

Mt. Auburn Community Council

02/18/2020 Full Council Meeting Minutes

Recorded and Prepared by Carlton Farmer (Recording Secretary)

Board Members in Attendance: Shawn Baker, Stanley Broadnax, Carlton Farmer, Ken Farmer, Steve Gibbs, Cindy Jo Holmes, Ryan Lammi, Anne Shannon, Anthony Thompson, Sarah Vogt, Alice Williams

Absent: Sandi Allen, Carol Gibbs, Walter Hawkins

Special Guests: Sgt. George, Jimmy Wilson, members of the Shropshire Family

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by MACC President Stanley Broadnax at 7:05 PM.
2. **Safety Report (Sgt. George)** – Sgt. George introduced our new neighborhood liaison officer Maggie Bower. She has been with CPD for 4.5 years. Started in district 3, but has been in district 4 for the last 2 years. **1.** Thefts from autos and personal thefts are up in the last month. Many of the auto thefts have been a result of key fobs being left in vehicles. **2.** Fake DoorDash delivery incident in Roselawn. The resident hadn't ordered anything from DoorDash. When she did not answer the door, she saw individuals come out of hiding and walk away with the person who rang her door bell. CPD is still investigating, but we think this was an attempted home invasion. **3.** There have been a number of robberies through apps that help you resell items, such as the Let Go app. If you decide to sell something of yours through an app like this, it's important that you establish a meeting place other than your house. You can always meet potential buyers in the parking lot of the nearest police station. **4.** Capt. Mack has been promoted. Our new captain is Mark Burns. **Questions.** S.Gibbs: Do you know if CPD is working to network with Ring doorbells in order to have access to their cameras? George: I don't think so, but we will look into that and get back to you at next month's meeting. Resident: Can we get some speed enforcement measures in front of Star Academy on Vine St. Bowers: Yes. Officer Bower can be reached at (513) 569-8679 or Maggie.Bower@Cincinnati-oh.gov. The non-emergency police number is (513) 765-1212.
3. **Special Guests and Presentations** –
 - a. **MACDC request for MACC to join in RFP (Jimmy Wilson)** – We would like MACC to work with us to ask the city to issue an RFP for some of the city-owned vacant lots at Schiller/Main. Upon making the request the city would then schedule a community meeting to nail down the specifics of what would go into this RFP. **Questions.** Baker, notes that some of the area on the map has buildings on it. Wilson said that the map was intended to show the general area, but that only vacant land would be included in the RFP. S.Gibbs: Part of the land is owned by the Recreation Commission and another part is owned by the Community and Economic Development. Some of this effort is to get these two departments to start talking with each other about what to do with this land. J.Vogt: Has the Over-the-Rhine community council been involved with this RFP? Wilson: No, that land is squarely within the borders of Mt. Auburn. Lammi: Would people from Over-the-Rhine be welcome to participate in the community meeting you mentioned? Wilson: Yes, definitely. Resident: There are courts and a community garden on this land. S.Gibbs: The CRC has stopped maintaining those courts. *Anne Shannon made a motion to support joining in the RFP request. Cindy Jo Holmes seconded. Motion carried.*

- b. Mural on Sycamore Hill building (Jimmy Wilson)** – The Talbert House owns the apartment buildings on the west wide of Sycamore Hill. The proposed mural is an image of Robert Shropshire with Theodore Berry, Cincinnati’s first black mayor. Before saying yes to this project, the Talbert House wanted to come to the community and get their reaction. Broadnax noted that the Shropshires lived in Mt. Auburn on Huntington. Questions. C.Farmer: You said the mural would be visible coming up Sycamore Hill? Wilson: Yes, highly visible coming up the hill. Broadnax: So you all are just seeking our stated support of the mural. Wilson: Yes. *Jon Vogt made a motion to support this project. Shawn Baker seconded. Motion carried.*
- 4. Previous Month’s Minutes** – *Stephen Gibbs made a motion to approve. Rod Browne seconded. Josh Gilbert made a correction to the total amount of NSP funds received from the city. It is \$6,085. Motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction carried.*
- 5. Treasurer’s Report** – *Ryan Lammi made a motion to approve. Ken Farmer seconded. Motion carried.*
- 6. Board Report (Dr. Broadnax)** – Dr. Broadnax gave a brief synopsis of the most recent board meeting. Lammi stated that he was looking for about one additional member to the committee. Asked people to talk to him after the meeting. *Stephen Gibbs made a motion to accept the board report. Jon Vogt seconded. Motion carried.*
- 7. Old and Unfinished Business** – None.
- 8. New Business and Announcements** –
 - a.** NSP Request – \$150 for 10 berry bushes for Mt. Auburn Community Garden, submitted by Mike Mendralski. *Stephen Gibbs made a motion to approve. Sarah Vogt seconded. Motion carried.*
 - b.** Taft Elementary made a request for funds for bussing for special trips for students. *Carlton Farmer motion to approve up to \$1,000 for bussing for special trips for Taft Elementary students. Stephen Gibbs seconded. Motion carried.*
 - c.** Shawn Baker noted that today (2/18 is the last day to update your voter registration.
 - d.** Brian Shropshire thanked the council for approving the mural of his family member.

Adjournment – *Carlton Farmer made a motion to adjourn. Anthony Thompson seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.*