

General Body Meeting Minutes - Mt. Auburn Community Council
Recorded and Prepared by: Daniel Traicoff, Recording Secretary, 10-19-2015

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Catherine Ingram at 7:06pm

Officers Present: Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Daniel Traicoff, Annulla Linders, Cathy Ingram, Sandi Allen, Ken Farmer, Shannon Carr, Anne Shannon, Rod Brown, Tom Rotte, Aiden Stringfellow

Officers Absent: Stan Broadnax, Anthony Thompson

Meeting Minutes were motion to postponed for next month by Dr. Farmer, seconded by Carol Gibbs.

2. **Moment of Silence - a moment of silence was observed**

3. **Presentations**

- a. **CPS Update** - A member of Cincinnati Public Schools attended and discussed the new system for having your children attend a CPS Magnet School. Community feedback will occur after the first year of implementation. October 24th - November 29th is when the online magnet school application process occurs. Smartphone's will be able to access the online application. Each application will obtain a random number after completion. Parents will be notified in mid December regarding where their child is placed or if they are on a waiting list. Sibling priority is still available in the process. Families in targeted neighborhoods still have priority access for Kindergarten. Reminder that Taft Elementary is a STEM Magnet School. Parents are welcome to use the Taft Elementary
- b. **Police Report**- One Walnut Hills resident was caught selling marijuana on Southern. Police are on more streets than Auburn Ave. Captain Broxterman will be replacing Captain Herold as the District 4 Captain. Crime intensity maps are coming to Mt. Auburn.
- c. **Gateway to Uptown Project** - Mike Ealy presented on the Gateway to Uptown Project. Project is designated to be the iconic project of the entire Uptown neighborhood district. Has strong mixed development with large minority inclusion. He notes that the more community conversations during the construction process, the better the project. Kevin Spector is the lead designer of the project, he works with S&P, has also worked on UC Architecture, Children's Hospital, and Hyatt Inn in Corryville. The site is at Vine Street touching the intersection of McMillian and Calhoun. Right across the street is Corryville Catholic, Classen Park, Kroger, and the University of Cincinnati. A structured parking garage underneath the site will also exist. This project would have the first extended stay hotel in the Uptown area. It will also include residential "town home" size apartments. The final piece is either office or smaller apartment space. The project is designed to fit in the current height and design layout of Clifton area. Concerns from the community include: height, parking restrictions, and traffic. For more questions contact Burgess Doan at Burgess1@fuse.net
- d. **Neighborhood Enhancement Program** - Ethel Kogen from the City of Cincinnati presented on the Neighborhood Enhancement Program. Mt. Auburn may become the 27th neighborhood to be a partner during mid August to mid November of 2017. NEP is a 90 day blitz, partnership with the city, community, non profits, and businesses in the neighborhood. Communities that have high crime, blight, and are organized are most likely to work with the NEP Program. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful helps physically clean up the community by doing large scale clean up projects in the neighborhood. KCP also helps cleaning up vacant lots. Mt. Auburn is able to create a "wish list" on projects they would like to work on. Bill Jahovey

spoke on behalf of the code enforcement office. Every property owner in the area are invited to a community meeting, looking at every building and discussing structural issues in the area. People Working Cooperatively is also a partner, they help prepare structural design problems in buildings. Corporate sponsors are the entire funders of the NEP program, the money goes to a 501 c 3 fund. NEP also helps increase the positive news in the community to the media. First stakeholder meeting will begin in April 2016, announcement in January 2016. Steve Gibbs motions to endorse, Jon Vogt seconds. Passes unanimously.

4. Old Business -

- a. NSP Proposal - \$6,800 total for any community council. Community council recommends \$3,500 for communication, \$2,000 beautification, \$400 for insurance, \$600 for storage, and \$300 for supplies. Carol Gibbs motions to accept. Rob Browns seconded. Unanimous endorsement.
- b. Committee appointments postponed until next month.
- c. Fiscal year has changed to July 1st - June 30th to match the city, state, and other municipalities budget cycles.
- d. Meeting minutes - Steve Gibbs Moved. Aiden Stringfellow seconds. Unanimous approval.
- e. October 19th report only updated to add check numbers. Yard sales and new membership dues were added. \$167.57 was returned from last years NSP. Sandi Allen moves to table. Carol Gibbs seconds. 13 in favor. 6 opposed. Motion carries. Finance committee is scheduled to meet at 6:15 on November 16th. A special committee meeting will take place in the first week of November.

5. New Business -

- a. Thursday the 22nd at 5:00pm at Taft Elementary School, Interact for Health will be holding a community wide meeting discussing putting in a future recreation center in Mt. Auburn. Cathy Ingram asks for a community presentation at the November meeting.
- b. Daniel Traicoff motions that the Community Council meeting takes place at Taft Elementary permanently. Carlton Farmer seconds. Approved unanimously. This will be voided if the school does not allow this change.

6. Announcements - Sing Out Mt. Auburn - Saturday at 7:00pm at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian.

- 7. Adjournment - Motion by Daniel Traicoff to adjourn, Aiden seconded at 8:41pm.**