

# October 2016 Community Council Meetings

Monday, October 17, 2016

7:11 PM

**Board Attendance:** Stan Broadnax, Anne Shannon, Rod Browne, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Carlton Farmer, Ken Farmer, Tom Rotte, Annulla Linders, Ryan Llami, Devoe Sherman, Sandi Allen, Cathy Ingram

**Board Absent:** Deborah Heater, Anthony Thompson

**Police Report:** Officer Brazil noted that theft from auto is down this time. Crime is down thanks to NEP Program and collaboration with the Police and Ohio. There is an ordinance that states the dogs should not defecating on other people's lawns. Some citizens expressed concerns regarding the drug trafficking in the neighborhood. The Officer Brazil noted that

**Dan Schimberg (President of Uptown Rental Properties) Wellington:** Dan notes that there were similar conversations occurring in Corryville regarding crime and some of the redevelopment work has deterred the crime. About 6 months ago they gave an update on the Wellington Property Place. Currently the property is gathering planning commission final approval. The updated plan has moved the parking to underneath the building instead of having a freestanding structure, the parking garage will be only one level. You can enter the garage just west of the current entrance. Additionally, there is an entrance off of Wellington. Dan provided an architectural rendering of the Wellington Property noting that the buildings decline with the hill. In between the four buildings is a small gathering space, they are also blocked off from the community so that sounds from the community pool, space, and noise does not affect the neighborhood. Dan proposed creating a committee to help choose the aesthetics of the building (not architectural layout). They plan to begin moving dirt in approximately one month. No construction vehicles will go through Wellington to preserve the brick street. There will be no major additions to the current sewer system, instead the building will filter out sewer water into the system slowly over time to not interrupt flow. This development should not impact future development on Glencoe. No earth will be moved out of the area, dirt will be moved around to help balance the site. At this time, the only dirt that will be removed is non-environmentally friendly dirt. The concrete from the retaining walls and the site will be used for construction roadways. Currently they are assuming the prices will be \$1.70 a square foot. This is about \$1 per square foot cheaper to downtown apartments. The first building will open in Spring of 2018, the rest will open 2 months apart. Cathy urges the formation of the committee sooner rather than later. The historic district is at the very front of the building, while most of the building is not in the historic district boundaries - however Uptown Rentals still plans on making the building as historic as possible. Later, they will provide showings of the trees and landscaping. The building is market rate housing for working folks. Approximately 35% two bedrooms, 35% one bedrooms, 15% studios, 15% dens. Currently it is planned for LEED Silver.

**547 Channing Street:** Currently zoned as SF2 (multi family). Currently the property is in a non conforming status. There will be a public meeting held to increase the property from a six family unit to a seven family unit. The date is not yet available but will be made promptly. No action will be taken today.

**Peter Stackpole:** Running for Judge on the Court of Common Pleas. He plans to be a judge that actually listens and attempts to understand issues that are being discussed. He has argued in front of the Ohio Supreme Court. He will write decisions as often as he possibly can, stating the reasons why he ruled a certain way. Second, he will publish his sentencing statistics to prove how fair the judge is.

**Cathy Ingram:** Running for OH-32 in the Ohio House of Representatives as a Democrat.

**Meeting Minutes:** Annulla motions. Mary MacDonald seconds. Unanimous.

**Treasurers Report:** See attached. Rod motions. Joyce Hugely seconds. Unanimous.

**Board Report:** See attached.

Motion to ask the city to expedite the "Mt. Auburn Plan", currently reviewed by Steve Gibbs & Anne Shannon. Steve notes that this plan has not been approved by the Community Council. Steve notes that this plan will be approved separately than the Community Development Corporations Auburn Avenue Study (this will take place in the November meeting). Felix from the City of Cincinnati noted that his boss asked him to make notations and edits. He notes that he gave Stan a copy of the report, but before it can be put in front of the planning commission there need to be additional footnotes and documentation. Some items to be discussed include references where the study came from, where the study came from, and other notes. A copy of the current draft of the plan is on the website. Freeman notes that he was on the original discussion of the plan but not informed of the updates and changes. Jon Vogt asks when the plan was originally compiled, Steve Gibbs notes that the plan began gathering information in the 1970s, the newest update is in 2006. Felix will bring physical copies to the school on November 7th.

Ken Farmer moves to approve the board report. Annulla seconds. Unanimous.

**Mt. Auburn Do Right Campaign:** Asking residents to bring clean coats, scarves, & gloves. To donate please email babyruth1923@gmail.com or bring them to the next Community Council Meeting.

**Mt. Auburn Academy:** There are 8 garden beds available for the community. Please contact the academy for more information.

**Annual Reports:** Cathy motions that we simply read the report and ask questions later. Freeman seconds. You can bring up questions at the next meeting. Unanimous.

**Elections:** Anna noted that none of the elections are contested. Everyone who was eligible to vote voted. The new officers are as follows.

President - Stan Broadnax, Vice President - Vacant, Treasurer - Anthony Thompson, Corresponding Secretary - Carlton Farmer, Recording Secretary - Vacant. Trustees: Anne Shannon, Rod Browne, Ken Farmer, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Ryan Llami, & Sandi Allen.

**Adjourn:** Daniel Traicoff motioned at 8:34. Ryan Llami seconds. Unanimous.