

Mt. Auburn Community Council

October 17, 2022

Mt. Auburn Community Council - September

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 concerned 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.

Mt. Auburn Community Council Board Meeting

10/10/2022 Board Meeting Minutes (Zoom)

Recorded and Prepared by Cody Sheets

Board Members Present: Anne Shannon, Darryl Frazier, Steve Gibbs, Ken Farmer, Lee Wilson, Roger Hildebrand, Alice, Christian Huelsman, Cody Sheets.

1. **Call to Order and Moment of Silence** – 7:04 PM
2. **Neighborhood Plan Update** – Stacey Hoffman with the City of Cincinnati Department of Planning and Community Engagement will be resuming work on the Mt. Auburn Community Plan. She would like to set up a steering committee and encourage community involvement. Stacey should be invited to the next board meeting to speak about this further. Steering Committee member should also be considered. Lee expressed concern about damage to foundations from new apartment construction. We should raise concerns with what existing residents are experiencing in comprehensive plan. Ken and Steve discussed one to two page letter which we used to have for developers prior to beginning work that required community promises.
3. **Christian's Letter** – Traffic accidents near Clifton. 2 students struck. We should embrace community solidarity with these other neighborhoods and consider traffic calming measures. Christian recommends that we draft a letter in support of much more intentional assessment of the issue of pedestrian safety. Christian will also check with other neighborhood associations at potentially existing letters. Should we invite anyone from larger group? Christian will reach out to Jack about coming next Monday.
4. **Cones near Five Point Intersection** - Lee said the barrels near Flatiron Café are back and are causing issues with dangerous turns near the Five Point intersection. Steve mentioned that the barriers reappeared because the rails that are supposed to go around the new terrace have disappeared. Flaggers are not doing their job. Issues with trucks parking too further impeding views and blocking traffic. Darryl brought up signs near Hyde Park that alert people to new

stop signs to get people to stop or slow down. This needs discussed in the safety report. Temporary measures such as bump outs could be considered. We need to bring this up with Officer Bower

5. **Election of Officers** – Election without the nomination of a vice president. Appointment of nonresidents. If no one else wants to be vice president Christian will be vice president. This will require a bypass of bylaws since he is a nonresident.
6. **Tyra Black (Nursing Parking)** – Asked to appear at our meeting next week. Faculty and students on main Christ Hospital Campus are parking on residential streets and taking up parking spots. We need to determine if parking is free or not? Are the students and faculty parking on the street to try and avoid paying to park. Someone from the hospital should come and address this issue.
7. **Board Report (Steve Gibbs)** – Josh helped us get the NSP file reported. We slightly underspent. Activation Fund – part of that was spent for the Rossi Fireworks. Do we want to do Christmas decorations at Five Points intersection? Hopkins Park would be a good place to put Christmas decorations up. Christian brought up that some other parks should be considered such as Jackson Hill Park. Alice brought up a request for some small benches at the MAGIC park on McGregor.
8. **Previous Month's Full Council Meeting Minutes** –
9. **Treasurer's Report** –
10. **Old and Unfinished Business** -
11. **New Business and Announcements** -
12. **Adjournment** – Lee made a motion to adjourn and Roger seconded

9/19/2022 - August Meeting Minutes **(Zoom)** Recorded and Prepared by Cody Sheets

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Tonight's Agenda

1. Call to Order and Moment of Silence – 7:00 PM
2. Safety Report (Officer Maggie Bowers) – Last 30 days have been good. Crime is down except for auto theft. Auto theft issues are the same across the city. Typically what we see in summer months. There have been robberies as of late but those are down over the last 30 days as well. Teenagers have been causing trouble at Talbert House have had family evicted. Christian had questions about cars crashing near alley they are working on. Officer Bowers will follow up with Christian on work that is being done. Traffic unit did some speed enforcement on Highland in an effort to curb speeding. Citations were issued.
3. Special Guest Speakers and Presentations
 - a. **Councilman Mark Jeffries** – 3 E's to solution of pedestrian safety. Engineering, enforcement, education. Engineering – Designing roads to promote pedestrian safety as opposed to facilitating speed of traffic. Implementing a complete street ordinance. Leading pedestrian intervals which allows for pedestrians to get a head start into the walkway. Steve had a question about what council's role was in funding for traffic calming measures from the neighborhood perspective. Christian brought up a question

about the city manager being able to close a street for play or “play streets”. Ryan Lammi brought up idea of building up bus bump outs to prevent cars from parking at bus stops and to allow for ease of citizens boarding buses. Clean and Safe program. Christian brought up question about lighting safety and reappropriation of dollars from bus program to lighting programs.

- b. Recap: Capital Budget Requests / CBR – 3 options chosen**
 - i. Filson Park Improvements – Ask for new playground equipment, benches, etc.**
 - ii. Signage for alleys and stairwells in Mt. Auburn – Add some more signage to gateway stairways.**
 - iii. LED Lights on Auburn Avenue – Some lights are already LED but making more consistently LED.**
 - iv. Anne made a motion and Carol seconded. All in favor.**
 - c. Officer Elections: Introduction of Candidates – Please vote**
 - i. President – Steve Gibbs**
 - ii. Vice President – Need a vice president**
 - iii. Treasurer – Tami Hendrickson**
 - iv. Recorder – Cody Sheets**
 - v. Communications / Correspondence – Carol Gibbs**
4. MACDC Report – 6 townhomes on Bigelow have started construction. City owns the property in front of the Flat Iron. Trying to figure out how to get the railing in to allow pedestrians to access the Flat Iron more safely. Building at Wellington and Auburn not being kept up. Carl Westmoreland and Hopkins Park – Working on name change. ED – Cheaper liquor licenses. Waiting on state money for demolition of church and laundry mat. There are some environmental issues with the church. Plan is to have a nice restaurant there. There are interested parties in potentially putting a restaurant there. Concerns raised about parking in the area.
 5. Board Report (Steve Gibbs) – Closing out NSP project. Josh is going to help Carol and Steve close out the project.
 6. Previous Month’s Full Council Meeting Minutes – Ken Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes. Roger Hildebrand seconded.
 7. Treasurer’s Report – No treasurer report.
 8. Old and Unfinished Business – Christian asked when NSP funds from Mt. Auburn would be released. Was wondering if checks could be picked up in person. Anne recommended he reach out to Josh.
 9. New Business and Announcements -
 10. Adjournment – Alice made a motion to adjourn. Lee Wilson seconded.