

Mt. Auburn Community Council

September 19, 2022

Mt. Auburn Community Council - September

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.

Mt. Auburn Community Council Board Meeting

9/12/2022 Board Meeting Minutes (Zoom)

Recorded and Prepared by Cody Sheets

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

1. **Call to Order and Moment of Silence** – 7:03 PM
2. **Capital Budget Request Items** - Anne shared a list of potential items. Filson Park. 7 Items that came in via email. Filson Park improvements is another option. Pickleball courts, additional picnic tables, splashpad, etc. potential options thrown out. Motion made by Anne for 3 CBR items which are due the 25th by 4 PM. Ken was the 2nd. All in favor.
 - a. **Stairway/Alley Signs/ Bollards**
 - b. **LED Lights on Auburn Avenue** – Short Auburn should be considered too
 - c. **Filson Park Improvements**
3. **Board Officers** – Will need to speak next week
4. **Gilman Avenue** – Parking issues with Tilden residents losing parking spots because of nursing college students taking parking spots.
5. **Mulberry Street Auto Thefts** – Family is being evicted that is responsible for most of the auto thefts. Talbert House is making a good faith effort to address the thefts. Darryl recommended that we continue to get the police more involved. Darryl said some local residents expressed concern about drug activity and speeding on Highland. Roger agreed that it is an ongoing problem and asked for clarity as to what is being done.
6. **Hopkins Park Renaming to Carl Westmoreland** – Still being worked on
7. **5 Points Intersection** – Lee brought up concerns about visibility at 5 Points intersection due to continued construction in the area. Are there options to make this intersection safer in the short term?

8. **Guidelines of the Neighborhood Street Calming Program** – Christian shared link for the neighborhood street calming which outlined the process. Residents of streets where there are concerns should follow these steps. Streets people are concerned about may not have high enough traffic counts to be addressed.
9. **Mark Jefferies (City Council)** – We should bring some of our issues and concerns up to Mark Jefferies.
10. **Board Report (Steve Gibbs)** –
11. **Previous Month’s Full Council Meeting Minutes** –
12. **Treasurer’s Report** –
13. **Old and Unfinished Business** -
14. **New Business and Announcements** -
15. **Adjournment** – Anne made a motion to adjourn. Ken seconde

8/15/2022 - August Meeting Minutes

(Zoom) Recorded and Prepared by Cody Sheets

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 3rd 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 for the program but we have received several good requests and was wondering if it was worthwhile to hold onto other ideas and submit to Pedestrian Safety Officer for later. 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 and 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. Nothing new to add. 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