

# Mt. Auburn Community Council

## Full Council 03/19/18 Meeting Minutes

Recorded and Prepared by Carlton Farmer (Recording Secretary)

**Board Members in Attendance:** Sandi Allen, Stanley Broadnax, Carlton Farmer, Carol Gibbs, Josh Gilbert, Walter Hawkins, Ryan Lammi, Tom Rotte, Anne Shannon, Anthony Thompson

**Absent:** Ken Farmer, Steve Gibbs

**Special Guests:** OH-32 Rep. Cathy Ingram, Rhonda Lindsey and Alice Williams (Center for Closing the Health Gap)

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| 1. Call to Order  | 4. Previous Month's Mins | 7. Old Business |
| 2. Safety Report  | 5. Treasurer's Report    | 8. New Business |
| 3. Special Guests | 6. Board Report          | 9. Adjournment  |

### Meeting Activities

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by MACC President Stanley Broadnax 7:08 PM.
2. **Safety Report (Officer Hamann)** – 1. There have been a number of thefts from autos from the parking lot at Inwood Park. Duke Energy was contacted and some lights were fixed. It would be good if we could get some of the weeds, honeysuckle and overgrowth in areas around this parking lot. 2. Citizens On Patrol training is happening very soon. Contact [Princess.Davis@oh-cincinnati.gov](mailto:Princess.Davis@oh-cincinnati.gov) if you are interested. **Questions.** C.Gibbs: Can we add clean-up of Inwood Park to our list for the Neighborhood Blitz. Broadnax: Yes. If people have other suggestions for clean-up sites, please talk to me after the meeting or email me. Resident: What avenues should we be using to report drug activity, other than just calling it in? Hamann: It is important to consistently call and report this activity. The more calls and reports we get, the more resources we can devote to it. Holly Dorna (from MA Chamber) spoke briefly about Citizens On Patrol. Chamber is offering \$50 gift card at the beginning of COP training and another at the end, for a total of \$100 for up to 3 Mt. Auburn residents. MACC Board members Thompson, C.Farmer, and Gilbert will be part of this program as well.
3. **Special Guests** –
  - a. **Rhonda Lindsey and Alice Williams (Center for Closing the Health Gap)** - Mt. Auburn Do Right Campaign trains neighborhood residents over a 10 week period so that they can train other residents of their community to eat healthier and engage in physical activities. We have assessed institutions and parts of neighborhood that either help or hinder healthy physical activity in the neighborhood. The Taft Elementary walking path and the playground grew out of our physical assessments of this area. Williams: We will be holding community assessments. We would like to conduct a community assessment at the next MACC meeting. Broadnax: Since the DOTE has asked to move from April until May, we would be open to a community assessment at our April MACC meeting.
  - b. **Cincinnati Neighborhood Games (Joshua Gilbert and Steven Martz)** - Gilbert: We are the co-captains for Mt. Auburn for the Cincinnati Neighborhood Games. These games are a great way to connect people from all of Cincinnati's neighborhoods. They will take place in the summer. Martz: The plan is to hold qualifiers for our neighborhood at

Inwood Park in June. We are attending some training for co-captains in late March, so we will be able to report more back after this training.

4. **February Full Body Minutes** – *Jon Vogt made a motion to approve the minutes. Rod Browne seconded. Motion carried.*
5. **Board Report** –
  - a. UC Clean-Up is on 4/7. Ryan Lammi heading this up.
  - b. Broadnax referred people interested in the CPD student programs to the info in the board report.
  - c. GCWW will be at April MACC meeting.
  - d. Ongoing discussion/meeting with MACC, MACDC, Walnut Hills, CPD, United Way about crime in the area around the Shell station on Reading Rd. Allen: Carol, about how many agencies were at this meeting. C.Gibbs: about 8 agencies. But no one showed up from the Women's Drop-In Shelter. Allen: They need to be involved, because they are part of the problem. Broadnax: We will continue to invite them and put some pressure on them to be a part of this group and develop a solution.  
*Carol Gibbs made a motion to approve. Sandra Driggins-Smith seconded. Motion carried.*
6. **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Anthony Thompson has had some issues with his computer and will provide a report at the April meeting.
7. **Old Business** –
  - a. Carol Gibbs: Senior Services for Mt. Auburn residents are returning to Mt. Auburn. Services will be at Church of Our Savior. This will start in April. They will hold free Piano concerts on 4/26, by CCM students. One at noon and one at 7:00 PM.
8. **New Business** –
  - a. Carol Gibbs: The Mt. Auburn International Academy is being sold and/or closing. I will keep the council informed as I find out more info.
  - b. Carol Gibbs: Senior Computer Classes taught by one of our board members, Walter Hawkins. Hawkins: The classes will be held here at the Taft Elementary. The first class will be for seniors, and then I will look to add a class that is more advanced.
  - c. Anna Linders: NSP Report. We would like to spend out NSP funds before the deadline. Please come to us with projects. *Rod Browne made a motion to approve the NSP report. Joyce Hughley seconded. Motion carried.*
  - d. Tom Rotte: Can we make sure the city is aware of the hole in the retaining wall between Sycamore and Dorchester. Broadnax: I will re-contact the city about this. Ingram: I would contact Public Safety about this as well. C.Gibbs: I am meeting with the Vice Mayor next week and will bring it up then. Residents can call (513) 591-600 to report this.
  - e. Walter Hawkins: I think we need to require more of our monthly police reports. I don't feel like with are getting enough information about police efforts to curb crime. C.Gibbs: District 4 Captain Martin Mack has agreed to come to one of our meetings and speak to us. *Cathy Ingram made a motion to send a letter to District 4 and the city public safety department. Anna Linders seconded. Motion carried.* Broadnax asked Walter Hawkins to draft a letter.
9. **Adjournment** – *Carol Gibbs made a motion to adjourn. Joshua Gilbert seconded. Motion carried.* Adjourned at 8:23 PM.