

# Mt. Auburn Community Council

## Full Council 10/15/18 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, Walter Hawkins

**Absent:**

**Special Guests:** Derek Bauman (representing the Democratic Judicial Committee), Melba Moore (Cincinnati Health Commissioner), Officer Lavey (District 4, Avondale's community officer), Cathy Ingram (OH House Rep. - District 32)

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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

- Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by MACC President Stanley Broadnax at 7:00 PM.
- Safety Report (Officer Lavey)** – 1. McGregor and McGregor Place continue to pose some issues for the neighborhood. This is an area CPD is actively engaged with. **Questions.** Resident: Asked that Alma Street be patrolled. It was recently paved. Lavey: I will make that request of Officer Hamann. Resident: I have had issues around McMicken and Clifton. Lavey: I will make sure Officer Hamann is aware of this. Christian Dohn: I'm glad you brought up the area around McGregor. Can you talk about the strategy for that area? Lavey: I can't get into specifics about our strategy, but it does involve undercover police officers. Broadnax: The human services agencies in this area have started the process of getting the residents engaged with the police and the agencies so that the crime in this area can be reduced. Lavey: Let me reiterate that it is very important to call the police and be specific. Our police department is a data-driven police department. Calling and reporting activity is how resources get allocated and officers get dispatched. The non-emergency number is 765-1212. Resident: Along Burnet between Earnshaw to McGregor turns into a hotspot most evenings, especially on the weekends. I am calling whenever this happens, but it's hard to see that anything is happening. Lavey: We don't have a loitering law in the state of Ohio, so we need something reported other than just a crowd. That may be the issue. Broadnax: Anyone who would like to be involved in the community work that is being done along the Reading area please talk with me after the meeting.
- Special Guests** –
  - Melba Moore (Cincinnati Health Commissioner)** - Born in St. Louis. Lived in Detroit. Worked in Public Health in St. Louis. Started working as Health Commission this past August and has been spending her time visiting communities and listening to concerns. **Questions.** Resident: Asked a question about the shingles vaccine. Moore: I am not an MD, so I would have to refer your question to a medical professional. Hawkins: What similarities do you see between Cincinnati and St. Louis. Moore: Similar. Both river cities. About the same size. Roughly the same health challenges. We can definitely learn a lot by observing best practices from other cities. Resident: Do you have programmatic

plans around crime-related trauma. Moore: Yes, we are in the training phase and are looking for ambassadors in our communities. Joyce Hughley: I know there is talk of not funding the Center for Closing the Health Gap. How does this fit with your work? Moore: We are in the process of getting accredited. So any money that we receive and spend, we have to be able to show a return on investment. The bottom line is we have to have standards and metrics in place. So it will increasingly become important that we can hold our agencies accountable.

4. **MACC Board Elections** - Freeman McNeal used his candidate introduction time to withdraw his name from the running for MACC President and encourage those who were planning on supporting him to support Dr. Broadnax. While people were voting, Dr. Broadnax invited Derek Bauman to speak about the Democratic Judicial Committee, then Rep. Cathy Ingram to speak about her candidacy for Ohio State Representative of OH 32nd District, and then Dirk Cubala to speak about his candidacy for the Ohio's 1st Congressional District.
5. **Previous Month's MACC Full Body Minutes** – *[see below]*
6. **Board Report** – *Tom Rotte made a motion to approve both the minutes and the board report. Ken Farmer seconded. Motion carried.*
7. **Treasurer's Report** – *Ken Farmer made a motion to approve the report. Tom Rotte seconded. Motion carried.*
8. **Sandra Driggins-Smith (Church of Our Savior)** - We have been offering a variety of senior services for the last couple of months out of Church of Our Savior on Hollister, including activities and lunch, as well as transportation services to bring seniors to the facility. However, we have not had a large turn-out so far. Please share this with your neighbors and help us keep these services available to seniors in the Uptown area. **Questions.** Resident: How have you been promoting these services? We have been sending out flyers, we have a sign in front of our church and this community council has been including information about these services in their monthly newsletter. Other than that, we rely on word of mouth to promote these services. It is important that we get community buy-in for these services.
9. **Mt. Auburn Community Christmas Gala (Reverend Floyd Johnson)** – This is the 21st year for the Christmas Gala. It will be held Friday evening, December 21st. Thanked Mt. Auburn Community Council for their years of support. *Penny Carns made a motion to contribute \$300 for the Mt. Auburn Community Christmas Gala. Joyce Hughley seconded. Motion carried.*

**Adjournment** – *Ken Farmer made a motion to adjourn. Angeletta Metts seconded. Motion to adjourn carried at 8:11 PM. Votes in the election were still being tallied.*

*At approximately 8:30, Sandi Allen announced the results of the election: President - Stanley Broadnax, Vice President - Shawn Baker, Corresponding Secretary - Anne Shannon, Recording Secretary - Carlton Farmer.*