

# **Mt. Auburn Community Council Meeting**

**March 22, 2022 (Zoom)**

Recorded and Prepared by Cody Sheets

**Members in Attendance:** Ken Farmer, Steve Gibbs, Shawn Baker, Darryl Frazier, Dwayne Bowman, Lee Wilson, Carol Gibbs, Dora Chappell, Christian Huelsman, Phillip Flicks, Cathy Ingram, Tracey Johnson, Alice Williams, Anne Shannon, Rod Browne, Roger Hildebrand, Call-in, Ryan Hamilton (**Board Members Absent:** Sandi Allen, Joshua Gilbert)

**Special Guest Speakers:** Officer Maggie Bower, Officer Jeff Meister, Liz Peak (Regional Mobility Group), Gregg Pickett (Diversion Manager), Dwayne Bowman (Hamilton County Juvenile Court)

## **1. Call to Order and Moment of Silence – 7:00 PM**

### **2. Safety Report (Officer Maggie Bowers)**

Crime stats look good. Violent crime has decreased. 2 robberies that have occurred over the past month. Warrant has been issued for one robbery since it was a known suspect. Other robbery is under investigation. **Question** – Steve sees other reports at Uptown Consortium meetings. Is it possible to see those reports? **Answer** – That report probably documents various radio runs potentially. If you get the name of the report we can provide that.

Liquor license issues. Are there any locations within the neighborhood that are troublesome establishments? Jeff Meister needs information to provide to Ohio Vice board. Briefly talked about Highland Avenue convenience store issue with liquor license and problems around that.

### **3. Special Guest Speakers and Presentations**

#### **a. Liz Peak (Regional Mobility Group) – Uptown Mobility Needs presentation**

Consultant hired by Uptown Consortium to assess mobility needs in Uptown area. Concerns about getting around the Uptown area because busses primarily run south and north outside of the area. Wants to know how we can be served to make things more effective and efficient to allow Uptown residents to get around. Wants us to share ideas. Commitment from SORTA that recommendations will be helped implemented where possible. **Question** – Will SORTA operate this service? **Answer** – **Question** – Human Services chamber is also looking at this? **Answer** – Was not aware of that and will look into it. **Question** – How was Uptown boundaries defined? **Answer** – Boundaries were sent by Uptown Consortium – It is important to get the boundaries right for a variety of reasons. Red Bikes should be an option. Please fill out survey. Looking for area for Mt. Auburn in person meeting. No great in person area for Mt. Auburn.

#### **b. Dwayne Bowman (Hamilton County Juvenile Court) – Juvenile Community Diversion Docket**

Proposing to bring diversion opportunities for young people to Mt. Auburn. Has been show to be successful in other areas. Diversion occurs all throughout the juvenile court system. Can serve to repair the damage that these kids may have committed. Restorative Justice. Preventative measure. Juvenile will have plead guilty. Minor crimes only – no violent crimes, drug possession, etc. Working in several other communities. Lots of flexibility around times of scheduling and regularity of scheduling. Accentuating the positive as opposed to focusing on the consequences.

#### **c. Shawn Baker (MACC) – NSP Funds**

\$1,623.00 additional to be spent. Please email with ideas soon. Bench is too much money. Spray washing Loth St. Additional money should be allocated to one of the “buckets”. Ran short on Educational bucket last time maybe additional money should be allocated to Education. Lee had questions about spending money for beautification efforts in front of Flat Iron building. Speed bumps are being looked at by the city. Voted in favor of. Christian abstained.

#### **d. 4-way stop at Dorchester Ave.**

Execution of project has been delayed but contractor has been identified

### **4. Board Report (Steve Gibbs)**

### **5. Previous Month’s Full Council Meeting Minutes**

### **6. Treasurer’s Report**

### **7. Old and Unfinished Business**

May be worthwhile to receive reports from CDC as well as School Board monthly. This could answer questions as to things that are happening in the neighborhood. Uptown, DOTE, etc. should be at meeting next month to answer some of these questions about mess left from construction. Redistricting maps are not finished yet. Cathy will give update on redistricting at March meeting. Activation funds hit bank accounts on the 21<sup>st</sup>. \$10,000 can be used. \$10,000 grant for block party and Magic Garden. Spring in Our Steps having a decade celebration at Listerman brewing this Saturday (February 26<sup>th</sup>)

### **8. New Business and Announcements**

**9. Adjournment at 8:51. Lee made a motion to adjourn and Alice seconded**