - most people have to pay as an individual.

#### 9. Adjourn - Carol motions. Steve seconds. Unanimous at 8:15pm

**To-Do:**

**Next Meeting:**

## March Board Meeting Minutes

- **Attendance:** Steve Gibbs, Rod Browne, Tom Rotte, Anne Shannon, Sandi Allen, Catherine Ingram, Daniel Traicoff, Stan Broadnax, Carol Gibbs, Annulla Linders, Anthony Thompson
- **Not Attendance:** Ken Farmer
- **Guests:** Mount Auburn Community Housing Development Organization - John Kornbluh, Harold McNeal, Rev. Walter Dobbins, Rev. Mark Toney, Freeman McNeal
- Meeting began at 7:18 - call to motion by Stan Broadnax
  - Mount Auburn Community Housing Development Organization
    - Freeman McNeal is the executive director of this organization. They are focusing on low income and affordable housing in Mt. Auburn. They are separate boards, entities, and EIN numbers. CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization) - uses federal funding to create low income housing. Special funding is available - all money comes from the Federal Government.
    - Cathy Ingram notes that they have not come to the community in the first place.
    - Freeman McNeal will email Stan Broadnax the 501 c 3 status, mission statement, and all information regarding the board.
    - There is concern that there are multiple development corporations now in Mt. Auburn. The Mt. Auburn CDC, Mt. Auburn Good Housing Foundation, and the Mt. Auburn Community Housing Development Organization.
    - They are committed to working collaboratively with anybody who wants to assist.
    - Annulla notes that we should not have three community organizations going after the same pots of money.
    - The only other neighborhood to have multiple CDCs is Over-the-Rhine - this was initially because they were the preferred developer in OTR but that is no longer valid.
    - The Community Development Association of Cincinnati only recognizes the Mt. Auburn Community Development Corporation as the official Mt. Auburn CDC.
    - ? What does collaboration look like - is it an organization? How do they function together?
    - Focus on collaboration, functionality, and productivity.
    - Concerns came up that there is no information being shared regarding the development occurring in Mt. Auburn.
    - Step 1: initiate a conversation between the non-profits in Mt. Auburn, Community Council, and Chamber of Commerce
  - Mt. Auburn Plan
    - Group of 20-30 people originally met to discuss this.
    - In 2012 the plan was submitted and the city has been holding onto it. Been in city planning for a year.
    - Most of the focus has been on formatting over substance.
    - Focus on the diverse distribution of income, work being done in conjunction with the typography with Mt. Auburn. Previous plans held this - 1974, 1977, 1992, 2004.

- Mt. Auburn Day Discussion
  - Discussion on having it at Hopkins or Jackson Park. Have Mt. Auburn Day in July instead of September. There is discussion on where and when it should be.
  - Carol motions to collaborate with Rev Tooney and Rev Dobbins (who will be on the committee) to coordinate and pull together members from the Council and Chamber to create a successful Mt. Auburn Day. Daniel seconds. Unanimous.
  
- By Laws - hold off until next meeting
- NSP - hold off until next meeting
  
- NEP
  - Discussion on the funding sources - the city assists in collecting funds for a community wide project.
  - A committee needs to come together to focus on a project.
  - Stan notes that the city should not be coming in, writing orders on property owners who can not afford the program
  - NEP Committee - Cathy will send a list of 8 - 10 people who will be on the committee. The goal is to have CDC, Chamber, Community Council, and other representatives.
  
- Mt. Auburn CDC
- Gmail Account
- City coming to the community council for developers