

Mt. Auburn Community Council

Full Council 09/17/18 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, Tom Rotte, Anne Shannon, Anthony Thompson, Walter Hawkins

Absent: Ryan Lammi

Special Guests: Ryan Dyson (Department of Community and Economic 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 7:10 PM.
2. **Safety Report (Officer Hamann)** – **1.** Officer Hamann gave everyone her direct phone number, (513) 569-8679. If you need immediate police presence, call 911 or the non-emergency number (513) 765-1212. **2.** Recently there were two robberies based on online sales. One was on Gilman Avenue and one was in the Graeters parking lot. **3.** The police cracked down on illegal nightclubs in the common areas of student housing. **4.** The police will need help from the community to calm traffic at Reading and Kinsey, as well as Kinsey and Highland. McNeal: We should remove the stop signs at this intersection. People aren't used to having to stop at that intersection. There were fewer accidents at the the intersection before the stop signs were added. Hawkins: I disagree with removing the stop signs. I think the intersection is safer due to these signs. Resident: I agree, there does seem to be less accidents. C.Gibbs: We asked the city for crosswalks at that intersection, but they said that there wasn't enough traffic at the intersection. *Freeman McNeal made a motion to request a traffic study at the intersection of Highland and Kinsey. Walter Hawkins seconded. Motion carried.* **5.** There has been an increase in drug use and overdoses in and around Inwood Park. Officer Hamman has asked the Parks Department to cut down some of the overgrowth that gives cover to this activity. The Parks Department doesn't want to cut down this overgrowth. *Joyce Hugly made a motion to to ask the parks department to cut down this overgrowth. Rod Brown seconded. Motion carried.* Resident: I work for Department of Recreation. If you give me some details I may be able to get this overgrowth removal process started. **Questions.** Resident: I wanted to thank District 4 police for their response to break-ins and auto thefts around the Dorsey/Sycamore area. Resident: There is an empty lot on the corner of Reading and McGregor. It is full of garbage and litter. Hamann: I will request city services to address the litter on that lot and we will continue to work on the drug activity in this area. Vogt: The address of this lot is 338 McGregor if you would like to complain about this lot. Resident: What are the police doing to address the businesses that are complicit in this drug activity, like the Shell station. Hamann: We have the right of entry at the Shell station and have convinced them to start calling the police on people they suspect of dealing drugs. If we are not satisfied with their efforts, we can object to the renewal of their liquor license when that time comes. C.Gibbs: There is a festival being organized for Saturday 10/13 from Noon until 4:00 PM in the United Way parking lot. Broadnax: Yes, the goal is to bring the social services agencies in that area together with the residents of Mt. Auburn

and Walnut Hills, so that the residents can talk to these agencies about their concerns. These agencies are interested in hearing from residents in the area along Reading Road. Resident: Are you tracking where these people are coming from? Hamann: When we make a stop, yes. Resident: Can you tell where these people are coming from? Because I feel this drug problem is being brought into our neighborhood. Hamann: I don't do this type of work, but yes, we have data trackers that work for the police that do that.

3. **Special Guests –**

- a. **Ryan Dyson (Dept. of Community and Economic Development)** - The parcel of land at 23 Mulberry Street is currently an undeveloped lot. It has been owned by the city since 2004. It is zoned for parks, but the Community and Economic Development Department would like to rezone it for residential. The lots around it are all residential. The DCED We would like to change the zoning to the same zoning all around it. We are asking for a letter of support for this zoning change to RM07. This letter would simply start the process. **Questions.** McNeal: Is there intended buyer? Dyson: No there is not. No one has approached us about this property. I am the one who started this process. McNeal: What will get built there? Dyson: We don't normally put restrictions on development. But this will be a public RFP, so everyone will have a chance to participate in this process. *McNeal made a motion to ask the city to come back with more information. Darryl Frasier seconded.* Dyson: Would you like me to come back with a draft proposal? I could do that, but I can't guarantee that it will be what the final RFP will look like. McNeal: Yes. Dyson: When the final RFP is complete, we come back to the community council and present it. Vogt: Does the city incentivize proposals depending upon the type of proposal, such as scoring affordable housing higher. Dyson: Yes, we score projects on a number of factors. *Motion carried.*
4. **Previous Month's MACC Full Body Minutes** – Broadnax recapped the minutes from last month. Josh Gilbert called out a correction with the board members in attendance and those listed as absent. C.Farmer: I make that error on occasion. I will get it corrected. *Anthony Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes. Shawn Baker seconded. Motion carried with the stated correction.*
5. **Board Report** – Ken Farmer *made a motion to approve the report. Josh Gilbert seconded. Motion carried.*
6. **Treasurer's Report** – *Freeman McNeal made a motion to approve the report. Carlton Farmer seconded. Motion carried.*
7. **MACC Board Elections (Dr. Broadnax)** - If you would like to vote in the election being held after the October full council meeting on 10/15, you need to become a member tonight. You can sign up tonight for a membership and that will make you eligible to vote in the election next month.

Candidates for MACC Offices

- i. Anthony Thompson announced his candidacy for Treasurer.
- ii. Carlton Farmer announced his candidacy for Recording Secretary.
- iii. Anne Shannon announced her candidacy for Corresponding Secretary.
- iv. Shawn Baker announced his candidacy for Vice President.
- v. Devoe Sherman announced his candidacy for Vice President.
- vi. Stephen Gibbs announced his candidacy for President.
- vii. Stanley Broadnax announced his candidacy for President.
- viii. Freeman McNeal announced his candidacy for President.

Resident: Asked Anthony how much time he spends on treasurer duties. Anthony: No more than a few hours a month, but it requires dedicated time and doing things in a timely manner.

8. **NSP Report:** Josh Gilbert stated that he is helping Anna with NSP duties. We received \$6,085 from the city, the same as all other neighborhoods. The broad categories we spend this money on in the past have been beautification, communications, storage and other neighborhood events or projects. So we are looking for proposals. For a proposal we would need to outline what the project is, how we are planning the project and how we measure if the project is a success. C.Gibbs: I have two project proposals 1) 2,700 for computer classes for seniors and Taft Elementary students or parents. 2) \$1,610 to fund 2 roller skating trips for Taft students. Anthony Thompson: We need to pay for our storage unit which is about \$790 a year. The rest of the funds were split between Beautification and Communication. Final proposal:

Communication - \$482.50

Beautification - \$482.50

Storage - \$790

Taft Elementary Skating Trips - \$1610

Computer Classes (seniors, Taft Elementary parents and students) - \$2720

Total - \$6085

Ken Farmer made a motion to approve the framework for our NSP proposal. Vogt seconded.

Motion carried.

Adjournment – *Shawn Baker made a motion to adjourn. Joyce Hughley seconded.* Resident asked why the council didn't contact her about their support for the city to issue an RFP for this property. Broadnax: Our understanding was that you were to be given an opportunity to rectify or correct any issues with your contract with the city. *Joyce Hughly made a motion that the council support the current occupant of the building at 2010 Auburn Avenue having the option to rectify and issues with the city and buy the building. Alice Williams seconded. Motion carried. Motion to adjourn carried at 8:23 PM.*