

May 2022 Mt. Auburn Community Council Meeting

Tonight's Agenda

1. Call to Order and Moment of Silence – 7:00 PM
2. Safety Report (Officer Maggie Bowers)
3. Special Guest Speakers and Presentations
4. Community Budget Request information and proposals
5. Board Report (Steve Gibbs)
6. Previous Month's Full Council Meeting Minutes
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Old and Unfinished Business
9. New Business and Announcements
10. Adjournment

May 9, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Recorded and Prepared by Cody Sheets

Members in Attendance: Ken Farmer, Steve Gibbs, Shawn Baker, Darryl Frazier, Carol Gibbs, Christian Huelsman, Anne Shannon, Lee Wilson, Cody Sheets, Alice Williams

Absent:

Special Guest Speakers:

Call to Order and a Moment of Silence – Zoom meeting of the MACC Board was called to order by MACC President Steve Gibbs at 7:07 PM.

1. **NAF Funds** – Deadline moved back to 1/30/23. Carol had idea for Christmas tree lighting at Christ Hospital. NAF funds are for community unity. “Activation Funds”. Bringing community back together after the pandemic. Christian had ideas for Peete Alley project. Peete alley is potentially a disputed area between Mt. Auburn and Over-the-Rhine.
2. **NSP Funds** - Shawn had questions about how NSP checks are distributed. Money is reimbursed so receipts must be submitted. Need a receipt to submit the checks. Can pay an invoice directly if the service has been provided. Reimbursement receipts are all sent in at once? Milton and Boal Street want “Pick Up Your Dog Waste Signs”
3. **Community Budget Request Submissions** – Community Budget requests have only been submitted one time in recent years. Community Budget Requests had been discouraged in the past. Artistic signage at top of stairways. Convert Auburn Avenue lights to LEDs? Does anyone else have other ideas for Community Budget Request Submissions?
4. **Draft of Newsletter** – Newsletter will get mailed. NSP budget to pay for the printing. Printer prints addresses and handles postage and sends the mailing.

5. **Juvenile Court Project** - Moving slowly. Went to a meeting in Price Hill. A liaison has been identified. Number of people directed may be as low as 8 or 9 per year.
6. **Lead Pipe Conversion** – 2017 to 2018 Greater Cincinnati Waterworks came to meetings with requirements to have residents with lead pipes to get lead pipes replaced. The new 2022 program city will now pay 100% for replacement paid for through water rate increases as opposed to city paying 40% previously. Issues with residents that have previously paid or are currently paying via assessments on their homes will also be subject to the higher water rates. Concerns about infrastructure spending and double dipping. Consider for newsletter if there's space.
7. **July 3rd Update** – Fireworks, 3 children's games, food trucks, firetrucks. Event will be from 5 to 10 PM. 400 to 500 people estimated by Park Board. Event will be held in Inwood Park by the new playground.
8. **Uptown Rentals Bigelow Construction** – Still need to distribute car wash vouchers for affected residents. Are also having issues with construction parking on street.
9. **Free Yoga in Inwood Park** – Every Monday 6 pm to 7pm June 6th through September 26th
10. **Additional Comments and Questions** – No new business or questions
11. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn from Darryl Frazier. Christian Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Full Council Meeting Minutes from 4/22/2022 (Zoom)

Recorded and Prepared by Cody Sheets

Members in Attendance: Shawn Baker, Cody Sheets, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Connie Porter, Darryl Frazier, Alice, Brenda T., Greg, John Spencer, Ken Farmer, Lee Wilson, Penny, Phillip Ficks, Rob Festenstein, Roger Hildebrand, Ryan Lammi, TJ, Ryan Lammi, Tom Conlin

Absent:

Special Guest Speakers: Officer Maggie Bower, Chris Kelly (DOTE), Brian Williams (DOTE), Connie Porter (People Working Cooperatively), Carol Gibbs (MACDC)

Tonight's Agenda

1. **Call to Order and Moment of Silence – 7:02 PM**
2. **Safety Report (Officer Maggie Bowers)** – Few radio call ins to Burnet Park. Individuals were told not to enjoy the park anymore.
3. **Special Guest Speakers and Presentations**
 - a. **Chris Kelly, DOTE – 5 points intersection project** – 2 phase projects. Gilman to Dorchester. Goal is to improve safety through the corridor. Contact Dennis Honerkamp with questions or concerns at 513-379-8114. After business hours please contact contractor Alex Altstaetter at 513-516-0413 directly. Hopkins Park will be expanded where Auburn Avenue terminates. Concern about playgrounds at daycare on east side of Auburn Avenue and proximity to expanded road. Concerns about pedestrian safety because of widening roads. Wider lanes with a left turn lane could create high speeds of travel which could endanger pedestrians while also making road difficult for pedestrians to cross. Current speed limit is 25 mph on Auburn Avenue.
 - b. **Brian Williams, DOTE – Hollister conversion to 2-way** – Sent out feedback with options. Majority preferred the 24 hour parking on the south side of the road.

Too narrow to have parking on each side. Considered flipping parking from side to side as a traffic calming measure. Considered two options for flipped parking. Concerns about safety from Tom Conlin. Tom had a request for “No Through Trucks” Brian stated that “No Through Trucks” only applies to semis and only applies to semis cutting through. Realignment of street to promote pedestrian safety is not going to happen for budgetary reasons. Could potentially allow additional parking on Sundays to provide additional parking spaces for the church as well as slowing traffic down. No speed cushions planned for Hollister Street as a traffic calming measure. Speed cushions have been coming in at 4x to 5x as much as initially expected. Concerns about high speed of travel down street. Speed limit on street is 25 mpg. Speed limit signs can be added to street.

c. Connie Porter – People Working Cooperatively – Funding in place for weatherization. Need clients. Qualified clients can receive a professional clean and tune of their furnaces as well as carbon monoxide check of all natural gas appliances amongst other possible services. Can cut down on Duke Energy bills by 20% to 30%. Application requires a proof of income for anyone over the age of 18. When successful application is received an auditor will come out to discuss what is needed and verify what can be done. Must be a Duke customer. Home repairs must be emergency or critical home repairs only. Home Improvements and Structural Alterations Program (HISA). 3 ways to apply – in person, over phone, or online.

d. Carol Gibbs, MACDC – Announcing new Loth Street homes – 6 new townhomes. Ribbon cutting ceremony last week. Townhomes are already selling quickly. 3 are already sold. Once all buildings are sold profits will be taken and used to fund affordable homes. Project will continue down the street. Contractor said that work can be done at the same time on market and affordable homes in the future.

4. Board Report (Steve Gibbs) - Need to determine moving forward if meetings will continue to be online or in person.

5. Previous Month’s Full Council Meeting Minutes - Board meeting minutes will be approved next month after everyone has a chance to review them.

6. Treasurer’s Report – No questions about the Treasurer’s report

7. Old and Unfinished Business

8. New Business and Announcements – Alice - McGregor House will have block party 3rd Saturday in July (July 16th) – 11 AM to 3 PM. Additional information will be shared soon. Tom Conlin – New little free library on McGregor Street at 251 McGregor near Pocket Park.

9. Motion to Adjournment by Alice at 8:12