

Mt. Auburn Community Council

10/21/19 Full Council Meeting Minutes

Recorded and Prepared by Ken Farmer (acting Recording Secretary)

Board Members in Attendance: Sandi Allen, Shawn Baker, Stanley Broadnax, Ken Farmer, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Joshua Gilbert, Walter Hawkins, Ryan Lammi, Tom Rotte, Anne Shannon, Anthony Thompson, Alice Williams

Absent: Carlton Farmer, Sarah Vogt

Special Guests: Ryan Kirk and Chris Kelly from DOTE, Marissa Pherson 2020 Census

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by MACC President Stanley Broadnax at 7:04 PM.
2. **Safety Report (Officer Hamann)** –
 1. Officer Hamann distributed crime statistics for Mt. Auburn as well as flyers for security camera registration.
 2. Hollister Recreation Center at the tennis courts. Several City departments looking at a garage-overhang area there which is being used as a shelter for the homeless. The structure itself has been deemed unsafe and demolition orders are being considered. Parks will also be notified to get the shrubbery cut down to afford better visibility throughout the area. Dan Schimberg offered his thanks for the attention given to the area.
 3. Carol Gibbs also thanked the police for meeting with the group wishing to register concerning related to late-night loud motorcycles. She reported that this disturbance had ceased.
 4. Officer Hamann said the police appreciated calls and followed up on them. With respect to drug dealing, she noted that getting license plate numbers of those involved in the transaction is very helpful. However, be sure to get the license plates of the drug sellers, as they are more important to stopping the activity.
Officer Hamann can be reached at lori.hamann@cincinnati-oh.gov or (513) 569-8679. The non-emergency police number is (513) 765-1212.
3. **Special Guests** –
 - a. **2020 Census (Marissa Pherson)** - The 2020 census needs workers to do house call for those who do not respond to their paper forms or utilize the online option. Temporary workers will be paid \$19 per hour, mileage expense payment, and free training. The contracts will be for eight weeks with the hours somewhat dependent upon worker availability. She said this would be a good summer job for students. Apply online at 2020census.gov
 - b. **DOTE Auburn Avenue Changes (Ryan Kirk and Chris Kelly)** - Kirk and Kelly discussed the improvements to Auburn Avenue that are underway. This was their third presentation to MACC concerning this project.
 1. Upcoming in this second phase (Gilman down to Dorchester) the plan is to convert the 5-way intersection into a 3-way stop. This is accomplished by moving the intersection up about 60 feet to the north making the new intersection about where the old Body Snatcher used to be. After the last presentation, new traffic studies were done which confirmed that a 3-way stop versus an actual stoplight would be better in that it would cause less traffic build-up. Additionally, the vehicle counts showed that this arrangement should not be a problem. It was noted that the intersection would be on a new and 60-foot long flatter plane. Also, Short Auburn and Short Dorchester would only connect to Sycamore and to the south of the new intersection. A question was raised concerning the curve going down Sycamore. The response was that this was out of the scope of this project but that the appropriate

department would be notified that care should be taken to make sure that spot was adequately treated during the winter. Another suggestion was that the straight sidewalk in front of Hopkins care be retained. The presenters said they recently had a meeting concerning that and plan to retain that sidewalk and the columns adjacent to it. **2.** The presenters also noted that since the project was taking part of the front of the day care at 2010 Auburn, that the City was swapping unused adjacent city property to compensate and allow for a new play area for that facility. **3.** Progress on the overall project was noted as being behind. Environmental due diligence, public involvement must be approved by the beginning of December. After that, the design of the project is scheduled to be at 90% in Spring 2020 and property acquisitions will also begin at that time.

Stephen Gibbs moved that MACC vote to give its continued support for the project. Freeman McNeal seconded. Motion carried.

- 4. Previous Month's MACC Full Body Minutes** – Carol Gibbs noted that the motion in the minutes concerning Uptown's Bigelow/Auburn development was for the approval of a "Preliminary Planned Development" and NOT a "Planned Development." Shawn Baker mentioned that Stanley Broadnax had already sent a letter of clarification to the City. *Freeman McNeal made a motion to approve the previous month's minutes with the noted corrections. Stephen Gibbs seconded. Motion carried.*
- 5. Board Report** – Stanley Broadnax briefly mentioned the items mentioned on the Board report. **1.** Joshua Gilbert, who has worked on the Neighborhood Support Funds (NSP), confirmed that all 2019 NSP funds had been spent. He further noted that the NSP funds for 2020 is \$6,078 per neighborhood. All attendees were encouraged to be thinking about projects for the new NSP cycle. To present a proposal, describe the following: What you want to do; how are you going to do it; how much it will cost; and how you will measure success. **2.** The development of the Shiller/Hughes area, is a possible project that MACC could work with OTR Council to propose to the City what the neighborhoods would like to see done with this property and to make sure this word got to the City before any Requests for Proposals were given. **3.** The City had earlier awarded Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) Districts had been awarded to all neighborhoods around Mt. Auburn. There are public meetings being held in order to give information on TIFs. **4.** The Board also voted that the vote on Uptown's Bigelow/Auburn Project was an official vote, and therefore, no revote would be necessary or permissible. There were several questions concerning this, mainly concerning the approval of the general overall plan (the Preliminary Planned Development). The basic question was whether the issue could be voted on again. The response was in the negative, that we were moving on. An attendee took issue with this. Broadnax said that would be noted in the minutes. Dan Schimberg said there was a long series of events where the public will have the opportunity to be involved and make their voices heard.
 - a.** First, City staff would send a letter to everyone within 400 feet of the project.
 - b.** Staff (public meeting)
 - c.** Staff makes a recommendation to the Planning Commission
 - d.** Planning commission (public meeting)
 - e.** Neighborhoods (public meeting)
 - f.** Full City Council (public meeting)
 - g.** END OF PRELIMINARY

After completing this sequence for the Preliminary Planned Development, work toward the final would then begin and go through that same earlier process.

- 6. Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Anthony Thompson had copies of the report distributed. He noted that the balance was \$3,597.37 and asked for questions. There were none. *Freeman McNeal made a motion to approve. Shawn Baker seconded. Motion carried.*

7. **MACDC Report** – *no report given*. Freeman McNeal objected, asking where there was no oral or written report and asked for a reason why. Carol Gibbs replied that nothing had really happened in the past month. Freeman said he would like an official report to that effect. Carol made an oral report to that effect. Freeman said the MACDC had to submit a written report. Stan Broadnax responded

8. **Old Business** – *none*

9. **New Business and Announcements** -

- a. Olivia Darks from the Corban Learning Center thanked the community for supporting them in the past. As owner/operator, she said they have cured the default – she had paid her back taxes in full and she had a letter from the City saying that they are happy with that. She asked MACC for a current letter of support for her to acquire the building and to remain a vital resource and service to the community for the long term. The letter would be for City Planning and City Council. This is in order to get a first-option to buy the building. *Penny Carns made a motion that MACC write a letter supporting Corban Learning Center's request to have first option to buy the property, based on Olivia's statement that she had taken care of all their outstanding issues concerning Corban and the City and had received such notification from the City. Freeman McNeal seconded. Motion carried.*
- b. *Penny Carns made a motion that the MACC make a \$325 donation to Reverend Floyd's HWT Missions for the 23rd annual Christmas gala in Mt. Auburn. 12/20 at Taft Elementary 6:00 - 8:00. Freeman McNeal seconded. Broadnax noted that we have supported this event for the last 10 years or so. Motion carried.*
- c. Tim Hyle from the Cincinnati Recreation Commission distributed a handout and briefly detailed the clean-up efforts at the. The community proposed adding some changes to the park, including adding some fruit trees, pollinator plants, and potentially a small community garden space. A lot of this hinges on old plants that need to be replaced. We are not proposing any structural changes. S.Gibbs: Asked if there are specific things that we should be expecting will need future NSP funds? Tim: Not currently. *Freeman McNeal made a motion to support. Joyce Hughley seconded. Motion carried.*

Adjournment – *Freeman McNeal made a motion to adjourn. Sandi Allen seconded. Motion to adjourn carried at 7:58 PM.*

MACC Trustee Election Results

Voting for MACC trustees commenced immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. There were 10 candidates for 9 open Trustee positions. Results were read at 8:26 PM. The following candidates were elected to trustee positions: Walter Hawkins (31 votes), Sandi Allen (30), Alice Williams (29), Cindy Jo Holmes (22), Sarah Vogt (22), Ken Farmer (21), Carol Gibbs (19), Stephen Gibbs (19) and Ryan Lammi (19). Freeman McNeal (17 votes) was not elected to a Trustee position.