Mt. Auburn Community Council Full Council 02/20/18 Meeting Minutes

Recorded and Prepared by Carlton Farmer (Recording Secretary)

Board Members in Attendance: Stanley Broadnax, Carlton Farmer, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Josh Gilbert, Tom Rotte, Anne Shannon

Absent: Sandi Allen, Ken Farmer, Walter Hawkins, Ryan Lammi, Anthony Thompson Special Guests: Bryan Williams and Ryan Kirk (Department of Transportation and Engineering), Mark Mussman and Melissa Mosby (Homeless Coalition), Devoe Sherman

1. Call to Order

- 4. Previous Month's Mins
- 7. Old Business
 8. New Business
- 9. Adjournment

Safety Report
 Special Guests

5. Treasurer's Report
 6. Board Report

- **Meeting Activities**
 - 1. Call to Order Meeting called to order by MACC President Stanley Broadnax 7:10 PM.
 - 2. Safety Report (Officer Hamann) 1. Thefts from Autos are concentrated in the Liberty Hill area of Mt. Auburn. Cadets will be walking this area on the nights and weekends, and giving cars report cards. 2. National Night Out Early August. This year's neighborhood will be in Roselawn. It is a big neighborhood/city event. 3. Violent Crime Squad made a significant drug bust in the District 4 area, seizing over \$250k. Last year's total for VCS citywide was \$500k. So this was a very large bust. This should be a big interruption in the flow of illegal drugs. Questions. S.Gibbs: Can you talk a little about the Shell station on Reading. Hamann: It will be an ongoing process. The owner of the Shell station has given permission for CPD to proactively enter the common areas of the station, so that should be a help. Resident: Could you speak a little more about the Cadet Program. Hamann: Ages 15-20. Hired by the police department. Do the physical training. Orientation. Do neighborhood work. This is not community based, it is school based--handled through the school resource officer. I can find out more about this program and report back to you guys.
 - 3. Special Guests
 - a. Department of Transportation and Engineering (distributed handouts) Bryan Williams: We got some complaints about safety along Auburn Avenue so we looked into this. Phase 1 of this project is to widen Auburn between roughly Gilman and Taft from 36' to 40', leaving 10' wide sidewalks along Auburn. We won't need any property easements, beside temporary ones. We are working with some property owners at the corner of McMillan and Auburn to add a turn lane at the Southwest corner. *Steven Gibbs made a motion to support Phase 1 of this project. Jon Vogt seconded. Motion carried.* Williams: Phase 2 involves Auburn from Christ Hospital down to Dorchester. It is a much bigger project and we won't start it until we complete Phase 1. Questions. C.Gibbs: Can you tell us a little about the Liberty Street road diet. Williams: Funds are essentially lined up for this. It will reduce the lanes from 7 to 5. Throughout the day there will be 2 lanes of traffic and 1 center turn lane. In the evening, the 2 curb lanes will be available for parking.

- b. Homeless Coalition (distributed handouts) Mark Mussman: Affordable Housing Trust Fund: tax abatement proposal to send a small % of the tax abatement funds to Homeless Coalition and a small % to the community. We've received a Murray and Agnes Seasongood Good Governance Grant for the Homeless Coalition speaker series. This series is comprised of people who are or have experienced homelessness to share their stories. As a result of this grant, the Homeless Coalition is offering free speaking engagements for the next 6 months. These engagements can be set up by contacting MarkMussman@cincihomeless.org. Melissa Mosby spoke about her life and how she has been affected by poverty and homelessness. Mosby: Homelessness is not a business problem; it's a moral problem. It is an obligation from one human being to another to make sure that they are safe. Questions. Ivan Tamarkin: Can you talk a little about the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Mussman: There is already a motion in City Council to establish this trust fund. The administration of if will be handled outside of the city government, through a non-profit agency. Some of these details are still being worked out. Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program allows public housing (including CMHA) to be sold to private agencies to manage them, but it also allows the buildings to be more easily sold.
- c. **Devoe Sherman (First Generation Leaders of America) -** This is an educational support program, based on group mentoring sessions. Sherman ran through part of one of his mentoring exercises for those in attendance. Jon Vogt: Suggested that a first step would be to use the Mt. Auburn facebook page to promote this program. There was general agreement in response to Vogt suggestion.
- 4. January Full Body Minutes Steve Gibbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Tom Rotte seconded. Motion carried.
- 5. **Treasurer's Report** Dr. Broadnax noted that a number of MACC board members are under the weather. Broadnax stated that due to Thompson's absence, the Treasurer's Report will be suspended until next month.
- 6. Board Report
 - a. April meeting will be mainly a review of the goals and objectives of the Mt. Auburn Plan. City will assist in this meeting.
 - b. We will be asking GCWW to come and update us on the plan to help residents to replace lead service lines.
 - c. Senior Services will be returning to Mt. Auburn. This will be a collaboration with Church of Our Savior on Hollister Street. We will get info about this positive change in one of our future meetings.

d. Flatiron building at the corner of Auburn and Dorchester is being stabilized. Hooray! *Carol Gibbs made a motion to approve the board minutes. Jon Vogt seconded. Motion carried.*

7. Old Business -

a. None.

- 8. New Business
 - a. Tom Rotte: Can we ask someone from the city to come speak to us about how litter control is administered. Broadnax asked Rotte to make that contact with the city.
- 9. Adjournment *Tom Rotte made a motion to adjourn. Ivan Tamarkin seconded. Motion carried.* Adjourned at 8:20 PM.