

# Mt. Auburn Community Council

## 06/15/2020 Full Council Meeting Minutes (Zoom)

Recorded and Prepared by Carlton Farmer (Recording Secretary)

**Board Members in Attendance:** Sandi Allen, Shawn Baker, Stanley Broadnax, Carlton Farmer, Ken Farmer, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Cindy Jo Holmes, Ryan Lammi, Anne Shannon, Anthony Thompson, Sarah Vogt, Alice Williams

**Absent:** Walter Hawkins

**Special Guests:** Lt. Jonathan Cunningham, Councilmember David Mann, Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney

1. **Call to Order** – The first ever Zoom meeting of the MACC was called to order by MACC President Stanley Broadnax at 7:07 PM.
2. **Safety Report (Lt. Cunningham)** – Normal police operations have been somewhat disrupted due to COVID-19 and the protests downtown. But CPD is hoping to return to more normal operations in the coming weeks. Lt. Cunningham: There is a growing homeless camp underneath I-71 near the Reading and Dorchester intersection. We have started reaching out to the Homeless Coalition to start identifying placement for these individuals. **Questions.** Broadnax: Any updates on McGregor and Reading Road? Lt. Cunningham: We have assigned some new officers to work on this area to try and get some fresh eyes on this. Once we get back to normal operations, I want to get both our Neighborhood Liaison Unit and our PIVOT Team focused on this area. Baker: There is some drug activity/use around Hughes and Shiller. Lt. Cunningham: We will be on the look out for this. Lammi: Do you know how far Shot Spotter in OTR reaches into Mt. Auburn. Lt. Cunningham: Mt. Auburn was already partially covered prior to this. Now with the new Shot Spotter in OTR, all of Mt. Auburn is covered. Our neighborhood liaison officer can be reached at (513) 569-8679 or [Maggie.Bower@Cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:Maggie.Bower@Cincinnati-oh.gov). The non-emergency police number is (513) 765-1212.
3. **Special Guests and Presentations** –
  - a. **Councilmember David Mann** – The city administration has presented us with a balanced budget, which City Council will now be working its way through, getting feedback from public hearings, potentially making some changes, and working to finalize the budget. The upcoming public budget hearings are expected to run long. As proposed, the support for community councils and human services agents has not been decreased. We expect that much of the public statements at our budget hearings will revolve around policing in Cincinnati.
  - b. **Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney** – Mt. Auburn Housing, Inc. board members and the newest councilmember, Lemon Kearney has been on city council for about 2 months. She was tapped to fill Tamaya Dennard's vacated seat. **Questions.** S.Gibbs: Are health department furloughed employees part of the budget discussions that you all are currently engaged in? Kearney: Yes, they are. Baker: Is there a discrepancy between what the council sees as the budget for the citizens complaint commission and the city administration's view? Kearney: There may be some differences here. It is something we will be working through. Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at 513-482-1220.

4. **Board Reports (Dr. Broadnax)** – The MACC board has held three virtual board meetings over the last few months. Dr. Broadnax provided a brief synopsis of what the board discussed during these meetings:
  - a. Land swap for McCauley Street, the process started quite a while ago, but recently was completed
  - b. Reduction in NSP funds - board reviewed the previously approved projects to make changes as a result of the reduction in NSP funds for 2020
  - c. 2020 Census
  - d. We talked about what our meetings will look like in the future. We may not be able to meet in Taft Elementary due to COVID-19 concerns.
  - e. The board voted to roll all 2019 memberships over to 2020 at no costs, since there will be difficulty in renewing memberships. *S.Gibbs made a motion to approve this board recommendation. Shawn Baker seconded. Motion carried.*
  - f. Filson Pool will not be opening this year.
5. **2020 Census (Cindy Jo Holmes)** – The city has identified Mt. Auburn as a neighborhood that has historically been underrepresented in the Census. We are working with the city to increase our neighborhood’s response rate. Census data will be accepted until October 31. You can call at 1-800-330-2020 or use the website 2020Census.gov.
6. **MACC Election in October (Ryan Lammi)** – We will be having an election in October. If you are interested in running for one of the positions that are open, you will need to fill out an Intent to Run Form, which can be found at MtAuburn.org.
  - a. Open positions that can be run for: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. All of these officer positions are 2-year terms.
  - b. We are still working on details of the election, knowing that we are likely to need to have something online as well as in person. We are committed to enabling all MACC members to participate in the upcoming election.
  - c. Dr. Broadnax recommended an election committee of Alice Williams, Steven Martz, Ryan Lammi, Cindy Jo Holmes, with Anna Linders potentially available for advice since she has chaired this committee in the past. C.Gibbs pointed out that this is something that the board would need to discuss and approve together. Broadnax agreed that we could discuss at our July Board Meeting and then bring that recommendation to the board.
7. **Testing Some Zoom Capabilities** –
  - a. Tested hand-raising functions
  - b. Discussed some options for non-election voting (approving minutes, approving expenditures, etc.) in Zoom, perhaps just asking if these are those in opposition and then if there are, going to a more traditional vote.
  - c. S.Gibbs recommended we get Dr. Broadnax a webcam so that members can see him during the meetings.
8. **New Business**
  - a. Mt. Auburn Day - We are not planning holding Mt. Auburn Day due to COVID-19 concerns.
9. **Adjournment** – *Ryan Lammi made a motion to adjourn. Alice Williams seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.*