

Mt. Auburn Community Council October 2016 Agenda

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 - a. Police
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5. Old Business
 - a. Other
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 - a. Annual Report
 - b. Elections
 - c. Zoning Change Request
 - d. Construction on Highland
 - e. Uptown Rentals update on Wellington Property
7. Close

September 2016 Community Council Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2016

7:07 PM

Board Attendance: Stan Broadnax, Anthony Thompson, Anne Shannon, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Carlton Farmer, Ken Farmer, Tom Rotte, Annulla Linders, Ryan Llami, Cathy Ingram

Board Absent: Devoe Sherman, Sandi Allen, Deborah Heater.

Police Report: Officer Brazile gave an update on the crime status in Mt. Auburn. There are no significant crime changes. The police have been focused on drug sales on various streets including Boal, Milton, and Reading. Very few people are taking the fire department up on the free smoke detector opportunity. Dorchester will not be getting speed bumps due to high traffic and ambulances. One member asked about heroin sales on Earnshaw and Burnett - she requests extra signage and beautification, Officer Brazile obtained her phone number to move forward on the project. Tom Rotte requests speed bumps on the smaller portion of Dorchester, the police are writing warning tickets for individuals speeding.

Children's Services Levy - Teri Nau: Issue 53 is the Children's Service's Levy, a renewal that takes place every five years. The levy protects abused and neglected children. Five years ago the bill passed with over 70% of the county support.

CPS Levy - Eve Bolton: Issue 44 is a new money proposal. Currently, CPS is the highest performing Urban School in the state. Additionally, the 10th best in cafeteria meals. 35,000 students are currently enrolled in CPS. November 1st - the Taft Elementary School will open a health clinic for the students and community. 97% of children were deemed promotable to 4th grade. We rose standards and now our ACT scores are on par with the state. Every high school has at least 5 AP classes in them. Currently CPS is working to improve preschool waiting lists, which are currently over 1,000 every year. Preschool Promise realized that CPS will expand preschool - CPS also realizes that they need a partner to increase preschool in Cincinnati. CPS has not had new money in over 8 years. \$15 million would go to preschool, \$3 million for improving technology to all students, improving neighborhood schools, and college bound/career ready students. Every Preschool in CPS is 5 star or will be 5 star by the end of the year. The \$15 million will go towards grants for preschool, the United Way, and quality improvement of the preschools. Eve noted that the report card in the Enquirer is geared towards rural and suburban schools, not urban. She notes that there are 63 languages spoken in our district, children are moved around frequently due to their home life, and poverty.

Job Fair - Ken Jackson provided information on a job fair Saturday the 24th - many of the companies accept those with a felony and record. This is open to everyone, not just Mt. Auburn Residents.

Meeting Minutes - Annulla motions. Tom seconds. Annulla notes that the by laws passed last month and should be added to the by laws. Unanimous.

Treasurers Report - See attached. Mary MacDonald motions. Ivan Tomarkin seconds. Unanimous.

Board Report - See attached. Special note: The board voted to oppose the sale of 2010 Auburn Avenue, the City of Cincinnati helped build that property with the support of Mt. Auburn. Due to that, the Community Council believes that we should have the first offer. The letter indicating our interest of

purchase of the property. Steve Gibbs motions. Ms. Hughley seconded. Unanimous. Additionally, the board motioned to have two buildings preserved as historic buildings. 2448 Auburn Ave and the Flat Iron Building (1833 Sycamore Street) are the two buildings Ryan proposed motions for. Carol seconds 2448. Unanimous. Jon Vogt seconds 1833 Sycamore. Unanimous. See attached for the exact wording. Carlton Farmer motions to approve the board report. Anne Shannon seconds. Unanimous.

By Laws - There are physical copies of the by laws. They will be available online soon.

Elections - Today is the last opportunity to run for a council position. Current candidates: President - Dr. Stan Broadnax. Recording Secretary - Carlton Farmer. Treasurer - Anthony Thompson. Vice President - Jon Vogt, No Corresponding Secretary. Trustees: Sandi Allen, Rod Brown, Ken Farmer, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Cathy Ingram, Ryan Llami, Yolanda Martin, Anne Shannon.

Community Development Corporation Updates - Out of the two dumpsters, only one of them was available. Burnett and Helen dumpster will be available at a later date. Auburn Avenue Corridor Study update September 29th at 7:00pm here.

NEP - Clean up date changed to October 1st at 9:00am - 2:00pm at Taft Elementary School. The second press conference will note the second signature project. Building code violation notices are being sent out shortly - around 225 out of 880 buildings have been sent out. You can work with the city on the codes, you don't simply need to pay the fines. Cathy motions for \$400 for lunches for the cleanup. Steve seconds. Unanimous. Cathy will provide more information on the Inwood Parks updates at the next meeting.

NSP - There is \$6,800 provided by the city for money spent on Mt. Auburn. Current proposal is Communication \$3,500, Beautification \$2,000, Insurance \$705, Storage \$595. One member suggests garbage cans around the parks and pool. Steve suggests putting a trash can at the top of the gage street steps. Carol Gibbs motions. Mary MacDonald seconds. Unanimous.

International Academy - Heather Newkirk is reaching out to us for various partnerships. The academy has a 20 foot garden in the school and are donating some of the garden beds to the community. They will also be building an outdoor classroom that can be used in the community. You can contact her at hnewkirk@maia-sabis.net

Daniel Traicoff Motions to adjourn at 8:39pm. Carlton Farmer seconds. Unanimous.

Board of Trustees Meeting - Mt. Auburn Community Council

Recorded and Prepared by: Dr. Stanley Broadnax, President

10-11-16

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order
2. Corridor Study Report
3. Mt. Auburn Plan
4. Wellington Place Project
5. 547 Channing Housing Project
6. 2439 Highland Housing Project
7. 20th Mt. Auburn Christmas Gala
8. 2010 Auburn Ave. Day Care Building
9. Adjournment

MEETING ACTIVITIES

1. **Call to Order**-The meeting was called to order by Dr. Stanley Broadnax, president. Board members present (in alphabetical order) Sandy Allen, Dr. Stanley Broadnax, Rod Brown, Ken Farmer, Carol Gibbs Steve Gibbs, Cathy Ingram, Ryan Lummi, Anna Linders, Tom Rotte, Ann Shannon and. EXCUSED ABSENCE: Carlton Farmer, Deb Heater, Devoe Sherman, Anthony Thompson
2. **Corridor Study Report**-Present was Craig Gossman and members of his team were present to summarize the study which has incorporated in-put from several public meetings as well as with large stakeholders, such as Christ Hospital. They will be a presentation given at the General MACC meeting.
 - a. **In summary**, there are 10 major “Big Ideas” which include (1) Protect the historic district (2) Walkability design concepts (3) Identify business that might be appropriate for the area. This would include no more than 5000 to 10,000 SF. A sub-study is being conducted by the Desalvo Company out of Columbus (4) Solicit developers to invest in the corridor (6) Develop tenant-leasing strategy (7) Explore streetcar coming through or near the corridor (8). Address connectivity issues with adjacent neighborhoods (9). Strengthen our Gateways involving cleaning major nodes, particular the Auburn-Sycamore-Dorchester Area (10) encourage activities that support the continues success of Christ Hospital
 - b. **Street-widening**- it was stated that the City of Cincinnati had secured federal grants to widen part of Auburn Ave, to facilitate travel of emergency vehicles. This would involve increasing the number of lanes and narrowing the sidewalks.
 - c. **Other issues**- enhancing safety, pedestrian comforts, formation of a Neighborhood Business District (NBD) which has consumer focus which would include restaurants, retail, goods and services, etc.
 - d. **Concerns**- The question was raised about what are we being asked to vote on inasmuch as there are so many sub-components in the plan which need further detail and discussion. It was explained by the consultants that this study is just a road map for the next 10 years; it is not expected that components involving “bricks and mortar” would start anytime soon because developers must be recruited.
 - e. **MOTION** by Steve Gibbs and **SECONDED** by Tom Rotte that the board recommend that MACC support the Corridor Study. **MOTION APPROVED.**
 - f. **City Planning**- It is planned that this document would go to City Planning for approval the first week in November.

3. **Mt. Auburn Plan**- Dr. Broadnax requested that we request that City Planning approve the Mt. Auburn Plan as a separate item inasmuch as MACC has approved it, submitted it to City Planning, added additional data as recommended by City Planning Staff, was reviewed by Steve Gibbs and Anne Shannon for literary correctness which resulted in no changes. The document was returned to City Planning for action but has not been acted upon.
4. **Wellington Place Project**- Present was Dan Schimberg who was present to give an update of progress being made on this project. No approval was being sought. Due to time limitations he was unable to give a presentation, but will return to subsequent meetings for updates and to recruit a resident advisory committee.
5. **547 Channing Housing Project**-attending was Reginald Lyon, zoning consultant, and developers Brashear Bolton. They are providing information about their planned renovation of the building at 547 Channing. The building was an 8 unit building, that was subsequently reduced to a 6 unit building. The plan to increase it to a 7 unit building without changing the footprint of the building. The area is zoned single family, however, this multi-family structure was grandfather into the zoning code as a non-conforming use building, inasmuch as they were to go from 6 units back to 7 units, they must go through a zoning hearing. They wanted MACC to be aware when they get a notice of the hearing. No action required.
6. **2439 Highland Housing Project**- Charles Alexander, architect, and Johnny Daniels were present to inform MACC about their concept plan for a 5-unit housing structure at 2439 Highland Ave. They plan to demolish the existing vacant structure and do new construction. There will be parking underneath the building. They are still in the concept stage. No action required.
7. **20th Mt. Auburn Christmas Gala**- Rev. Floyd Johnson was present to inform MACC about the Gala and ask for our usual annual donation. They will have corporation and individuals adopt families to whom they can give Christmas presence.
8. **2010 Auburn Ave. Day Care Building**- Ross Patton from the City's Economic Development Department was present to inform us that they were trying to work out a plan with the owners of the Day Care Center to extend the lease another year. After which the operators might have an option to purchase the building as long as they met the terms of the lease. He will keep us informed on their progress.
9. Adjournment

2016 ANNUAL REPORT
Mt. Auburn Community Council
10-17-16

Membership Report

For 2016, we currently have **107 total members**:

90 residents, 3 non-resident property owners, 12 businesses, 2 honorary lifetime members.

Total membership due and donations collected to date: \$696

2016 shows a significant increase over our 2015 membership total of just 46. Meeting attendance has also increased. Communication efforts through newsletters and social media have helped our growth. We are pleased to see more people involved!

Reminder: Memberships annual, and are good through December 31st. Please remember to renew your membership for 2017. *(memberships purchased in Oct. – Dec. 2016 will be honored for 2017)*

Vice President Report

As Vice President of the Mount Auburn my tasks for the last year has been varied. This report includes work completed from May 2015 to present. My NEP update has been forwarded on two occasions to the Cincinnati Senior Community Development Analyst.

< Continued to convene the Trustee meetings and full Council meetings in the absence of the President. Completed agendas and updates on various activities for each meeting or special event.

< Appointed the positions of membership chair and corresponding secretary to comply with the then existing bylaws. Both appointments were approved by the Trustees and also the full Council.

< Chaired the finance committee which selected Anthony Thompson to complete the current year as Treasurer. The committee also added the bookkeeping instrument of QuickBooks to help transition the ledgers and update the reporting ability. Specific details should be included in the report of the Treasurer.

< Accepted that Mount Auburn would be selected as the second of the two neighborhoods to receive the Neighborhood Enhancement Program focus. The NEP is a 90-day blitz which culminates in completing a signature project specific to that particular neighborhood. Mt Auburn is unique in that it is actually the first neighborhood to receive two signature projects. I have chaired those meetings with the City and the various departments and convened neighborhood public and private organizations to participate in the process for the completing the work. (NEP updates were presented for 30 days and 60 day updates.)

< As Vice President I participated as the representative to the Uptown Consortium on various committees. Especially noteworthy is that I served as the liaison to Uptown Business Celebration Award Luncheon. Anthony Thompson was selected as the champion for Mount Auburn.

< As Vice President I have also participated on the steering committee of the UC Impact Study conducted by City Planning with the NOU.

< As Vice President I represented Mt Auburn, along with others, in the NOU work and various other organizations and activities that impact our community.

NSP 2015-16

SUMMARY REPORT

<u>Project</u>	<u>Initial Request</u>	<u>Final spending</u>
Communications	\$3,800	\$3,975.83
Beautification	\$2,000	\$1,519.17
Insurance	\$ 400	\$ 705
Storage	\$ 600	\$ 600
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TOTAL	\$6,800	\$6,800

Mt. Auburn Day

(2016 Chair: Rod Browne):

Mt Auburn day was held on August 13, 2016 at Jackson Hill Park. It was a collaboration of organizers from: Mt Auburn Community Council (*communications / logistics / setup*), First Baptist Church of Mt Auburn (*music*), New Unity Baptist Church (*catering*), CFCHG / Do Right Campaign (*funding / healthy food*)

samples), and Peoples Church (*children's activities*). Crossroads Health Center conducted free health screenings. Cincinnati Fire Department had ladder truck for kids. Children enjoyed games, inflatable slide, and face painting. We had a variety of area musicians perform throughout the day. Additionally, we had several other community organizations sponsor tables, activities, and music - including: Holy Name Catholic Church, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, Mt. Auburn Baptist Church, Life Forward and Uptown Consortium. We thank the various volunteers, musicians, and residents that participated that day. Our total expenses were approximately \$2,300 (*park fee \$100, set-up/breakdown labor \$600, DJ \$300, Food expenses \$900, table rental & misc. supplies \$400*). We planned the day for 500 people. It was well attended, and was a truly collaborative community event. Thanks again to all that contributed

MACC Communication Committee

2015-16 fiscal year

Carol Gibbs, chairperson

Printed Direct mail communication:

Oversized postcards: 3,906 mailed via UPS 'every address' program (5/16)

***** 500 passed out at events and meetings

Newsletters: 1,729 mailed via a purchased mailing list (9/16)

Note: neither method produced great results in delivery

SOCIAL MEDIA.....

Web Page Communication: mtauburn.org

There have been 32,402 visits to our web page

Facebook: Mt Auburn Cincinnati

We have 1,354 "friends" (likes)

Between October 4 and 10, we had 2,545 hits (visits)

We have a 62% response rate within one day

Other communication tools:

100 Mt Auburn Tee Shirts purchased to promote membership sales
we have about 120 Twitter followers and an email database of 200+

Bylaws Committee

Annulla Linders, Chair

SUMMARY REPORT

An ad hoc bylaws committee was constituted in the fall of 2015 to review the MACC's bylaws and recommend changes where needed. The revised bylaws were presented to the full Council at regular meetings in July and August and, after additional revisions as a result of the discussion in Council, were approved in August. The new bylaws are posted on the website and are also available in hard copy (the membership chair keeps the copies).

Treasurers Report

1. Completed tax return which was submitted June 2016. Next report not due until June 2017
2. Completed AIG report for the year 2015-2016
3. Postage paid for the year. Still have a remaining balance to spend of \$800-\$900 because MACC used other systems of mail distribution
4. Filed yearly non-profit registration to Secretary of State
5. Annual POB paid
6. Purchased two postage non-profit rubber stamp pads
7. Noted \$2000 NEP grant was not deposited into the MACC account but kept by the City. The \$400 for clean-up lunch needs to be deducted from these grant funds. We need to get a regularly accounting from the City relating to funds they raise on behalf of MACC and funds they spend.