

August 2016 Mt. Auburn Community Council Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silence
3. Presentations
 - a. UC Police
 - b. Cincinnati Police
 - c. Other
4. July 2016 Minutes
5. Treasurers Report
6. Board Report
7. Old Business
 - a. NEP
 - b. By Laws Second Read Through/Updates
 - c. Other
8. New Business
 - a. Other
9. Announcements
10. Adjournment

July 2016 Community Council Minutes

Monday, July 18, 2016

7:01 PM

Board Attendance: Stanley Broadnax, Rod Browne, Steve Gibbs, Carol Gibbs, Anne Shannon, Daniel Traicoff, Anthony Thompson, Cathy Ingram, Tom Rotte, Sandi Allen, Annulla Linder

Not In Attendance: All board officers were in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.

Moment of silence was observed.

CPD Police Report: Officer Erica Brazile - neighborhood officer for Mt. Auburn. She introduced Sgt. Doug Neik as the temporary Sargent for District 4 (which includes Mt. Auburn). Currently there are 0 reported auto thefts, overall crime stats are very good. One arrest has been made on a burglary. 2224 Reading road has a transitional house that has reported drug activities and possible prostitution. Officer Brazile is making sure that the crime is not coming from the Women's Shelter or the Anna Louise Inn - however there is no substantial evidence that it comes from their buildings. Tom Rotte asks how they arrest the prostitutes on the street. She states that they need substantial evidence before they can make an arrest - a simple call is not enough evidence.

UC Police Report: Jim Vestring - officer of Community Engagement came to share updates on the UC Police Department. Currently the UCPD is going through orientation - there are more international students than UC has ever had. After school starts officer Vestring notes that it will be difficult to attend the Mt. Auburn Community Council meetings. He will bring the K-9 unit next month. Barbara Hayes - Community Safety Manager - came to speak about Nightride (the red and white van). Nightride provides a service that brings UC Students to and from their house. They currently run 10 vans from 8 - 12 Sunday - Wednesday, 8 - 2am Thursday, Friday, & Saturday. On average 200 rides happen per night. Every vehicle is equip with a camera to see what happens both inside and outside the vans. Annulla expressed a concern regarding the lack of walkability for UC Students. Officer Vestring states that the most common victims are highly intoxicated white college males, and that is why they pick up students who are in unsafe areas, thanks to this program crime has decreased 60%. Approximately 60 students work the vans on a volunteer basis. They handle all of the calls and drive the vans. Officer Vestring notes that it is useful for the community to have students taking students calls because they know the area. Tom Rotte asks if UC Police increases the police presence on FC Cincinnati games. Officer Vestring notes that every officer works during sold out games - UC Guys are strictly for the campus. The Hamilton County Sheriff's and Cincinnati Police Department to help off campus and with traffic.

Citizens Complaint Authority: Pam King is the Chief Investigator for the Citizens Complaint Authority (CCA). This office was created after the 2001 shootings. Their mission is to investigate serious intervention by a Cincinnati Police Officer - including any time a police officer uses their weapons or any time someone complains about discrimination or unfair treatments of the citizen. Additionally, any citizen who dies under police custody the CCA looks into the case. Their board is appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council. This group is independent and impartial - making the investigation as unbiased as possible. They have unhindered access to all CPD records. **(513) 352-1600** is the organizations phone number if you have any concerns. The board must make one of four decisions: The

action is substantiated (there will be consequences), not substantiated (not inappropriate actions), unfounded (not enough evidence), or exonerated. CCA has been pushing for mandatory body cameras to help find more evidence. The current Attorney General has come to Cincinnati to praise our efforts and the work CCA and the CPD has done since the riots. CCA keeps track of officers, complaints, and other data. This data is available to the public. In 2015 District 4 complaints was 25% of the workload, Mt. Auburn was 4% of the complaints. That is out of a total of 286 complaints but only opened up 86 investigations. 96% of the findings are consistent with the internal affairs with the CPD. The first Monday of every month at 5:00pm in City Council Chambers. The board members serve two 2 year terms, the chair serves one 2 year term. They can only make recommendations as to what should happen. They cannot go to the prosecutor - their investigations are administrative in nature. If you file false acquisition you can be charged. For more information visit www.cincinnati-oh.gov/CCIA

Meeting Minutes: Daniel Traicoff made an adjustment to the minutes, noted on the June 2016 minutes. Carlton motions. Mary MacDonald seconds. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: See treasurer's report and Board of Trustee Minutes below. The City of Cincinnati recommends that we change our fiscal year to July - June to follow with the City of Cincinnati Calendar. Filing will be completed before the November meeting. Cathy notes that the tax filing for the fiscal year June 30th be prepared for the October Annual meeting. Freeman seconds. Unanimous. Annulla motions to accept the treasurer report. Steve Gibbs seconds. Unanimous.

Board Report: See Board of Trustee Minutes below. The board of trustee's has recommended that the five applicants who have applied (Jon Vogt, Ryan Lammi, Carlton Farmer, Deborah Heater, and Devoe Sherman) be appointed as officers. They will need to run for election like all other officers in the October meeting. Carol Gibbs motions, Cathy Ingram seconds. Freeman McNeal states the he filled out a form for the board of trustee's process - there was confusion regarding the form for application as the form is for the normal election process. Freeman entertains a motion to table the vote on applicants. Joyce Hughley seconds. 8 in support. 13 against. Motion fails. The original motion to suspend the by laws and appoint the five individuals who submitted the written application. Everyone in favor except Freeman McNeal who opposed. Motion carries.

Steve Gibbs motions to approve the board report. Rod Browne seconds. All support except Freeman McNeal who opposed.

Old Business:

- **NEP** - Cathy Ingram provided an update on the wishlist. There are two projects that NEP - The James Swab Health Clinic and a Gathering Circle at the edge of Inwood Park on Ellington. On August 8th at 6:00pm in Taft Elementary School there will be an informative meeting as to what will take place at the NEP meeting. Anne has created a timeline of what occurs during August - September. There will be two dumpsters out from August 1st - August 5th in two locations (one at Jackson Park and Burnet & Helen).
- **Mt. Auburn Day** - Mt. Auburn Day will be on August 13th - People's Church and Center for Closing the Health Gap and the Cincinnati Fire Department will be attending. There will be a health screening by Crossroads. DJ Fly Troy will be performing and there will be free food. R&B, Pop, and Church music will be playing.

New Business:

- **School Supplies** - Taft is looking to get school supplies - Carol provided a list and we will share it online.
 - **By Laws** - By Laws always change, there are some suggested changes. The by laws must be read twice. Changes are as follows:
 - Create a standing communication committee
 - Clarify and combine appointee and elected members
 - All officers and trustees sign a conflict of interest statement
 - President appoints members to serve on community committees.
 - Removal of secretary and president of the board of trustees.
 - Committees must produce meeting minutes.
 - Removal of honorary membership due to lack of participation.
 - Updated communications methods.
 - Only the president or designee can speak on behalf of the council.
- Suggestions by community members:**
- The trustees of the current board are on a "clean slate" regarding terms.
 - We will clarify that the recording secretary should take minutes during board meetings.
 - Clarify that the appointed members fill the previous individuals terms.
 - Change he/she to they
 - Conflict of interest forms should be signed annually
 - Temporarily suspended by laws must be looked into more - Deborah Heater will provide more information.
 - Community development committee: remove the term when possible
 - Research on representatives for business regarding quorum
 - Daniel will put the updated draft on the website
- **Elections:**
 - Anna passed out a summary of the election process and the form to run.
 - Daniel will post this information online.
 - The board will not offer a slate.
 - You can run for two offices but only hold one position.
 - The top 9 vote getters become trustees.

Daniel motions to adjourn at 9:02. Carol seconds. Unanimous.