

# Mt. Auburn - May 16, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

## Tonight's Agenda

1. Call to Order and Moment of Silence – 7:07 PM
2. Safety Report (Officer Maggie Bowers)
  - a. No violent crime that has been reported in the last 28 days. Increase in auto thefts. Majority of thefts results from key fobs being left in the car. Convenience store did not receive their liquor license they requested. Peete Street – Project coming up this month. Grant money coming hopefully. Signs hopefully going up that will do a better job of alerting drivers that a dead end is approaching. Roger Hildebrand wanted to thank officer for the collaboration of planning for July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Carol described the event. Rob Festenstein expressed concern about potential unhoused individual living under bridge at 2031 Auburn Avenue. Officer Maggie Bowers stated that she would have an officer check it out and they can see about offering services and assistance. Concern about unhoused people moving across Hollister to Inwood Park near pond / shelter area. Semis near Christ Hospital. They have been doing some filming lately.
3. Community Budget Request information and proposals
  - a. Cathy Ingram expressed concerns about an unkept sign at Dorchester and Redding. The sign is a stone that came from an old building. The sign is surrounded by weeds and overgrown. Can money be used for upkeep of the sign? Lee expressed concerns about how the money is spent. Mural on one of the buildings. Carol stated that neighborhood is working with ArtWorks for potential mural locations, but it will be awhile before a spot is selected and artwork begins (next year at least as summer projects for 2022 are already selected).
4. Board Report (Steve Gibbs)
  - a. NAFT Fund moved back to 2023. Newsletter will be mailed out at the end of the week. Juvenile court project is currently moving very slowly.
  - b. We received some preliminary numbers about number of kids that could be referred, and it was less than 10 a year. Big event coming up on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Encourage everyone to attend. Roger Hildebrand commented that we have heard back about juvenile deferral program and commented that the numbers were low. There may be other options that would work better and do not require as much of a commitment. Lee is a court observer and was wondering if the program was just a diversion court program and was wondering exactly what we were getting into here. Lee would like additional clarification on the program and wanted to know to what degree it involved the parents. Number of children referred may be low due to changing demographics in the neighborhood as well as lack of high schools in the area. Neighborhood Plan has not made any progress. We are further back in line behind other neighborhoods.
  - c. Lee had a question about what is going on at Vine and McMillan. Property was sold to Uptown. Lee had concerns about whether affordable housing would be offered in the new apartment complex. Cathy Ingram requested a copy of the poll regarding the approval of the apartment. Darryl agreed with Lee that Uptown never showed an affordable housing plan for the neighborhood. Numerous members would like to continue to be updated about this project because of concerns about changing neighborhood and how this new structure will dominate a prime 2 acre space in Mt. Auburn. Group should be collectively informed about ongoing details of this project including potential requests for TIF money, potential rezonings, potential requests for variances, etc.
5. Previous Month's Full Council Meeting Minutes
  - a. Ken Farmer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from last month. Carol seconded.
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Old and Unfinished Business
8. New Business and Announcements
  - a. Spring In Our Steps will be doing work on alleyway soon and will be doing lots of work. Will need volunteers soon. Money and resources will be leveraged for the second phase.
9. Adjournment
  - a. Carol made a motion to adjourn and Christian made a 2nd  
. 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 to be 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July (July 16<sup>th</sup>) – 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**