

Mt. Auburn Community Council

Full Council 05/21/18 Meeting Minutes

Recorded and Prepared by Carlton Farmer (Recording Secretary)

Board Members in Attendance: Sandi Allen, Stanley Broadnax, Carlton Farmer, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Josh Gilbert, Tom Rotte, Anne Shannon, Anthony Thompson

Absent: Ken Farmer, Walter Hawkins, Ryan Lammi

Special Guests: OH-32 Rep. Cathy Ingram, Katie Hofman and Felix Bere from City Planning Dept

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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 7:06 PM.
2. **Safety Report (Officer Hamann)** – **1.** McGregor and Reading Road area continues to be an issue. Please call the non-emergency line to report any suspicious activity (513) 765-1212. **2.** There has been a high number of reports of illegally parked cars on streets in Mt. Auburn. We try to work with residents, but ultimately, cars cannot be parked over 24 hours on city streets. Questions. Resident: At what point to we call the police? Hamann: If you see something that strikes you as drug- or crime-related, call it in. We need you to do that.
3. **Special Guests** –
 - a. **Kathy Bailey and Jason Delade (Greater Cincinnati Water Works)** - Delade: Here in Cincinnati we do have some lead service lines that we are in the process of replacing. There is a lot of information on the website we created to help us manage this process, including a map on which you can see what residences have lead service lines. The website is lead.mycgww.org We also have a phone number that you can call with questions, 513-651-LEAD (5323). Lines get replaced by GCWW when they are in the public right of way; replacement of lines are the responsibility of the homeowner when the line is on their private property. We have set up a program to help homeowners replace lead service lines that are on private property. We coordinate with contractors and contribute 40% of the cost (up to \$1500) toward the replacement. The amount that is left after the \$1500 is owed by the homeowner to GCWW, but it can be assessed on property taxes over a period of 5 to 10 years. This is essentially a zero interest loan. We also have a HELP (Help Eliminate Lead Pipes) program which will assist low-income residents with the remaining costs of replacements. **Questions.** S.Gibbs: You guys had said that you would select a non-profit to manage your HELP program. Who is that going to be? Bailey: We put out an RFI for this, but did not get suitable responses. We decided that we could manage this on our own. C.Gibbs: What are you guys doing to educate people on the dangers of lead? Bailey: We are getting out to the communities and have detailed information on our website. We also recently partnered with a communication firm that will help us communicate more effectively. Resident: How long would it usually take to replace these lines? Who covers the costs of excavation? Delade: We tell our contractors that residents can't be without water for more than 8 hours. The excavation costs would

be included in the bid for the job. On average, the costs we are seeing for replacement is around \$5,500. Ingram: Are residents required to replace lead service lines on their property? Delade: Currently no. We are trying to make sure we have costs under control. But at some point in the future, it will be required, due to the language of the ordinance passed by the City of Cincinnati.

4. **April Full Body Minutes** – *Carol Gibbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Shawn Baker seconded. Motion carried.*
5. **Treasurer’s Report** – Treasurer Anthony Thompson noted that the AIG report is on the back of the report. *Freeman McNeal made a motion to approve the report. Tom Rotte seconded. Motion carried.*
6. **Board Report** – Broadnax read through the minutes from the Board Report. *Carol Gibbs made a motion to approve the April Board Report. Tom Rotte seconded. Motion carried.*

****Remainder of the Meeting was turned over to City Planning Department****

7. **Katie Hofman:** Explained that the purpose of tonight was to discuss finalize the goals and objectives of the Mt. Auburn Plan. It is important to note that this is not the final plan. This is a draft. We are hoping to finalize the plan this summer and come back to the community to present the final plan and request approval. Katie ran through main points (below) of the draft plan and then asked residents to congregate at the workstations throughout the room to comment and mark-up this draft.
 - a. Housing (new housing, but neighborhood needs to remain affordable)
 - b. Parking
 - c. Parks and Recreation (4 parks, that are assets, but may also present challenges)
 - d. Preservation and Environmental (some areas in the southern and western areas of the neighborhood are protected by a hillside overlay, but most of the neighborhood is not)
 - e. Commercial Development (for the most part, we are looking at areas other than Auburn Avenue since there is a Auburn Avenue Corridor Plan)
 - f. Quality of Life (safety, family friendly, etc.)

Adjournment – *Jon Vogt made a motion to adjourn. S.Gibbs seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:37 PM.*