

Mt. Auburn Community Council

Full Council 12/19/16 Meeting

Recorded and Prepared by Carlton Farmer (Recording Secretary)

Board Members in Attendance: Sandi Allen, Stanley Broadnax, Rod Browne, Carlton Farmer, Ken Farmer, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Cathy Ingram, Ryan Lammi, Anne Shannon, Anthony Thompson
Excused Absence: None

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order
2. Safety Report
3. November MACC Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. December MACC Board Report
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

MEETING ACTIVITIES

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by Board President Stanley Broadnax at 7:06.
2. **Safety Report (Officer Brazil) - 1.** Shooting at 269 McCormick about a month ago. Calls for noise and disorderly conduct have been made to this address. A young man was turned away from a party, and pull a gun a shot a bouncer. **2.** Shop with a Cop was a success. Steve Gibbs asked how Shop with a Cop was funded. Officer Brazil stated that it is a police organization; mainly volunteers. Sandi Allen asked how the children were selected for Shop with a Cop. Officer Brazil stated that the police worked with schools to select children. **3.** Carol Gibbs asked if there was anything to do about kids coming into Taft Elementary smelling of marijuana. Kids seem to be coming in with a contact high and then being irritable throughout the day. Officer Brazil stated that she advised the school to contact the School Board. Possessing small amounts of marijuana is no longer an arrestable offense. Just a ticket.
3. **November MACC Minutes** - Carlton forgot to bring them. *Anna Linders moved to table approval of the November minutes until the January MACC meeting. Anthony Thompson seconded. Motion carried.*
4. **Treasurer's Report (Anthony Thompson)** - Balance is 2,703.63. *Steve Gibbs moved to approve. Ken Farmer seconded. Motion carried.*
5. **Board Report** - Stanley Broadnax reviewed the December MACC Board Meeting minutes. **1.** Anna Linders stated that the money in the postage account is NSP funds that have earmarked for postage. Anthony Thompson asked if this money could be used to produce letters or items that need to be mailed. Anna Linders and Carol Gibbs both stated that it needs to be used to pay for postage. Anthony Thompson stated that he used some of these funds to pay for our non-profit mailing status. He also stated that there is a new plan that we may be interested in that could save us money on postage and stated that we could discuss it at the next MACC board meeting. **2.** Heroin Educational Training class will likely not take place due to not enough people signing up

between Mt. Auburn and neighboring communities. *Anne Shannon moved to approve the December MACC Board Meeting minutes. Rod Browne seconded. Motion carried.*

6. **Old Business** - Anna Linders said that she is concerned that a large number of people are being fined for property violations after the NEP study. Stanley Broadnax stated that he was in the hospital when MACC decided to be involved with NEP, and wanted to go on record that he was against it. He stated that there were many residents who had citations and had to go to court the last time we did NEP some years ago. He stated that the current NEP report he received was not very helpful, in that it didn't give many details about the citations. He continued that there were two levels of fines \$500 and \$1,000. Rod Browne and Carol Gibbs stated that the document does list the addresses. Stanley stated that he has communicated with Councilman Winburn office and will be trying to get a list with names, descriptions of the violations/citations, and what the status is. Anna Linders asked if there was anything the MACC can do, stating that this program has some advantages but this may give it a bad name in the neighborhood. Is there a way to make this less of a burden on the residents? Can we suggest that this is an advisory rather than a violation and work with the people to improve their properties? Sandi stated that we need to have further discussion on this and encourage the residents affected to communicate with MACC. We need to work together. Carol Gibbs stated that we have their addresses. She asked if we should send a letter and invite them to the next meeting. Cathy Ingram stated that we should send a letter to Ethel and the city, stating that we are concerned with the report we received and that we would like to know how we can work with our residents to address these concerns and to let the City know that we never wanted data from the NEP to be used to penalize Mt. Auburn residents. She also stated that the the previous program that Stanley referred to wasn't NEP, but code enforcement, which is much different. *Cathy Ingrams moved that we write a letter to Ethel and the City Manager, asking what we can do to work with these residents to help them address these citations.* Rod Browne asked how many of the addresses that have violations are absentee landlords. There was general consensus that we do not know, nor does the report we received from the City make that distinction. Cathy Ingram stated that our letter should make it clear that the MACC is concerned with the families and residents of Mt. Auburn, not landlords. Stanley Broadnax stated that some of the addresses had multiple orders against them. *Ryan Lammi seconded Cathy Ingram's motion to send a letter to the City.* Ken Farmer asked if this motion includes distinguishing between the residents and landlords. Cathy Ingrams stated that yes, the letter should make that distinction. Ruth Grant stated that she know people are being told to have work done by January. But it is too cold. Carol Gibbs stated that if those resident contact the city and ask for an extension, they will almost certainly get one. Tom Rotte stated that as long as you are working on your property the city will work with you. Keep a dialogue open with the city while the work is ongoing. Martha Curry noted that they only cited people on some streets. Stanley Broadnax asked by some streets weren't included. Anne Shannon asked if some areas were targeted due to crime. Cathy Ingram stated that she did not think this was the case. *Motion to send a letter to the City (including Ethel, and councilmen David Mann and Charlie Winburn) regarding building citations from from the NEP survey carried.*
7. **New Business** - A neighborhood clinic will be opening up inside Taft Elementary. Someone will be at the January meeting to discuss this. Jon Vogt asked how we will be publicizing this to the community at large. Carol Gibbs stated that we will be sending out a press release. Anna Linders stated that it would be good to include this in upcoming MACC newsletters. Stanley Broadnax stated that the clinic will accept private insurance, medicaid and medicare, and noted that it should be a good resource for the neighborhood.
8. **Adjournment** - Ryan moved to adjourn. Sandi Allen seconded. Motion carried.