

Mt. Auburn Community Council

Full Council 04/16/18 Meeting Minutes

Recorded and Prepared by Carlton Farmer (Recording Secretary)

Board Members in Attendance: Sandi Allen, Stanley Broadnax, Carlton Farmer, Ken Farmer, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Josh Gilbert, Walter Hawkins, Anne Shannon

Absent: Sandi Allen, Ryan Lammi, Tom Rotte, Anthony Thompson

Special Guests: OH-32 Rep. Cathy Ingram, Captain Mack, Dee Chavez (Single Payer Action Network)

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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 MACC President Stanley Broadnax 7:06 PM.
2. **Safety Report (Captain Mack - District 4 Commander) – 1.** In general, violent crime is down in Mt. Auburn and District 4 at large. Things are trending in the right direction. It is still important to call the police to report crime, shots fired, etc. It might feel like action is not being taken, but we are collecting evidence and data. **2.** Issues near the Shell station on Reading Road. This is an ongoing process. We are working with people and agencies from both Mt. Auburn and Walnut Hills, as well as the law department and community organizations. **3.** There was recently a shooting on Estelle, we arrested both of the individuals that were shooting at each other.
Questions. Resident: Are there ways for residents to be proactive rather than reactive? Mack: Don't confront. But pay attention. Call the police if you believe it is warranted. Officer Candice: Be specific on your calls, addresses, cars, etc. Even if you get our voicemail, you should leave a message. We will use that info. Mack: We are continuing to push directed patrols, which means officers going to specific places where crimes or possible illegal activity has been reported. Hawkins: We've called the police on several occasions for criminal activities on Kinsey. What are the things the police do in situations like this and how do you work to keep the identity of those that call anonymous? Mack: When you call in, specifically tell who you are talking to that you want to remain anonymous and that the police don't need to talk to you when they come to the scene. I know it's not always easy to hear, but the collection of evidence is often how we reduce crime. It is important to make these calls. It depends on the information that we are getting, but we have a wide variety of tactics, included undercover police officers, unmarked cars, directed patrols, etc. Officer Candice: You can call me at (513) 569-8654, if I don't answer, leave me a voicemail. I will follow-up. The non-emergency number is (513) 765-1212. You can also report, abandoned vehicles, overgrown grass, litter, etc. by calling (513) 591-6000 or visiting 5916000.com. Broadnax: I know in past meeting, there has been some concern about District 4's response to issues surrounding the Shell gas station on Reading Rd. Mack: This location is definitely on the radar of our Violent Crime Squad. S.Gibbs: There has been some concern that some of social services agencies are contributing to the crime in the area around the Shell station. Mack: At this point, we have no evidence of that, but we are closely monitoring the situation and working with the social service agencies. Candice: We are working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). So if you have specific requests of the owners of Shell (lighting, not to

sell certain items, etc.) you can bring them to me and we can collectively take that to them.

Resident: What recourse do you have if they don't want to recognize the MOU. Candice: It is not a legal document, so they can choose to ignore it. At that point, we could pursue other options, such as working with the city law department. Resident: Could we apply pressure through their liquor license? Mack: There are only certain times of the year that liquor licenses are up for review, but that could be an option.

3. **Special Guests –**

- a. **Dee Chavez (Single Payer Action Network)** - There is a need for healthcare reform. The expansion of Medicaid under the ACA helped a lot of people. Rather than repeal the ACA with no concrete plan to replace it. Our group thinks that the solution is expanding and improving Medicare to all residents of the United States. The U.S. is the only industrialized country to not have some form of universal healthcare. While we have advanced medical care in this country, there are many people that simply don't have access to it due to their income. There are approximately 18 states (including Ohio) that are working on an expansion of Medicare. We feel that this issue is likely to be better addressed at the state level than at the federal level. A bill has been introduced at the Ohio House, which is sponsored by someone in attendance here tonight - Rep. Cathy Ingram. Our purpose here tonight is to inform, educate and recruit. If you have questions, we have brought information, we meet at the First Unitarian Church in Clifton. You can find more info at SpanOhio.org. **Questions.** Dorna: The crux of the issue to me is that managed care companies are entrenched in the current system. How do you plan to address that? Chavez: Several states have come close to passing such a bill at the state level. Here in Ohio, we also have the possibility to place an issue on the state ballot. Broadnax: There is a lot of public data that shows that preventive care works. I think I can state that as a community council we are supportive of increasing access to healthcare.

4. **March Full Body Minutes –** *Stephen Gibbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Anna Linder seconded. Motion carried.*

5. **Treasurer's Report –** Treasurer Anthony Thompson had to leave town. *Anna Linder made a motion to approve.* Gilbert: Were we going to eliminate the cost of the storage unit from the NSP funds? Broadnax: No, not at this time. I don't know where we would put those materials if not there. *Motion carried.*

6. **Board Report –**

- a. MACC Citizens on Patrol committee will announce when the next CoP classes are being held and will work with the MACDC's Safety Committee.
- b. GCWW will be at the May meeting to talk about the replacement of lead service lines. Please contact Dr. Broadnax with questions or come to the May meeting.
- c. Most of the May meeting will be the City Planning Department, which will be discussing and reviewing the goals and objectives of the Mt. Auburn Plan and getting community input.
- d. Selling of city-owned property: 2010 Auburn Avenue and some properties on the south side of Dorchester, above Sycamore. Linders: It is city property. Should we give permission to the city to sell it off so easily? Broadnax: I understand that the building has some structural issues that may end up in its demolition. S.Gibbs: I think at this point the city is simply looking into selling. Issuing an RFP to see what interest is out there. Ingram: Without some public purpose, what does Mt. Auburn get out of this property. Can we ask that the city require that the developer come to the community before they build? *S.Gibbs made a motion supporting their issuing an RFP, but with some stipulation*

regarding what gets built there. Ingram asked to add that this is what we would expect of any city owned properties in Mt. Auburn. Gilbert seconded. Resident: Would it be coming back to the community council for approval or for comment. Broadnax: We could object over any zoning change, but most likely it would be coming to us for comment. Motion carried.

Ken Farmer made a motion to approve the April Board Report. Carol Gibbs seconded. Motion carried.

7. **CDC Report (Carol Gibbs) –**
 - a. Flatiron Building - Improvements and stabilization efforts continue on this important property.
 - b. Property Tax Freeze - I have been working on this with the community council and city officials. We are piloting this at the city level and hope to take it to the state. Ingram: We have been discussing this at the state level. Broadnax: Perhaps you can address this at a future meeting of the community council, Cathy.
8. **New Business –**
 - a. MACDC (Holly Dorna) Mt. Auburn Clean-Up - 14th Annual Mt. Auburn clean-up is Saturday May 19th from 9:00 until noon.
 - b. Anna Linders distributed NSP report for April. Made herself available to discuss after the meeting.
 - c. Democratic Primary on May 8th - Jon Vogt running for re-election Mt. Auburn Precinct 10-A and Shawn Baker is running for re-election to Precinct 10-C. Go to votehamiltoncounty.org if you would like to view your ballot.
 - d. Church of our Savior Concerts by CCM student - 2pm and 7pm on 4/26.
9. **Adjournment –** *Jon Vogt made a motion to adjourn. Anna Linders seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:37 PM.*