

Mt. Auburn Community Council

Full Council 08/20/17 Meeting Minutes

Recorded and Prepared by Ken Farmer for Carlton Farmer (Recording Secretary)

Board Members in Attendance: Sandi Allen, Stanley Broadnax, Rod Browne, Ken Farmer, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Cathy Ingram, Tom Rotte, Anthony Thompson

Absent: Carlton Farmer, Ryan Lammi, Anne Shannon, Deborah Ooten

Special Guests: Pamano White (candidate for City Council), Patrice Burke (Uptown Properties), Stephanie Sweitzer (Cincinnati Water Works), Mike Moroski (School Board Candidate)

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| 2. Safety Report | 5. Treasurer's Report | 8. New Business |
| 3. Special Guests | 6. Board Report | 9. Adjournment |

Meeting Activities

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by Stanley Broadnax at 7:04 PM.
2. **Safety Report (Officer Brazil)** – Officer Brazil noted that crime statistics were down. She reported that Stagger Lee's have indicated they are not moving their liquor store to Highland/Taft, but are planning on utilizing that location for a convenience store with housing above the store. She has set up a meeting between MACC and Stagger Lee's to discuss concerns. She also mentioned the "Off the Streets" program offered through the Anna Louise Inn which helps people get off and stay off drugs (handouts were left on the table). District IV's "Fill the Bus" effort was successful. They were able to supply free backpacks and other school supplies to needy students in all the schools they targeted (including Mt. Auburn). A resident noted that there has been a series of theft of packages after their delivery in the Prospect Hill neighborhood. Officer Brazille said similar problem had been noted from employees of God's Bible School and College and that some of those residents were installing cameras to capture footage of the thefts and keep in contract with District IV. Officer Brazille suggested that she may similarly work with those in the Prospect Hill area.
3. **Special Guests:**
 - a. **Pamona White (candidate for City Council)** – Introduced herself noting that she was intent on working together to make sure that residents were healthy and wealthy in spirit and in wellbeing. She needed signatures as she wants to be on the ballot for City Council.
 - b. **Patrice Burke (Uptown Properties)** – Patrice shared the plans of Uptown Properties to build 10 single-family homes on Ringgold/Slack. This necessitates the demolition of some buildings which are in various states of disrepair. These cost of these homes range from mid-\$300K to low-\$400K. They are all 3-bedroom with garages. They intend begin by building 2 houses on the far eastern end of Slack Street and proceed with other sets of two in succession. Demolition will be soon and should be completed in 2 days. Houses should be framed and under roof in a couple months. The project did not necessitate any zone changes. New setbacks will allow for some front yards (currently none). Slack Street properties will have a roof deck. However, three zone

variances are needed: Front yard and rear yard setbacks; lot size; height limitations. Question was asked whether the new height of just over 41' would impede the views of any other properties. The answer was "No." Motion was made to send a letter supporting the variances for this project (S.Gibbs/F.McNeil). Motion carried.

4. **Previous Month's Minutes** – The minutes were available to the group. Motion was made to approve the minutes (A.Thompson/W.Ossler). Motion carried.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – The treasurer briefly discussed his report which was available to the group. There were no questions. Motion was made to accept the report (F.McNeil/R.Browne). Motion carried.
6. **Board Report** – Broadnax discussed the various items on the report. He reported that he had talked with a person about volunteering to take responsibility for the Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) and will see how that materializes. The City will offer training for those supervising NSP programs September 12. The September meeting for MACC will primarily be run by City Planning who will be conducting a mapping exercise as part of the updating of the Mt. Auburn Plan. Handouts concerning that meeting were available to the group. Motion was made to accept the report (T.Rotte/S.Gibbs). Motion carried.
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. **NSP Funds** – There were some questions concerning the amount of NSP funds that remained in the various accounts after the additional money allocated by the City (\$900) was added. It was suggested that some of the funds in the Beautification Account be spent to power wash and clean up the parks at Sycamore/Walker and Sycamore/Boal. That would cost approximately \$500. The group was in agreement that someone should work on making this happen. It was noted that money could be shifted between accounts, but not more than \$1,000 without receiving additional authorization. The group was in agreement with the plan to transferring funds not spent to the Postage Account.
 - b. **Neighborhood Enhancement Project (NEP)** – Cathy Ingram noted that year-long report on our NEP project are due to the City. She said that report would be submitted later this evening. The only thing lagging was the park was not yet open. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was supposed to be in June, but was delayed. There is no new date for this to occur. The blight index is up for Mt. Auburn. There was some discussion concerning where trash cans should be placed and what type of trash cans. Cathy will look into this.
 - c. **Health Clinic** – Carol Gibbs reported that the clinic has seen 548 patients between its opening November 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.
8. **New Business:**
 - a. **Cincinnati Water Works** – Stephanie Sweitzer of CWW said that CWW is moving to monthly billing in early 2018. Handouts pertaining to this were made available to the group.
 - b. **MACC Elections** – Anna Linders reminded the group that elections will be held in October. These elections will be for Trustees. Since our new bylaws were adopted last year, the first election after adoption required that Trustee positions be voted on in 2017 to begin a stagger involved Officers versus Trustees. Therefore, those who are currently serving as Trustees need to complete a new Intent to Run Form, which Anna will send to each. Additionally, since this is an open election, other can also declare their intention to run for a Trustee slot. It was suggested that these forms be made available from our website. Candidates for Trustees will be given a two minutes to introduce themselves at the beginning of the September MACC meeting.
 - c. **Mike Moroski** – Mike introduced himself as a candidate for the Cincinnati School Board. He said he wanted to accomplish three things: (1) comprehensive engagement strategy; (2) review of the district's discipline policy; (3) clearly delineated policies at both district and local levels. Handouts pertaining to this were made available to the group.

d. Notice from City Planning – Stan Broadnax received a notice from City Planning concerning zone changes that were being requested by the developer of 519 Boal Street. The group agreed that Stan should submit a letter saying MACC cannot support any zone changes as the parties never discussed them with MACC.

9. **Adjournment:** Motion was made for adjournment (A.Linders/A.Thompson). Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.