

Mt. Auburn Community Council

Full Council 01/16/18 Meeting Minutes

Recorded and Prepared by Carlton Farmer (Recording Secretary)

Board Members in Attendance: Stanley Broadnax, Carlton Farmer, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Josh Gilbert, Ryan Lammi, Anne Shannon, Anthony Thompson

Absent: Ken Farmer, Walter Hawkins, Tom Rotte, Sandi Allen

Special Guests: Bill Finnell and Herb Washington and Les Kovel (Midtown Millennium Properties), Sandra Driggins-Smith and Tom Collins (Church of Our Savior)

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| 1. Call to Order | 5. Treasurer's Report | 9. Adjournment |
| 2. Safety Report | 6. Board Report | |
| 3. Special Guests | 7. Old Business | |
| 4. Previous Month's Mins | 8. New Business | |

Meeting Activities

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by Dr. Stanley Broadnax at 7:07 PM.
2. **Safety Report (Officer Hamann)** – **1.** Officer Hamann reminded residents not to leave their cars running/warming up unattended in the morning. A number of cars stolen in Mt. Auburn due to owners doing this in the morning. **2.** Arrest of two individuals in relation to the young girl shot on Burnet last year. **3.** There is new Sergeant in District 4, Shawn George.
3. **Special Guests** –
 - a. **Church of Our Savior** (on Hollister) - **Sandra Driggins-Smith** spoke about some of the neighborhood groups that use Church of Our Savior as a meeting place and extended an invitation to those at the MACC meeting. The church has a food pantry and clothes that help meet the needs of those who are without. The church is establishing a Music and Arts Center, in which people can hear music, learn to play instruments and interact with others (passed out a flyer about this center). **Tom Conlan** - The Cincinnati Shakespeare Company will be collaborating with us on this music and arts endeavor and they have agreed to put on a performance here at Taft Elementary and at Church of Our Savior. Other partners and collaborators include Cincinnati College of Music, Dr. Rudnik from CPS, Dan Larkin, and more. We are looking for neighborhood partners to collaborate with us on this project. Conlan requested a formal show of support for this music project from the Mt. Auburn Community Council. *Carol Gibbs made a motion to write a letter of support for support of this program. Seconded by Joyce Hughley. Motion carried.*
 - b. **Midtown Millennium Properties** - Herb Washington spoke briefly about developing some single family dwellings on either side of Loth Street. Les Kovel spoke more about the development, noting that it will be a 3-story building, market rate, Italianate design that fits with the neighborhood. Footer are in and construction is ready to begin on properties that they own. They are interested in some properties owned by the City of Cincinnati and the Port Authority. They have offered the City and the Port Authority market rate for these properties. They are not looking for any variances, but are requesting a letter of support from the MACC. *Jon Vogt made a motion to support the project. Seconded by Carol Gibbs. Motion carried.*

4. **November Full Body Minutes – Questions.** Steven Martz: Any update on when the Port Authority will be coming to speak to our community council? Broadnax: Yes, March or April. S.Gibbs: Should we ask the Port Authority to be involved with the planning meetings for the Mt. Auburn Plan? Broadnax: Yes, that is a good idea. *Steven Gibbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Joyce Hughley seconded. Motion carried.*
5. **Treasurer’s Report –** *Steven Gibbs made a motion to approve. Rod Browne seconded. Motion carried.*
6. **NSP Report – Questions.** Carol Gibbs: Asked about the insurance and storage fees. Thompson: We will be joining the city’s aggregate insurance policy when that is available (likely June). *Anthony Thompson made a motion to approve. Ryan Lammi seconded. Motion carried.*
7. **Crosswalk Safety Meeting –** A group of us met and identified spots in Mt. Auburn that either need crosswalks improvements or crosswalk infrastructure. We took these locations to the city and also asked that all of the crosswalks in Mt. Auburn be repainted. *Anthony made a motion. Les Kovel seconded. Motion carried.*
8. **Board Report –** *The MACC Board did not meet in January due to incimate weather.*
9. **Old Business –**
 - a. None.
10. **New Business –**
 - a. **John Tree – 1.** Asked that developers in our neighborhood be mindful of trees, replacing those that they remove during development. Broadnax noted that environmental concerns and preserving the greenery in our neighborhood are part of the Mt. Auburn Plan. Steven Gibbs noted that John should come to the next Mt. Auburn Planning meeting to discuss this. Jon Vogt stated that we should be careful and clear about what language we use when requiring that trees be replaced.
 - b. **Memberships (Anne Shannon)** - Memberships are due for 2018. \$3 for individuals. \$25 businesses/organizations, and \$25 for property owners who do not themselves reside in Mt. Auburn.
11. **Adjournment –** *Carlton Farmer made a motion to adjourn. Josh Gilbert seconded. Motion carried.* Adjourned at 8:08 PM.