

# Mt. Auburn Community Council - August 15, 2022

1. **Call to Order and Moment of Silence** – 7:00 PM
2. **Safety Report (District 4)** - Couple sections that have been higher including robberies. Burglaries are the same at 6. Theft from auto has not seen any change. Officer Meister encouraged Lee Wilson to have her neighbors report anything they see such as thieves going through cars or suspicious people checking into vehicles. Lee asked if there was a community message that could go out. Questions raised about if speeding could be addressed on Highland. There was a serious incident recently where car flipped over and was abandoned. Darryl had questions about shots fired near his home. He had not heard anything in response to the issue. August 3<sup>rd</sup> Burnett Avenue. There were shots fired. Officers were alerted though Shot Spotter system. Darryl raised some issues about offenders being released and continuing to commit crimes. Children are released back to parents and can continue to commit crimes. It's an ongoing issue and there is not an easy solution. Christian raised issues about private citizens having to call non-emergency hotline for speeding on East and West McMicken Avenue or is blocking a sidewalk or a crosswalk. Officer Meister encouraged Christian to email him and he said he would look into it further. Sherrie encouraged people to go to city council and push for affordable housing, community centers, etc. to deter crime. Catherine Ingram spoke about the Safety Plan that the city is currently trying to work on. Shawn raised issues with people continuously running red lights and it not being addressed. Traffic Camera issue to address speeding and people running red lights was raised again. There may be issues with traffic cameras including at the state level an officer needing to be present and there to issue the ticket at the time of the infraction.
3. **Special Guest Speakers and Presentations**
  - a. **Tom Declan, Councilman Jeffreys Office** – Brought up pedestrian safety issues and trying to hire another pedestrian safety officer.
  - b. **Pedestrian Safety Improvements** – 3 options presented from Survey and location that continually comes up in board meetings. Improvements should continue at Dorchester and Young. Sycamore and Vine Street at Mulberry should be looked at. What would we like to see there? Bump outs at lower Sycamore are a potential solution. Anne brought up that we can only submit two requests. Christian shared links that showed accidents and property damage. We will share other potential areas with DOTE engineer. Encouraged to look at entirety of Dorchester. We will submit Sycamore Street and Vine Street at Mulberry as our two requests for pedestrian safety interventions.
  - c. **Capital Budget Requests** – CBR's. Several ideas submitted. We can only submit 3. Potential splash pad at Filson Park or a walking trail. Christian brought up Stairway / Alley Signs (Bollards). These would match the 12 currently installed signs. Suggested ask was for 9 additional signs. These items will be discussed at an upcoming board meeting.
4. **Board Report (Steve Gibbs)** – Lee recommended the renaming of park or nearby street to Carl Westmoreland. He was an influential community member. There may be issues with renaming the park due to deed restrictions in the dedication of the park. Park Board thinks it may be possible to rename the park. Jackson Hill Park was also potentially looked at as another area that could be renamed. Neighborhood business district / Entertainment district at Five Points intersection.
5. **Previous Month's Full Council Meeting Minutes** - Anne made a motion to approve board minutes and Christian seconded.
6. **Treasurer's Report** – No treasurer's report.
7. **Old and Unfinished Business** – N/A
8. **New Business and Announcements** – Discussion about Hollister Street Uptown construction meeting and recommendations that were made. Shawn brought up a Welcome to Mt. Auburn mural at that location. Updates from the CDC brought up again by Representative Catherine Ingram. CDC reports requested again. Receipts submitted for NSP funds. CDC Updates will be added at next meeting as a line item. Christian brought up concerns about dumping in alley after Loth Street construction
9. **Adjournment** – Ken made motion to adjourn. Christian seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:48