

Mt. Auburn Community Council

November 21, 2022

Mt. Auburn Community Council - September

Tonight's Agenda

1. **Call to Order and Moment of Silence** – Steve called to order at 7:03
2. **Safety Report (Officers Maggie Bowers and Jeff Meister)** – Hollister is two-way now. New no parking signs are up. Some people have received tickets. Parking enforcement has made several citations already. Easy to contest a parking ticket. Can be done on Zoom. Explain that these are new signs. No response yet from Traffic and Engineering about traffic mirror at Five Points intersection yet. Officer Bower asked if it was possible for someone from Council to reach out to Traffic and Engineering. Crime stats are up in just about every area across the board. Six offenses from one apartment at 2437 Maplewood Avenue. Individuals have been evicted and temporarily added to the chronic nuisance list. This has resulted in higher crime stats for the month. Traffic Blitz happened recently. It was very effective. Another traffic blitz is planned. Locations have been identified at Reading Road and Vine Street.
3. **Special Guest Speakers and Presentations**
 - a. **DCED (Roy J. Hackworth, Daniel Jones, and Kira Palmer)** – RFP the site at Hughes and Schiller Street. Largest site that is still available this far down in the city probably. Portion is owned by Recreation Commission and portion is owned by DCED. Two pieces of property in this transaction. Community engagement will take place to address ideas. They expect to save the building.
 - b. **Bridge Forward (Pat Crowley)** – Not present
 - c. **Pedestrian Safety Draft Letter (Christian Huelsman)** – Christian read letter to be sent to University of Cincinnati. Purpose of the letter is to have a unified front to the University of Cincinnati. Anyone that walks to and from the University of Cincinnati campus is effected by pedestrian safety. Steve recommended that Mt. Auburn sign on to the letter without any wordsmithing. Lee asked if there would be any education efforts for students to ensure that they are crossing streets safely. She raised concerns about pedestrians not crossing at crosswalks or other identified crossing areas. Tami made a motion. Roger made a second.
 - d. **NSP Funds** – February 10th is the deadline for projects. Walker has been disproportionately receiving money compared to other areas. We should ensure different areas of the neighborhood are represented equally. This does not preclude Walker Street from applying though.
4. **MACDC Report** – Christmas tree lighting at coming up. Flatiron won an award. Had an article written about restoration and work of Carol, Neyer, and the Port. Taft Elementary Library – unused room has been fixed up into a nice library. Library needs a coding machine so books can be coded and children can check the books out. Carol recommended that we put that in our NSP

request. Christian asked if it would fit into an NSP category. Carol recommended to school to buy the coding machine and they would be reimbursed with NSP money.

5. **Board Report (Steve Gibbs)** –
6. **Previous Month’s Full Council Meeting Minutes** – Tami made motion to approve board minutes. Carol seconded
7. **Treasurer’s Report** – No treasurer’s report. Tami is working on getting signatures to PNC Bank
8. **Old and Unfinished Business** – No old or unfinished business
9. **New Business and Announcements** - December 16th coffee for Peete Alley opening and December 17th ride on Peete Alley. All are encouraged to attend. Reach out if you need to rent a bike.
10. **Adjournment** – Tami made a motion to adjourn and Carol seconded.

Mt. Auburn Community Council Board Meeting

11/14/2022 Board Meeting Minutes (Zoom)

Recorded and Prepared by Cody Sheets

Board Members Present: Carol Gibbs, Steve Gibbs, Tami Hendrickson, Roger Hildebrand, Lee Wilson, Darryl Frazier, Christian Huelsman.

1. **Call to Order and Moment of Silence** – 7:04 PM
2. **Hopkins Park Update Renaming** – Currently in process. Park Department needs to verify that the proposed person was “worthy” of having park named after. They are also investigating bequeathing.
3. **DCED (Special Guests Roy J. Hackworth and Kira Palmer)** – RFP site by Spring of 2023. Schiller Street between Main Street and Sycamore. Will require engagement due to value of land sale. Interested in hearing ideas about what the community would like to see in the site. Site is around 2 acres.
4. **Corresponding Secretary Duties** – Carol will handle some duties such as Zoom invites and Cody will look into updating the website as well as possibly using Mail Chimp. Anne can hopefully provide assistance with training.
5. **Bridge Forward (Pat Crowley)** – We should invite him to speak at the next MACC meeting. Bridge Forward is not affiliated with the city but with a grassroots organization seeking to open up available space for development during the Brent Spence Bridge redesign process.
6. **NSP Funds** – Most of Christian’s projects have been successful NSP projects. Need to better diversify NSP funds. Walker has received much of the money in the past. The city puts out rules that are guidelines. MACC asks who wants to apply for projects. February 10th deadline. Community needs to be asked at MACC meeting in January for ideas.
7. **Garden Grant** – MAGIC will handle the application. This is an appropriate responsibility for MAGIC.
8. **Hollister Street** – Hollister Street became 2 ways recently.
9. **Activation Funds** – Saturday December 3rd. Community tree lighting is from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Tree lighting will be at 6 PM. Crafts and activities with kids will be part of the celebration. There will be food provided as well. Art Academy will have an arts and craft sale. Santa Claus will be there as well.

10. **Taft Elementary** – New library. Opening Thursday morning. If the school can still not get the coding system Carol would like to donate the \$500 if we have money left over from activation funds.
11. **Pedestrian Safety Draft Letter** – Christian received the draft letter from Jack Martin about Community Council supporting pedestrian safety. Letter encourages UC Student Government to work with Community Groups. Christian shared letter for board to review. If we vote to support this at our board meeting Mount Auburn can draft our own language to show support for the letter. We can send additional information regarding our support of the letter if we have other things we would like to see Carol made a motion to put it on the agenda for next month. Darryl seconded. Christian sent letter to group
12. **Board Report (Steve Gibbs)** – N/A
13. **Previous Month's Full Council Meeting Minutes** – N/A
14. **Treasurer's Report** – N/A
15. **Old and Unfinished Business** – N/A
16. **New Business and Announcements** -
17. **Adjournment** – Christian made motion to adjourn and Lee seconded.

10/17/2022 – October Meeting Minutes

(Zoom) Recorded and Prepared by Cody Sheets

Mt. Auburn Community Council - October

Tonight's Agenda

1. **Call to Order and Moment of Silence** – Meeting called to order at 7:02
2. **Safety Report (Officer Maggie Bowers)** – Last 28 days look good. Everything across the board is down except for one isolated assault. One big drug bust on McGregor including 14 grams of fentanyl and a large amount of cash. The arrested parties did not live in the area. Cathy asked if the confiscated dollars could be designated for the neighborhood. She mentioned that the community as the victim could benefit from the seized assets. Officer Bower will speak with the asset forfeiture department. Ken asked about putting a barrier up to keep people from falling off near the Flat Iron building to decrease the need for the safety cones.
3. **Special Guest Speakers and Presentations**
 - a. **Election of Officers** – Anne made a motion to accept the slate of officers. Ken seconded. No discussion.
 - b. **Pedestrian Safety Neighborhood Letter** – Carol shared that UC has a pedestrian safety committee and was wondering about having neighborhood residents on the committee. It sounds like no decision has been made at this time. There is a Change.org petition which has gotten 150ish signatures but nothing else to report at this time other than some minor recommendations have been made. Should be added to the agenda again for later update. Cathy commented that Mt. Auburn could align with other neighborhood councils to push the city.
 - c. **5 Point Intersection Safety Issues** – The orange barrels that are up are an impediment to visibility. As a community we are concerns about safety at this intersection. Officer Bower will check on the barrels and visibility. Officer Bower will report back to the council when she knows more information and the council can disseminate information

to the community. Cathy Ingram asked if it was possible to put a temporary mirror up during construction so it is possible to see people coming up and down the hill better.

- d. Christ Hospital Student and Faculty Neighborhood Parking Issue** – Tyra is concerned about students at Christ Hospital taking up all of the parking spots on Gilman Avenue. Tyra asked one of the people if they were a student at Christ Hospital and one confirmed. Are there options for permit parking? Steve recommended that we have a sit down with Christ Hospital to discuss options to prevent the students from parking on Gilman.
4. **MACDC Report** – Carol has been raising money. Planning the December 3rd community program for kids and families. She is working with the art academy on that. MACC is not working with CDC on Christmas decorations in front of the Flat Iron yet but will be hopefully. Cathy requested a written report from the MACDC to make sure we are all on the same page as to what is being done in Mt. Auburn. Several requests were made for written MACDC reports. Steve brought up that some MACDC communications are private since they require potential real estate transactions and the release of confidential information can cause increases in property acquisitions. Lee commented that all that is being asked for is increased transparency.
5. **Board Report (Steve Gibbs)** – CBR closed out. 3 items are capital improvements in Filson Park, additional lighting on Auburn Avenue, and improvements to stairwell signage. Alice had a pocket park bench suggestion and the benches were affordable. We will revisit this in the spring.
6. **Previous Month's Full Council Meeting Minutes** – Ken made a motion to approve the previous months minutes and Anne seconded. Council member Jeffrey's name was misspelled.
7. **Treasurer's Report** – No treasurer's report.
8. **Old and Unfinished Business** – Anne asked Cathy about voter turnout for the upcoming election. Cathy commented how important this election is and how important it is to go out and vote. Cathy commented as a democrat she would vote no on both Issue 1 and Issue 2. Issue 1 concerns judges and bail and Issue 2 involves restricting voting. Cathy encouraged everyone to do their research on the different issues and their potential implications because the potential implications are not entirely clear.
9. **New Business and Announcements** – No new business.
10. **Adjournment** – Ken made a motion we adjourn. Tami seconded.