

Mt. Auburn Community Council

Full Council 10/16/17 Meeting Minutes

Recorded and Prepared by Ken Farmer (Trustee)

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

Absent: Carlton Farmer, Tom Rotte

Special Guests: Jacqueline Carter (Senior Advisory Board), Dirk Kubala (Loth Street Resident), Stephanie Sweitzer (Cincinnati Water Works)

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| 1. Call to Order | 4. Previous Month's Mins | 7. Old Business |
| 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 7:03 PM. He identified this meeting as the official Annual Meeting.
2. **Safety Report (Officer Hamann)** – Officer Hamann distributed the monthly crime report. She encouraged residents to call 569-8676 to report crime-related issues to the police. More resources are allocated on the basis of such calls. She gave an update on the **Pink Report Cards** that were distributed along Hollister Avenue. Over one-half of the vehicles failed the safety check by leaving items in the car that would attract thieves. She shared information and before-and-after pictures of the **Clean-Up in Inwood Park**. There was a question about police response to concerns at **McGregor Place**. This has been brought to the attention of the violent crimes division. Also, the police bike unit is scheduled to go to that area. The issues are drugs, conflict, and violence. Officer Hamann discussed issues related to **Building and Inspections**. She noted that there was an active CERT (Code Enforcement Response Team) in each neighborhood and that residents were encouraged to attend their meetings. CERT brings all the various city departments and residents together to work on issues such as health and safety.
3. **Special Guests – Jacqueline Carter** of the Senior Advisory Board encouraged all to vote “yes” on Senior Services Levy (Issue 5) which is a renewal with no increases. **Dirk Kubala** (Loth Street resident) spoke of the need for a speed bump to be placed on Loth Street to slow traffic on Loft and intersecting streets. This is a safety concern as there are children and other pedestrians endangered. **Stephanie Sweitzer** of Cincinnati Water Works reminded the group that the switch to monthly billing would take place in January 2018. There was some discussion concerning the cost for private pipe replacement. It was noted that the cost of replacement minus \$1,500 would be paid in an assessment to the property over spread over 5-10 years. The City is planning on adding a 5% administrative fee and is considering the creation of an assistance fund for homeowners. Some elements of this process are still being negotiated. Stephanie was asked to bring copies of the actual ordinance to the next meeting and be prepared to give an update.
4. **August Full Body Minutes** – *Freeman McNeal made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Steve Gibbs. Motion carried.*
5. **Treasurer's Report** – *Anna Linders made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Freeman McNeal. Motion carried.*

6. **Board Report** – *Steve Gibbs made a motion to approve the board report. Seconded by Joyce Hughley. Motion carried.*
 7. **Old Business** – None.
 8. **New Business – Official Annual Meeting**
 - a. **2017 Annual Report** – Stanley Broadnax distribute the Annual Report which contained updates from the following committees: Membership (Anne Shannon), Mr. Auburn Day (Rod Browne), Neighborhood Support Program (Annulla Linders), Communications (Carol Gibbs) Treasurer’s Report (Anthony Thompson), Environmental and Historic Preservation (Ryan Lammi), and Community Development (Stanley Broadnax). It was noted that item #7 under the treasurer’s report should be deleted as it was from an earlier report. *Freeman McNeal made a motion to approve the Annual Report with the one noted correction . Seconded by Anthony Thompson. Motion carried.*
 - b. **NSP Presentation** - Annula Linders took the floor and noted the various earlier notifications that the council members in addition to other Mt. Auburn residents in attendance would get the opportunity to present projects for NSP consideration. She recorded on a flip chart the following projects and dollar amounts:
 - i. **Basketball for Taft Elementary (\$950)** - This money would make basketball games available again for Taft Elementary students. The allocation if to cover the cost of referees for 12 games for boys (\$300) and girls (\$300), and for three volunteer coaches to transport the teams to games (\$450). This will involve approximately 40 students.
 - ii. **Two puppet productions (\$790)** - This will pay for two production by Madcap Puppets of “Jumping Over the Holiday Moon” for approximately 200 K-3 students at Taft Elementary (\$395) and for 186 PS-K students at the Rising Star Academy (\$395).
 - iii. **Power washing parks (\$1,000)** - This will see that the concrete parks and benches located at (1) Boal and Sycamore and (2) Walker and Sycamore will be professionally power washed. Steve Gibbs noted that such cleanings are often accompanied by other types of clean-up in the area by volunteers.
 - iv. **Computer literacy classes (\$1,500)** - This will pay for instructor expense for eight 3-hour Community-wide Computer Literacy Classes (\$1,320) by college professor Walter Hawkins, and for miscellaneous expenses (\$180).
 - v. **Insurance for MACC (\$600)** - The is for the insurance that is required for MACC to function as a viable, protected entity.
 - vi. **Storage bin (\$750)** - This is annual payment for the storage bin that is being used to consolidate and protect all the documents of the MACC.
 - vii. **Two Newsletter mailings (\$1,000)** - This will cover the production costs for two Newsletters for Spring 2018 and Fall 2018 and includes the following: printing, folding, and addressing. Postage for mailings will be from other funds.
 - viii. **Walker Street Flower Fund (\$110)** - This will go to assist the ongoing efforts by the residents of Walker Street to keep their area beautified.
- The total for these eight projects is \$6,800. Annula Linders will flesh out the necessary details and get this report in. An NSP Review Committee will take it up in its November meeting after which we hope to get a signed contract which will allow MACC to begin drawing money for these projects. *Carol Gibbs made a motion to approve these eight projects. Seconded by Rod Browne. Motion carried.*

- c. **MACC trustee elections** - Annula Linders introduced the slate of 10 nominees for 9 trustee slots. Ballots were distributed by individuals after confirming they were current MACC members and qualified to vote. Those elected as trustees were:
 - Sandi Allen Ken Farmer Carol Gibbs
 - Stephen Gibbs Joshua Gilbert Walter Hawkins
 - Ryan Lammi Anne Shannon Thomas Rotte
- 9. **Adjournment** – *Freeman McNeal made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Joyce Hughley. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:34 PM.*