

Mt. Auburn Community Council

Full Council 11/20/17 Meeting Minutes

Recorded and Prepared by Carlton Farmer (Recording Secretary)

Board Members in Attendance: Sandi Allen, Carlton Farmer, Ken Farmer, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Josh Gilbert, Ryan Lammi, Anne Shannon,

Absent: Stanley Broadnax, Walter Hawkins, Tom Rotte, Anthony Thompson

Special Guests: Stephanie Sweitzer (GCWW),

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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 temporary president Steve Gibbs at 7:01 PM.
2. **Safety Report (Officer Hamann)** – **1.** Officer Hamann reminded people not to warm up their car in the morning and leave it unattended, nearly every day a car in the city is stolen due to this. **2.** There was a big wreck today on Reading and Dorchester as the result of a police chase after a traffic stop. New signage will be going up at the Reading/Dorchester intersection to make turns and options clearer. **3.** Earlier this month, gang enforcements squad responded to shots fired on Highland and Ringgold, they recovered a number of guns in the barbershop on the corner of Ringgold and Elijah Alley, including an AR-15. **4.** Theft from Autos spiked this last month. An 18-year-old was arrested in the area. He was testing house windows and car door handles. **5.** State Troopers will be assisting making routine traffic enforcement in District 4. **Questions:** S.Gibbs: Can CPD officers communicate with these state troopers through the radio? Hamann: No, that is an issue. We are all a little overworked right now with us taking on some of the duties of District 5, which that building is shut down. S.Gibbs: Does the CPD have a position on enhancing crosswalks, I know there have been some issues with installing speed bumps? Hamann: I would contact John Childress with Transportation and Engineering, but we are all for issues to enhance crosswalks. Gilbert: Are there intersections or streets that you think we should be looking at? Hamann: I would recommend Auburn, McMillan and Dorchester. For crime, accident stats, email Autumn.Morris@cincinnati-oh.gov. Resident: Noticed a lessening of drug activity along Highland near McGregor. Thanked police for their efforts.
3. **Special Guests** – None.
4. **August Full Body Minutes** – Wesley Ossler *made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Joshua Gilbert. Motion carried.*
5. **Board Report** – S.Gibbs addressed the vote count. No questions. S.Gibbs asked Rod Browne to explain the basic idea behind the Liberty Street diet/restructuring. The idea is to make it safer for pedestrian traffic. C.Gibbs notes that the convenience store at the corner of Liberty and Sycamore will be torn down. Linders asked if it will be turned into a parking lot. C.Gibbs stated that it won't be due to the police asking for the property to be closed due to drug activity. Broadnax is working to get the Port Authority to one of our meeting in the first few months of the new year. *Carol Gibbs made a motion to approve the board report. Seconded by Freeman McNeal. Motion carried.*

6. **Treasurer's Report** – S.Gibbs explained that the final two items on the Treasurer's Report are for MadCap productions for Taft Elementary and Rising Stars. Linders was concerned that payment for the two MadCap productions were paid before we had an NSP contract. C.Gibbs thought that they may not have been delivered yet, since the productions are not until December. Linders stated that the checks should not be dated with dates prior to the NSP contract. S.Gibbs and K.Farmer committed to check on this with Thompson or Broadnax. *Ken Farmer made a motion to table the treasurer's report until the January meeting. Seconded by Carol Gibbs. Motion carried.*
7. **Old Business** –
 - a. **GCWW (Stephanie Schweitzer)** - The three ordinances regarding the removal of lead service lines are moving forward, but at this point, there is nothing new to report. We will be working with a non-profit on this project. We have collected submissions for this role, but have not selected anyone yet. **Questions:** S.Gibbs: Could we have this discussion in January? Either the non-profit helping to administrator for the grants to help people replace lead pipes or have the GCWW director speak to us. Schweitzer: I think that would be doable. Gilbert: Monthly billing will start in January of 2018 correct? Schweitzer: Yes. Gilbert: Have residents with lead service lines been notified? Schweitzer: Yes, we have sent out letters to residents regarding lines that we manage and even lines that are own/managed by the homeowners. People can also check your residence on the lead.myGCWW.org website. We will be notifying resident again as part of this new process. Linders: My sidewalk was torn up by GCWW and it was replaced with asphalt rather than concrete. I was told that the city will eventually replace that with concrete. Schweitzer: I would continue to communicate with GCWW about this to make sure the sidewalk gets properly replaced. C.Gibbs: Do you have any idea how many lead lines will need to be replaced in Mt. Auburn? Schweitzer: I can get that information for you. S.Gibbs: That would be great, we would like to be proactive on this issues. Schweitzer: A good quick for initially gauged if you may have lead lines is if your residence was built prior to 1927.
8. **New Business** –
 - a. **Two-Way Hollister Street** – We have asked Transportation and Engineering to do a study of converting Hollister back into a two-way street.
 - b. **Canceling the December meeting** - This is due to the holidays and because we would have to pay rent to Taft Elementary to meet in December. *Freeman McNeal made the motion to cancel. Sandi Allen seconded. Motion carried.*
 - c. **Mt. Auburn Do Right Campaign** - Community Celebration on Thursday November 29, 2017.
9. **Adjournment** – Ken Farmer made a motion to adjourn. Freeman McNeal seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:52 PM.