

# Mt. Auburn Community Council

## Full Council 08/20/18 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, Ryan Lammi, Tom Rotte, Anne Shannon, Anthony Thompson

**Absent:** Walter Hawkins

**Special Guests:** Sgt. George and Officer Anthony Hill (Avondale), State Rep. Cathy Ingram, Lindsey Floria (Community Development)

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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.** Crime spike due to B/E and car thefts in the Mulberry Street and Prospect Hill area. Arrests have been made in connection with these crimes. **2.** Repeatedly getting a complaint about cars parked in handicap spaces on Boal. **Questions.** Resident: Is there anything that can be done about loud motorcycles? Hamann: It is very hard to cite vehicles for being too loud. I would suggest emailing the commander of District 1 and see what can be done. They may be able to allocate some resources to OTR and downtown where the loud vehicles are operating. Resident: I know some people open up access to their cameras to the CPD. Is this helpful? Hamann: Yes, contact me, and I can put you in contact with the appropriate investigator.
3. **Special Guests** –
  - a. **Community and Economic Development (Lindsey Floria and Giovanni Rocco)** - There are 2 parts to this. 1. The current parking requirements on the books are somewhat antiquated. We are exploring relaxing or eliminating these parking requirements. Due to resident's concerns, we are creating a parking permit zone for some of Over-the-Rhine. The parking permit zone does not include any areas in Mt. Auburn. **Questions.** Lammi: So does this eliminate parking requirements for all rehabs and development? Gio: Yes and no. There are other parking requirements, and developers recognize that they need to have some parking. Linders: What is the reason for this? Gio: Our goal is trying to create a city that is built around people and not cars. Requirements are somewhat arbitrary. For instance, the rehab at 13th and Walnut with 30 units required zero parking, but if someone built a new house on Mulberry they would be required to account for parking. We are trying to move the conversation toward alternative transportation options. The reality is, we are never going to be able to create enough parking for everyone's car in downtown. Lindsey: This fits in with the overall Plan Cincinnati. Linders: This seems like it benefits developers. S.Gibbs: I don't know that that is the case. The developers aren't bearing the weight of these parking requirements, they are passing those along to their tenants. Lindsey: That is correct. Those costs are being passed along to tenants. S.Gibbs: This doesn't prohibit building parking, right? Gio: No it does not. Rotte: Has

there been any relaxation on gravel lots or driveways? Gio: No, not really. Lammi: I have a friend with a 4 unit building, in order to add 2 units in the building, he has to provide 2 additional parking spaces. So he is looking for a variance, otherwise he won't be able to develop these two new units, in an area where housing is at a premium. A single parking space in downtown Cincinnati costs approximately \$22,000 to build.

- b. **Cincy Flags (Adriana Alvarez)** - This is a city-funded project with the goal of designing a flag for every neighborhood in Cincinnati. There is an online survey that anyone can fill out about what you would like to see on your neighborhood's flag. There is also a free creative session this Saturday (8/25) at the Clifton Recreation Center. After I get survey information, and hear from residents at our creative session, I will come back to the community councils with the proposed design so that I can get feedback on what I have designed. To take the survey, visit [CincyFlags.com](http://CincyFlags.com).
4. **July Full Body Minutes** – Broadnax recapped the minutes from last month. *Anthony Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes. Josh Gilbert seconded. C.Gibbs: Correction to the spelling of a name. Motion carried with the stated corrections.*
5. **Board Report** – Broadnax recapped the minutes from the August board meeting, including our proposed Capital Budget Requests projects. *Stephen Gibbs made a motion to approve the report. Anthony Thompson seconded. Motion carried.*
6. **Treasurer's Report** – *Stephen Gibbs made a motion to approve the report. Tom Rotte seconded. Motion carried.*
7. **NSP Report (Anna Linders):** We still have NSP funds to spend in the next 12 days, approximately \$1,800. There are a few projects that we can spend some of these funds on if other projects are not identified. Allen: Could a magnet reminding residents of the time, location, etc. of the Community Council Meetings fall under communications. Ingram: Can we advance pay for services or goods. Linders: No we cannot advance-pay for goods or services. S.Gibbs: We could spend some money on landscaping around Inwood Park. Broadnax: We could spend some money cleaning up the Main Street Steps. Resident: I like that idea. Those steps are overgrown and a little dangerous. C.Gibbs: Could we place cameras on the steps with these funds? Linders: I don't think that cameras would fall into any of the categories for NSP funds. Dorna: We pay for the flower pots. For \$200 you get a large flower pot and the work to maintain it throughout the season. I would also like to suggest that we touch-up the Mt. Auburn mural at the bend near the top of Sycamore Hill. Broadnax: There seems to be support for clearing and cleaning the Main Street Steps and for the informative magnets. *Dorna made a motion to authorize the treasurer, President and NSP manager to move funds to support projects the projects mentioned above or other projects so that we do not end up returning funds to the city. Ingram seconded. Motion carried.*
8. **Capital Budget Requests** - We will be making two requests. 1. Gateway signs at 6 locations throughout the neighborhood. 2. Ten benches along Auburn Avenue. *Stephen Gibbs made a motion to endorse these two projects. Anthony Thompson seconded. Resident: We could use more benches on Sycamore Hill. C.Gibbs: Let's amend our bench request from 10 to 15. Amended motion approved.*
9. **Liberty Street Road Diet (Peter Hanes - OTR Community Council Board Member)** - The plan to narrow and calm Liberty Street has been in the works for years and was moving along smoothly until recently. The City Manager first said that they needed to do additional traffic studies, he then brought up funding, which was news to us. Funding was never identified as an issue until recently. *Stephen Gibbs made a motion that we join the OTR community council in objecting to the suspension of the Liberty Street calming project. Carlton Farmer seconded. Motion carried.*

10. **Mt. Auburn Community Council Elections (Broadnax)** - Immediately following the October MACC meeting, we will be holding elections for some of the MACC offices--President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. If you are interested running for a position on the MACC board, please talk with Anna Linders, Anne Shannon, or Stanley Broadnax after this meeting. In particular, we are looking for an NSP manager to take Anna Linder's place as our NSP manager. Anna will be happy to train this person on her processes. If you would like to run for one of these position, applications are due by the September MACC full body meeting.
11. **Mt. Auburn Chamber of Commerce Safety Committee Report** - Please reach out to Holly Dorna if you would like to attend any of our sessions. We are looking to partner up with anyone in the Mt. Auburn neighborhood to make our area safer. We are
12. **Church of Savior (Sandra Driggins-Smith)** - If you know of seniors that live within 5 miles of Church of Our Savior, please let them know about the senior services that we are running out of the church. We will pick them up and bring them to Church of Our Saviors for lunch, activities, etc. C.Gibbs: These is a Christmas Program on Sunday December 2 at both the Taft Historic Site and the Church of Our Savior.
13. **Mt. Auburn Do Right Campaign** - We are still accepting applications for the Block by Block Program. These and other initiative are free. All you have to do is call 513.585.9879 or email [closingthegap@thehealthgap.org](mailto:closingthegap@thehealthgap.org)

**Adjournment** – *Shawn Baker made a motion to adjourn. Joyce Hughley seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.*