

Mt. Auburn Community Council

08/17/2020 Full Council Meeting Minutes (Zoom)

Recorded and Prepared by Carlton Farmer (Recording Secretary)

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

Absent: Walter Hawkins, Anne Shannon

Special Guests:

1. **Call to Order** – Zoom meeting of the MACC was called to order by MACC President Stanley Broadnax at 7:04 PM.
2. **Safety Report** – No one from CPD was in attendance. Our neighborhood liaison officer 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. **Connie Porter (People Working Cooperatively)** – Right now People Working Cooperatively (PWC) has funds to help with weatherization. People must apply for these funds. Some of the requirements are: energy through Duke, name on the bill must be the resident, and income requirements. If approved, this service is free. If those applying are renters, the landlord will also have to sign some paperwork. To get more information, you can call PWC and (513) 352-7921. **Questions.** S.Gibbs: Can you give us a sense of what the income restrictions are? Porter: It depends a little on how many people are in the home. But generally it is 200% of the poverty level, so a two-person home would be 34,000 yearly income. Ingram: I have been working with Duke, pushing them to expand this program to seniors, regardless of their income. S.Gibbs: We have had some issues with seniors trying to keep up with code violations. Do you guys help with things like that? Porter: Yes, we do emergency and critical repairs, such as stairs, handrails, roofs, etc. S.Gibbs: Is there a long waiting list? Porter: Weatherization is about 2 weeks. I know there is a waiting list for repairs, but I will have to get back to you on how long the waiting list is. C.Gibbs: We should find out next month if the Harbor Project will get some surplus money in September, which would address some people who may not meet the qualifications for PWC.
 - b. **Aftab Pureval (Hamilton County Clerk of Courts)** – During these last few months, the courthouse and the Clerk of Courts Office never closed. That said, the courthouse has made some changes. If you have upcoming business with the courts you should contact us and check that you have to be there in person. If you do have to come in person, you will have your temperature checked, and will be required to wear a mask (we will provide you with one if need be). We are expecting an eviction crisis in the coming weeks. The county and the city is preparing to respond with funds that should help this. These are federal funds that came from the CARE Act. Residents and landlords can also get free legal advice through the Clerk of Courts Office at CincyHelpCenter.org. S.Gibbs: Do you have an idea of the average daily eviction count? Pureval: Hearings have been moved from the courthouse to the justice center, to allow for better social distancing and dockets are limited to three with 25 cases each. So the most they are hearing a day is 75. There

are about 700 eviction cases in the backlog and the number of filings are going up. Broadnax: Could CincyHelpCenter.org help tenants pay back due rent? Pureval: Yes, if they qualify. Even if they don't, they can get assistance through CincyHelpCenter. Derrick Blasingame: What type of documentation is required to exempt you from wearing a mask at the courthouse? Pureval: What I am told is as long as you have a doctor's note excusing you from wearing a mask you will not be required to wear a mask. Blasingame: How does this comply with HIPPA? Broadnax: A note from a doctor does not need to divulge a medical condition, it just needs to be a doctor's note.

4. **Board Reports (Dr. Broadnax)** – Dr. Broadnax provided a brief synopsis of what the board discussed during its most recent meeting, including:
 - a. Capital Budget Requests and Neighborhood Support Program Projects – Two years ago we requested and received funding for Mt. Auburn signs, which should be going up this year. Potential projects for this round include, stoplight and painted crosswalks at Young and Dorchester, lighting along Auburn Avenue. Cindy Jo, who is working on these efforts, said that we would like to get potential projects from neighborhood residents. And we can work to see where these projects may best fit, whether in a CBR or NSP request. For NSP, it's important to keep in mind that it can't be private property and that if something is proposed, there has to be someone who takes charge of the project and makes sure it gets completed. Brad Cooper: Does it have to be a public right-of-way or does it just have to be public property? C.Gibbs: It just has to be public property. Baker: The upcoming reworking of the intersection of Liberty St. and Liberty Hill will likely create more space that may need beautification efforts.
 - b. MACC Election (Cindy Jo Holmes)– We will likely be using Survey Monkey for online voting and residents will also have the ability to vote in person for a couple of hours outside Taft Elementary. If you want to run for one of the positions, submit an intent to run form to Mtauburncincinnati@gmail.com by the September Full Body MACC meeting.
5. **Treasurer's Report (Anthony Thompson)** – Our current balance is \$8,385.17, including NSP and AIG funds. *Anna Linder made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Sandi Allen seconded. Motion carried.*
6. **MACC July Minutes.** *Ken Farmer made a motion to approve. Shawn Baker seconded. Motion carried.*
7. **Old Business** –
 - a. none
8. **New Business** –
 - a. Willa Ronney - There is a trash and litter issue near McGregor and Highland. We would like to request that the city add another public trash can in this area. Cheryl Eagleson: The corner of Highland and McGregor has been an issue, with trash, drug activity, etc. We are asking for help with both of these situations. We are not looking for solutions right now, but wanted to bring this to your attention with hope that we can work to address it as a group. Iad Wilson: I am a neighbor of Cheryl and Willa and agree with what they have said. C.Gibbs offered to pull together a meeting of the collaborative group of Mt. Auburn and Walnut Hills and include those who raised these issues in that meeting.
 - b. Brad Cooper asked if the Old Business and New Business agenda sections are populated in the agenda when it is sent out or posted prior to the meeting. Baker: Old business would only be populated if there was unfinished or tabled business from the previous meeting. If we know of specific new business items or announcements in advance, they

are listed. We encourage any attendees to raise any new business or make any announcements that pertain to the neighborhood during this portion of our meetings.

9. **Adjournment** – *Carol Gibbs a motion to adjourn. Sandi Allen seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.*