

Mt. Auburn Community Council

Full Council 06/18/18 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, Tom Rotte, Anne Shannon, Anthony Thompson

Absent: Ryan Lammi

Special Guests: Beth Townsend (The Little Library), Ashley Clos (The Christ Hospital)

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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 at 7:03 PM.
2. **Safety Report (Officer Hamann)** – **1.** District 4 is having issues with its phone system, so if you have called recently and have not received a response, that is why. We are hoping this will be fixed soon. You can email if you have called and need a response (lori.hamann@cincinnati-oh.gov). **2.** Continue calling about hotspots in your area. McGregor is now more on the radar due to increased calls to report suspicious activity.
3. **Special Guests** –
 - a. **Beth Townsend (The Little Library)** - Townsend: I am a volunteer here at Taft Elementary through my church Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Little Free Library is essentially a decorated wooden box in someones yard or that of a business. People can take a book for free as well as deposit a book they no longer need. We are looking for places in Mt. Auburn other than just here at Taft Elementary. Each library does need a steward, who makes sure the library remains stocked with books. **Questions.** C.Gibbs: I would imagine that Church of Our Savior would be a great location. Driggins-Smith: Yes, we would love that. Both children and adult books. Townsend: There are resources for getting books, for both children and adults. Do you have bilingual books, or books in Spanish? Townsend: I'm not sure about that, but we will definitely look into that. I am confident that we can find a resource for those. Resident: I would like to see them at our parks here in Mt. Auburn. *Josh Gilbert motion in support of the two Little Free Libraries at Taft Elementary. Freeman McNeal seconded. Motion carried.*
4. **May Full Body Minutes** – Anna Linders made a correction to the adjournment information: she did not second as she was not present at the meeting. C.Farmer: I will check my notes and make that correction. It was probably a copy-and-paste error. *Anna Linders made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction noted. Leigh Wilson seconded. Motion carried.*
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Allen: Is there training for the QuickBooks program? There is official training, but it costs money. Allen: Perhaps this is something that Mr. Hawkins could cover in one of his upcoming computer classes. Are there more categories than what appear on this report? Broadnax: Yes, but the categories are ones that we set up in the payee column of the report. *Stephen Gibbs made a motion to approve the report. Anna Linders seconded. Motion carried.*

6. **Board Report** – Dr. Broadnax read through the minutes from the board meeting. Some of the highlights follow, see report for more information. **1.** There will be a presentation by Kingsley +Co. about their proposed hotel at the corner of Kinsey and Reading road in July. **2.** Residents and students at God’s Bible School are planning on starting a clean-up walk. They have contacted Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and are confident they can get the supplies they need from them. Broadnax: I don’t think that KCB would be supplying materials on an ongoing basis, but I am not sure. Holly Dorna: The Chamber has pick-up tongs and some other materials that they would be willing to make available. K.Farmer: My understanding is that they would take requests or suggestions as to areas for them to clean-up.
Freeman McNeal made a motion to approve the April Board Report. Tom Rotte seconded. Motion carried.
7. **NSP Report (Anna Linders):** We have to spend the NSP money before August 31st. Some projects have been completed, but we are still looking for other projects so that we can utilize these NSP funds. The computer classes being taught by Hawkins are not likely to use all of their funds, since they won’t be started until August. Broadnax: How much do you estimate that we will have remaining? Linders: I am not completely sure. Hawkins is going to send me an invoice for the classes he has held. Hawkins: There is \$820 left over from the computer literacy programs. Linders: The only two we can move to are communications and beautification, so I recommend we look at projects we have done in the past that fall under these categories. Broadnax: The NSP manager and the MACC President need authorization from the council to move left over monies to either beautification or communication projects as the deadline approaches. *S.Gibbs made a motion. K.Farmer seconded.* Linders. I recommend we hold our NSP planning meeting in September and we could use 2019 funds for classes possibly in October or November. We will need to notify residents through a newsletter before we can hold our NSP hearing meeting. Shannon: We will take care of that. [General agreement that holding the NSP hearing in September was a good idea] *Motion carried.*
8. **Elections Announcement (Anna Linders)** - Linders ran through the requirements for running for MACC office as well as the requirements for those who want to vote in the MACC elections. The vote will be held after the regularly scheduled full council meeting in October. Those interested in running should fill out an Intent to Run form and turn it in to Anna Linders or Dr. Broadnax. Anyone running for office will have the opportunity to address the full council during the September meeting. Broadnax: Come talk to me if you are interested in running but aren’t sure that you meet all the requirements.
9. **Mt. Auburn Safety Committee (Holly Dorna)** - Our Safety Committee is very active. We will be at Inwoodfest (7/14) with crime prevention materials and magnets. We are also working with police to grade cars in the neighborhood. We look for unlocked cars, items left in cars, etc. that invite theft and car break-ins. Anyone here at the council meeting is welcome to join the Mt. Auburn Chamber’s Safety Committee. At our October meeting (10/4, 11:00 - 1:00) we will have active shooter training. We meet the second Tuesday of each month from 11:00 - 1:00 at the Taft Historic Site. Broadnax: Is there an update on the MACC Citizens on Patrol group? Gilbert: If we can get 10 - 15 people interested in joining Citizens on Patrol, the police will come to us for training. Anyone interested please find me after the meeting. We would love to get this rolling.
10. **Christ Hospital Healthy Eating Program (Ashley Clos)** - We are looking for feedback from the Mt. Auburn community to help guide us in designing our program. [Clos distributed handouts and people broke into groups.] The various small groups shared their responses with the group at large. Those responses included: **1.** Help the students at Taft Elementary start a small business through which they can sell some of the produce that they grow. **2.** Farmers Market/Urban Market. **3.** Cooking classes geared toward family, perhaps through Cooking for the Family a

partnership between St. Francis Seraph and Findlay Kitchen. **4.** Transportation program to help get resident with mobility issues to and from the grocery store. **5.** Red Bag Program through Kroger - slightly blemished fruit or vegetables can be picked up for free. **6.** Computer access so that people can participate in online ordering of food. **7.** Encouraging residents to walk and exercise. **8.** Shuttle service that connects neighborhood residents with Findlay Market, Kroger, etc. Clos: We will be compiling all the information we have received into a report. From there we will be contacting individuals (let me know if you would like to be involved) to meet up and work through our findings in smaller groups. If you would like to be involved in these smaller groups, talk to me after the meeting or contact Carol Gibbs or Dr. Broadnax. We will then come back to the larger community groups to present our proposals. Ingram: I have a list of neighborhood farmers markets for this summer. If you are interested, come see me after the meeting. Currently Mt. Auburn does not have a farmers market.

Adjournment – *Freeman McNeal made a motion to adjourn. Sandi Allen seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.*