

Mt. Auburn Community Council

07/19/2021 Full Council Meeting Minutes (Zoom)

Recorded and Prepared by Carlton Farmer (Recording Secretary)

Board Members in Attendance: Sandi Allen, Shawn Baker, Carlton Farmer, Ken Farmer, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Joshua Gilbert, Cindy Jo Holmes, Ryan Lammi, John Pearl, Anne Shannon, Sarah Vogt, Alice Williams, Lee Wilson

Absent: Walter Hawkins

Special Guest Speakers: none

1. **Call to Order and a Moment of Silence** – Zoom meeting of the MACC was called to order by MACC President Steve Gibbs at 7:06 PM.
2. **Safety Report (Officer Bower)** – 1. Current crime stats are an improvement over the previous month. 2. Removed some abandoned vehicles from the area around the Hollister tennis courts. CPD has been working with the Homeless Coalition to help relocate some people living in tents. **Questions.** Cindy Jo Holmes: Do you have any idea what has caused the decline in thefts from autos? Officer Bower: We think it is because some of the people involved in these thefts from autos have been arrested. Carol Gibbs: There was a report last Friday of some people driving around, getting out of their car and checking door handles near Dorsey. But we couldn't get an officer to be dispatched. Officer Bower: I will follow up on that. Willa Ronney: Is it possible to also get regular speed signs posted on some streets. Office Bower: Yes, if you have specific locations, email them to me and I can talk to Transportation and Engineering. Steve Gibbs: Any news from the traffic blitz in this area? Capt. Burns: We did recently do a traffic enforcement blitz using overtime hours. I know we pulled speeders over throughout District 4, including Mt. Auburn.

Our neighborhood liaison officer can be reached at Maggie.Bower@Cincinnati-oh.gov or at (513) 569-8679. The non-emergency police number is (513) 765-1212.

3. **Speaks Guest Speakers** –
 - a. **Ryan Lammi (Mt. Auburn Community Council Bylaws)** –

The proposed bylaw changes and updates have been posted on the MACC website since May now and will remain up for at least another month. This project started early in 2020, but was delayed due to COVID. Tonight is the first reading of the proposed bylaws. The second reading will take place next month at the MACC August meeting. Any amendments will be entertained and voted on at the August meeting. Amendments will only require a simple majority vote. After any proposed amendments are voted on, we will then vote on the bylaws as a package. This vote will require a two-thirds majority to pass.

Ryan presented the proposed changes to the bylaws, noting that most of the changes were designed to make standards clearer and to add some additional requirements for the members of the MACC board. Some important changes include:

 - i. A roll call vote can be initiated by a board member or by three members of the community council.
 - ii. Priority items are specific items that will require the party seeking approval to present at two council meetings or to get a two-thirds majority at the first

meeting. This will essentially increase the time that the community has to review a project.

- iii. Clarifies the ability for MACC to meet virtually.
- iv. Requires any temporary suspension of bylaws to stipulate the specific section of the bylaws being suspended and the length of the suspension.

All of the proposed changes and updates to the MACC bylaws can be found at MtAuburn.org.

4. Board Report –

- a. Changes to the NSP Process – Invest in Neighborhoods is now managing the NSP process. MACC has previously submitted all the documents necessary to receive NSP in 2022 and is in good standing. Funds will only be distributed to community councils that submit proper documentation and are recognized by the city. This will likely mean fewer neighborhoods being eligible to receive these funds, which may mean that we receive more funds next year than we have in years past.
 - b. Neighborhood Activation Funds – The MACC will have access to \$10,000 in federal dollars through the City of Cincinnati. There are some restrictions for these funds, mainly that the funds be used for events that help activate neighborhoods. The filing deadline for this is the end of the year. We will be sending out a survey to MACC members through email.
- 5. Treasurer's Report (Joshua Gilbert) –** NSP funds were deposited last month and those projects have started to get their funding. *Carlton Farmer made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. John Pearl seconded. Motion carried with no noted opposition.*
- 6. Previous Month's MACC Minutes –** *Ken Farmer made a motion to approve the May 2021 full council meeting minutes. Shawn Baker seconded. Motion carried with no noted opposition.*
- 7. Old Business –** none
- 8. New Business and Announcements –**
- a. Family Picnic in Inwood Park – Sat. 7/24.
 - b. Damon Gray and his band will be playing at the small park between Milton and Boal on Saturday, August 21 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.
 - c. October Election for MACC Trustees is approaching. We encourage members of the Mt. Auburn Community to run. If you are interested in serving as a Trustee of the MACC Board, you will need to submit an intent to run form by September 20, 2021. This form can be found at MtAuburn.org
- 9. Adjournment –** *Shawn Baker made a motion to adjourn. Cindy Jo Holmes seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.*