

Mt. Auburn - Full Council Meeting Minutes from 4/22/2022 (Zoom)

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Members in Attendance: Shawn Baker, Cody Sheets, Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Connie Porter, Darryl Frazier, Alice, Brenda T., Greg, John Spencer, Ken Farmer, Lee Wilson, Penny, Phillip Ficks, Rob Festenstein, Roger Hildebrand, Ryan Lammi, TJ, Ryan Lammi, Tom Conlin

Special Guest Speakers: Officer Maggie Bower, Chris Kelly (DOTE), Brian Williams (DOTE), Connie Porter (People Working Cooperatively), Carol Gibbs (MACDC)

Tonight's Agenda

1. Call to Order and Moment of Silence – 7:02 PM

2. Safety Report (Officer Maggie Bowers) – Few radio call ins to Burnet Park. Individuals were told not to enjoy the park anymore.

3. Special Guest Speakers and Presentations

a. Chris Kelly, DOTE – 5 points intersection project – 2 phase projects. Gilman to Dorchester. Goal is to improve safety through the corridor. Contact Dennis Honerkamp with questions or concerns at 513-379-8114. After business hours please contact contractor Alex Altstaetter at 513-516-0413 directly. Hopkins Park will be expanded where Auburn Avenue terminates. Concern about playgrounds at daycare on east side of Auburn Avenue and proximity to expanded road. Concerns about pedestrian safety because of widening roads. Wider lanes with a left turn lane could create high speeds of travel which could endanger pedestrians while also making road difficult for pedestrians to cross. Current speed limit is 25 mph on Auburn Avenue.

b. Brian Williams, DOTE – Hollister conversion to 2-way – Sent out feedback with options. Majority preferred the 24 hour parking on the south side of the road. Too narrow to have parking on each side. Considered flipping parking from side to side as a traffic calming measure. Considered two options for flipped parking. Concerns about safety from Tom Conlin. Tom had a request for “No Through Trucks” Brian stated that “No Through Trucks” only applies to semis and only applies to semis cutting through. Realignment of street to promote pedestrian safety is not going to happen for budgetary reasons. Could potentially allow additional parking on Sundays to provide additional parking spaces for the church as well as slowing traffic down. No speed cushions planned for Hollister Street as a traffic calming measure. Speed cushions have been coming in at 4x to 5x as much as initially expected. Concerns about high speed of travel down street. Speed limit on street is 25 mpg. Speed limit signs can be added to street.

c. Connie Porter – People Working Cooperatively – Funding in place for weatherization. Need clients. Qualified clients can receive a professional clean and tune of their furnaces as well as carbon monoxide check of all natural gas appliances amongst other possible services. Can cut down on Duke Energy bills by 20% to 30%. Application requires a proof of income for anyone over the age of 18. When successful application is received an auditor will come out to discuss what is needed and verify what can be done. Must be a Duke customer. Home repairs must be emergency or critical home repairs only. Home Improvements and Structural Alterations Program (HISA). 3 ways to apply – in person, over phone, or online.

d. Carol Gibbs, MACDC – Announcing new Loth Street homes – 6 new townhomes. Ribbon cutting ceremony last week. Townhomes are already selling quickly. 3 are already sold. Once all buildings are sold profits will be taken and used to fund affordable homes. Project will continue down the street. Contractor said that work can be done at the same time on market and affordable homes in the future.

4. Board Report (Steve Gibbs) - Need to determine moving forward if meetings will continue online or in person.

5. Previous Month's Full Council Meeting Minutes - Board meeting minutes will be approved next month after everyone has a chance to review them.

6. Treasurer's Report – No questions about the Treasurer's report

7. Old and Unfinished Business

8. New Business and Announcements – Alice - McGregor House will have block party 3rd Saturday in July (July 16th) – 11 AM to 3 PM. Additional information will be shared soon. Tom Conlin – New little free library on McGregor Street at 251 McGregor near Pocket Park.

9. Motion to Adjournment by Alice at 8:12