

7/18/2022 - July Meeting Minutes (Zoom)

Recorded and Prepared by Cody Sheets

1. **Call to Order and Moment of Silence**
2. **Safety Report (Officer Meister)** – Overall total property crime is down 17% to 24% including burglary, theft from auto, etc. 4 juveniles arrested for aggravated car theft. Crimes have been down since then. 3 additional arrests made near Boal Street for similar crimes. A car theft led to a stolen laptop. The victim stated the GPS on the laptop is showing the laptop at Talbert House. Can the laptop be retrieved? Children were arrested and released the same day and then committed another crime. Why are the parents not being held accountable? Police are aware of frequent service calls to Talbert House and are working on it.
3. **Special Guest Speaker and Presentation (Will Yokel – Urban Sites)** – 214 to 218 Mulberry. Requests a letter of support including a certificate of appropriateness for several variances. Ten one-bedroom apartments. Will provide landscaping and lighting on site to benefit the public stairway. They will be market rate apartments. Anne made a motion to approve the requests for a letter of appropriateness and Shawn seconded.
4. **Special Guest Speakers and Presentations (Steve Pacella – Interim Director of Parks)** – Parks is trying to determine the best place for the relocation of the basketball courts. Looking for feedback and community engagement. Would like to keep the project moving. Two options available with option two preferred (further south – northwest of pavilion near pond). \$3.2 million secured for the project so far including basketball court as well as pavilion rehabilitation. Pond will hopefully be refilled again soon. Will share recording of park board meeting and will install kiosk near site for community feedback. Will investigate getting electricity near the upper part of the park as well.
5. **Special Guest Speakers and Presentations (Beth Schwarz – CIUB / Her Cincinnati)** – One of the oldest social services in Cincinnati. Operate 3 programs. Mission is about breaking down barriers in Cincinnati for single women. Work on the issues of poverty, addiction, and human trafficking. Anna Louise Inn, Off the Streets, and Cincinnati Scholar House. Anna Louise Inn is in Mt. Auburn. Asking for an endorsement for work they plan on doing in Anna Louise Inn. 85 units of affordable housing for single women. Residents have some type of impairment related to age, physical or mental health, chronic poverty, homelessness, etc. Offer supportive services and services are voluntary. Looking to shift model to 85 units of sober housing. Initiative will be taken over some period of time. Would like to create some recovery housing in first floor of building now. 2401 Reading. Corner of Reading and Kinsey. Will not lose the main conference room. Large community board room will remain intact. For people coming out of treatment. 12 to 18 months of residency expected. This will function as transitional housing. Requesting an endorsement request for proposed interior renovation changes. Carol motioned to support, Roger 2nd.
6. **Special Guest Speakers and Presentations (Dani Isaacsohn – Representative)** – Dani is running for state house representative of 24th district. August 2nd is primary voting. Early voting is open now. Dani has received mayoral endorsement. Dani@votedani.com
7. **Mulberry Street Crime** – Covered already
8. **City Budget Capital Request** – Request for traffic calming proposals. There will be a survey going out from Shawn. Potential for as many as 5 requests. We need to get organized and get requests in by September submission deadline. 3 requests and 2 requests for traffic calming efforts. Anne recommended everyone in attendance tonight to submit any requests or suggestions they may have. Send capital budget request ideas to mtauburncincinnati@gmail.com. We need suggestions and traffic calming suggestions. Christian mentioned survey should include examples of what traffic calming measures could look like.
9. **MACDC** – MACDC is hosting a first conversation this Wednesday (7/20) from 6 to 7 PM with Uptown Rentals. They will be discussing the new proposed large apartment building on Hollister Street. Community is encouraged to attend with questions.
10. **Board Report (Steve Gibbs)** – X
11. **Previous Month's Full Council Meeting Minutes** – Shawn moved to approve the full council meeting minutes. Carol seconded.
12. **Treasurer's Report** – Shawn shared Excel of Treasurer's Report. \$15,298.39 in funds. Shawn made a motion to approve treasurer's report and Lee seconded.
13. **Old and Unfinished Business** – Christian mentioned a volunteer group in Wendell Alley that will be working over the next four days. Encouraged everyone to get out and watch them work or watch the change. Several people have reached out about putting blinking lights at stop sign at Young and Dorchester.
14. **New Business and Announcements** – MACC Board Officer election. Visit mtauburn.org to apply for a board position. Carol asked for a street dedication. City wanted to know if we literally wanted to change the name of the street or if we want to put an honorary sign up.
15. **Adjournment** – Carol made motion to adjourn. Roger seconded.