

Mt. Auburn Community Council

07/20/2020 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, Alice Williams

Absent: Walter Hawkins, Sarah Vogt

Special Guests: District 4 Captain Mark Burns

1. **Call to Order** – Zoom meeting of the MACC was called to order by MACC President Stanley Broadnax at 7:05 PM.
2. **Safety Report (Officer Bower)** – Captain Mark Burns introduced himself as the new District 4 Captain. Officer Bower's safety report: **1.** An arrest has been made in relation to the June homicide at 296 McGregor. CPD has been working with the owner of 296 McGregor. S.Gibbs: Was the person arrested for the homicide at 296 McGregor a resident of that building or a resident of one of the social service agencies in the area? Bower: I know that the person arrested was not a resident of 296 McGregor, but I don't know if they were a resident of any of the social service agencies nearby. **2.** Wednesday at 9:00 AM I'll be walking around Hollister giving out report cards for parked cars, letting owners know if they left items in their vehicles that make them susceptible to break-ins. **Questions.** Broadnax: How are things around the gas station on Reading? Bower: Not much activity around the gas station. I have met with the owners of the hotel that is being built nearby on Reading to talk with them about safety and security concerns. There was a theft at the hotel construction site about a month ago. Carlton Farmer, Alice Williams and Anne Shannon voiced concerns about drug activity at the small CRC park on Carmalt between Young and Highland. Both Captain Burns and Officer Bower said that they will put some resources toward getting this under control. Darryl asked for some added police presence on Burnet, as they are having similar issues. Our neighborhood liaison officer can be reached at (513) 569-8679 or Maggie.Bower@Cincinnati-oh.gov. The non-emergency police number is (513) 765-1212.
3. **Special Guests and Presentations** –
 - a. **NSP (Cindy Jo Holmes)** – There has been a request to return any unused funds to the city. We don't plan on returning any funds. We funded five projects. We were already cut considerably and have reallocated the reduced funds. So far, the only project for which we have received receipts is the Walker/Sycamore beautification project. Receipts must be turned in by October 31.
 - b. **Flat Iron Building Updated (Carol Gibbs)** – Construction on the building should begin in the next 90 days. Restructuring of the 5-way intersection near there will likely begin in 2021. Anna Linders: Who is involved with the flat iron. Carol: The Flat Iron was stabilized by the Port about a year ago. Neyer now owns it and plans on two apartments, one on each of the upper floors, and a wine and coffee bar on the ground floor.
4. **Board Reports (Dr. Broadnax)** – Dr. Broadnax provided a brief synopsis of what the board discussed during its most recent meeting, including:

- a. AIG Funds – The board recommends using AIG funds to help purchase face masks and water bottles for Taft Elementary students. In previous years, these funds were used for Mt. Auburn Day.
 - b. Mt Auburn Signs (Carol Gibbs) – This was a capital budget request that we submitted a while ago. I'm not sure when the signs will be going up, but they are in the works. Email mtauburncincinnati@gmail.com if you would like more information on this project.
 - c. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Grant (Stephen Gibbs) – We have a very short timeline on this so we are somewhat limited. Brad Cooper: What is the deadline on this? Holmes: August 7, 2020. S.Gibbs: I think the best chance to get a project in and time would be to reach out to the Milton/Boal group who have missed out on some other funding in the recent past. This would likely be something that they would need to take care of, regarding submitting a proposal. I can reach out to that group and let them know about this.
5. **Treasurer's Report (Anthony Thompson)** – \$8,385.17 is our current balance, including NSP and AIG funds. *Stephen Gibbs made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Shawn Baker seconded. Motion carried.*
6. **MACC Election in October (Ryan Lammi)** – We have established a 5-person election committee, consisting of Alice Williams, Steven Martz, Derek Williams, Ryan Lammi, Cindy Jo Holmes, Derek Williams and Sandi Allen with Anna Linders potentially available for advice since she has chaired this committee in the past. No one who is running for a position this fall is on the committee.
 - 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. Our current President and Treasurer are term limited.
 - 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. We will email the intent to run form out to our members to ensure that everyone receives it.
7. **Old Business** –
 - a. Mt. Auburn Day has been cancelled due to concerns over COVID-19.
8. **New Business** –
 - a. Darryl: The Corinthian Baptist Church is feeding kids this summer on Monday and Wednesday at the old Showcase Cinema on Tennessee Avenue. For more information call (513) 221-7351.
9. **Adjournment** – *Ryan Lammi made a motion to adjourn. Brad Cooper seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.*