

# Mt. Auburn Community Council

## Full Council 06/19/17 Meeting

Recorded and Prepared by Carlton Farmer (Recording Secretary)

**Board Members in Attendance:** Sandi Allen, Stanley Broadnax, Rod Browne, Carlton Farmer, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Cathy Ingram, Ryan Lammi, Deborah Ooten, Anne Shannon, Anthony Thompson

**Excused Absence:** None

**Special Guests:** Greg Landsman (City Council Candidate), Dadrien Washington (City Council Candidate)

1. Call to Order
  2. Safety Report
  3. Special Guests
  4. Previous Month's Minutes
  5. Treasurer's Report
  6. Board Report
  7. Old Business
  8. New Business
  9. Adjournment
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### Meeting Activities

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by Stanley Broadnax at 7:08 PM.
2. **Safety Report (Officer Brazil) - 1.** Burglaries are down. Some burglary arrests were made up in Roselawn. Theft from auto is also down. There will be some traffic calming measures along Reading Road in Mt. Auburn, due to complaints about speeding. **Questions.** \*Resident\*: I've asked about putting a left turn arrow at the bottom of Dorchester where it meets Reading. The city said there wasn't enough traffic. Linders: It is a dangerous intersection for pedestrian. Brazil: That would be up to the city. Rotte: Suggested a change to the way the crime maps are structured. Brazil: Those aren't likely to change, as we use the same type of reporting for all communities. C.Gibbs: Is there any reason that you know of for the increase in violent crime? Is it heroin? Brazil: It's hard to say for certain, but I think that is a likelihood.
3. **Special Guest Dadrien Washington (City Council Candidate) -** When I was growing up, there was a city program CCY that employed youth. I want to restore this employment program. I am running to represent the voiceless. I don't have an issue with the current city leaders, but they aren't doing enough. If I'm elected, I want to work with local companies and universities to start young kids in Cincinnati coding. I'm doing this for the kids. If the city doesn't work with me, I'll work with companies. If the companies don't work with me, I go straight to the communities. I would appreciate your vote.
4. **Special Guest Greg Landsman (City Council Candidate) -** I'm on the Mt. Washington Community Council board, and head up the NSP for Mt. Washington. A few years ago, I headed up a program to ensure quality preschool for every kid in our city. We were able to bring a lot of people together and got it on the ballot. And t levy passed with the largest margin in the history of education levies. I say that, because I think we need to be able to bring people together while we tackle big issues, rather than divided people. My focus will be on children and families,

increasing wages, childhood education and healthcare, youth employment, and safety. Questions. C.Gibbs: What did you do prior to politics? Landsman: I was a teacher. I've worked on Capitol Hill and worked in Gov. Strickland's office of Faith Base Initiatives. For the last decade, I have been working in education here in Cincinnati. We were the first city in the country to guarantee the children in their city preschool. Please visit GregLandsman.com for more information.

5. **May MACC Minutes** - *Anna Linders made a motion to approve the minutes. Carol Gibbs seconded. Motion carried.*
6. **Treasurer's Report** - Questions. Linders: Are NSP funds being kept separate? Thompson: Yes. Allen: We gave \$600 to Walker Street. Do we do this every year? Thompson: Yes. They come to us and they are organized. Linders: They are very organized. Allen: It probably should be something that we put in our newsletters so other residents know about this. C.Gibbs: It was in the newsletter. Broadnax: There is a process for NSP funds. Anyone can apply. Ingram: We should make sure that we are making residents aware of this. C.Farmer: As a clarification, this was in our newsletter, correct? C.Gibbs: Yes, it was. *Freeman McNeal made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Jon Vogt seconded. Motion carried.*
7. **Board Report (Stanley Broadnax)** - **1.** We made the Mt. Auburn Chamber an automatic member of Mt. Auburn Community Council. This is reciprocal. **2.** We are trying to get someone from Street Sweeping to come to next month's meeting to talk about the new street cleaning program. **3.** Fire Escapes. If you own a building with a fire escape, you are responsible for having it inspected and then have to take those inspection papers to the city. Ooten: I got an inspection quote of \$800. Rotte: I have heard upwards of \$1500. Mary McDonald: Is this something that renters are responsible for? Broadnax: No. It would be the responsibility of owners. Broadnax asked Rotte to contact the city and get someone to come talk to us about this. **4.** Community Priority Requests. These are infrastructure improvements for neighborhoods. Mt. Auburn has never been funded as long as Broadnax has been involved with Community Council. There was even an instance years ago in which state money that was supposed to go toward a retaining wall in Mt. Auburn went unspent. Mt. Auburn Community Council board is going to request the city clarify what happened to this money and to our other requests. *Linders made a motion for Broadnax to send a letter to the city. Freeman McNeal seconded. Motion carried.* **5.** Mt. Auburn Day. Rod Browne: If you are interested in helping or volunteering for Mt. Auburn Day please see me after the meeting. **6.** Home Ownership Center. This is only for Mt. Auburn residents. It offers 3 types of loans: loans (some at special rates), loans with deferred payments, grants--we will get more clarification about the grant process. **7.** Mt. Auburn Community Council board is requesting that the Port Authority come speak to the community council about their plans in Mt. Auburn. **8.** Resident Advisory Group for the Uptown Properties. We will be contacting Dan Schimberg about forming this group. **9.** Filson Pool is now open with new extended hours. There are chairs and pool toys at the pool. \$4 per day. Around \$20 for the season. Anna Linders made a correction to the Board Report: special guests are coming in June rather than July as stated. *Anthony Thompson made a motion to approve the Board Report. S.Gibbs seconded. Motion carried.*
8. **Old Business** - None.
9. **New Business**
  1. **Melissa Revels (Mt. Auburn International Academy):** Excited about working with residents of Mt. Auburn as well as Taft Elementary. We are in open enrollment right now. Please contact me if you have any questions. C.Gibbs: We have tried to collaborate with the intl academy about this clinic, but we got pushback from the administrative office. If you could figure out why that was, that would be great. Broadnax: Yes, it's really about the health of the children. Revels: I am not familiar with that, but I will ask about it. Linders: Please ask the academy to clean up the sidewalk that runs along

Southern. Revels: We will be having a playground party on 7/19. Anyone is invited. Once I know more details I will share them with you.

2. **Ruth Simmons Grant** - Robert A. Taft Fundraiser Dance on the 7/22. Raising funds for the college scholarship fund.
  3. **Stagger Lee's Liquor Store** - Rotte: Did we request that a representative from Stagger Lee's come talk to us? Broadnax: No, that request has not yet been made. Broadnax asked Walter Hawkins to give a brief report. Hawkins: Lives close to the development site. Has talked to a number of community residents including UC students who live across the street. He has reach out to representatives of Stagger Lee's. They last renewed their liquor license in 2005. Hawkins states that they would have to apply for a transfer of their liquor license. Construction is ongoing. Spoke with the bank who is financing the development. It will be a two-story building with apartments on the second floor. C.Gibbs: Did you check to see if they have permits for the building, or just for the walls and what has been built. Hawkins: Yes, they have a permit for the building. S.Gibbs: Should we be empowering Walter Hawkins and Stanley Broadnax to act on behalf of the council on this. *Stephen Gibbs made a motion to empower Walter Hawkins and Stanley Broadnax. Freeman McNeal seconded.* \*Resdient\*: There is parking all along McMillan. Vogt: I think it's a good idea to empower Broadnax and Hawkins to contact and try to get people to come talk to us. But I would not support an objection. Hawkins: Can I ask who you are and where you live? Vogt: Jon Vogt stated address. Ingram: Police will be notified of liquor permit changes, so we should have heard from them. S.Gibbs: The clock is running, so we should act now. I object to Jon Vogt's change because I think these two guys should have the ability to object to this if that is warranted. Resident: How many units are proposed to be above the building? Hawkins thought three units.
  4. University of Cincinnati Police Department Community Relations (S. Gregory Baker, Director of Police Community Relations) - Retired from the CPD. I am working with UC to help get the word out about reform efforts from the UC police. Would we be interested in a formal presentation? Broadnax: Yes, we would. Broadnax: Do you have any knowledge of liquor license process. Baker: Not as it relates to this. *The motion to empower Broadnax and Hawkins to act in relation to Stagger Lee's was restated. Motion carried.*
  5. Judge John West: Heading up a Community Relations Council to help connect UC with organizations in the community. There are 19 members of the group. C.Gibbs: Mt. Auburn is not in this group. West: If someone from the Mt. Auburn Community Council would be interested in attending these meeting or being a part of this group, I would be open to adding a member. However, all the meetings are open and public. Anyone is welcome to come to the meetings and be on the agenda. The group meets on the 4th Tuesday at 5pm in the Administration Building. Questions. Resident: Do you have a website? Baker: Search "Safety and Reform" on UC's website and that should get you to us. Baker: I will reach out to Dr. Broadnax about setting up a formal presentation. West: Keep in mind that UC police are no longer patrolling Mt. Auburn. Ingram: Yes, but Mt. Auburn residents are likely to be on UC's campus and areas that UC police officers do patrol.
  6. Sandi Allen: Notice of a public hearing about marijuana manufacturing facilities that are being proposed within the limits of Cincinnati.
10. **Adjournment** - *Freeman McNeal made a motion to adjourn. Carol Gibbs seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.*