

Mt. Auburn Community Council

June 19, 2023

Mt. Auburn Community Council – June

Tonight's Agenda

- 1. Call to Order and Moment of Silence – Steve called meeting to order at 7:03**
- 2. Safety Report** – Crime has decreased or remained the same except for robberies. There was a robbery at the Clifton Mini Mart this month. Arrest was made three days later and the case is closed. No major news to report. They are looking at overtime parking and encourage businesses to call in if this is an issue. Six car thefts this month. The number is the same as last month. Slow recall in progress. They do not have any wheel locks at this time but when they get more, please feel free to reach out to obtain one. No pushback on district consolidation. Consolidation should be October or November of this year.
- 3. Special Guest Speakers and Presentations**
 - a. Flat Iron Building Curb Cut** – Curb cut outside of entrance to Flat Iron Building disappeared during the reconstruction of the intersection. The city has been uncooperative in fixing this. Carol is seeking money for a study of traffic safety issues. The request is for \$50,000. Look at pedestrian safety, crosswalks, new traffic patterns in the intersection. Property is owned by the city. It is not owned by Neyer. Carol is making a motion for a safety and traffic impact study to look at traffic configurations, etc. \$50,000 has been promised from an undisclosed source. Money is not coming from a development interest. Money would be confirmed by July 1st. Cathy asked questions as to why the study was not done beforehand and if the study is needed. Alice asked how we got to this point that the intersection is not pedestrian friendly. Cathy requested a copy of the RFP to share with the African American Chamber. Questions were asked as to where the money is coming from Carol made a motion and Tami seconded. Motion passes. Cathy abstained.
 - b. City Gospel Way Street Renaming** – Ongoing conversations about this. We will hear more next month.
- 4. MACDC Report** – Nothing to report.
- 5. Board Report (Steve Gibbs)** – No separate board report.
- 6. Previous Month's Full Council Meeting Minutes** – Tami made a motion to approve. Carol seconded. Approved.
- 7. Treasurer's Report** – \$11,399.13. \$218.96 check written to replace dead plants at Flat Iron Building. \$133.00 dues deposit. \$868 deposit from AIG. Ending balance as of 5/31/2023 is \$12,181.17. NSP Interim Report due July 8th. If anyone is working on projects and needs reimbursement, please contact Tami. \$500 for Five Points, \$500 for Spring in Our Steps, \$1,200 for benches on McGregor Pocket Park, \$800 for removal of bamboo on Main Street Steps, etc. Next interim report is due on October 7th.
- 8. Old and Unfinished Business** –

9. **New Business and Announcements** – Kevin brought up a neighborhood garden clean up this Saturday morning at Kay’s Garden off Liberty Street. Rozzi fireworks. Sunday July 2nd at 9 AM Spring in Our Steps is doing an annual alley bike ride with Queen City Bikes. It hits 100 alleys throughout the city and NKY. Christian asked for feedback regarding traffic calming improvements. Saturday Morning concerts at Inwood Park. 70 people showed up two weeks ago and 90 plus showed up last week. The upcoming concert will be a complete concert for children. William Howard Taft is having an Ice Cream Social Saturday July 1st. from 1 to 3 PM. Encouraged to bring your own chairs. The flyer will be forwarded to everyone.
10. **Adjournment** – Christian made a motion to adjourn, and Alice seconded.

Mt. Auburn Community Council Board Meeting

6/12/2023 Board Meeting Minutes (Zoom)

Recorded and Prepared by Cody Sheets

Board Members Present: Carol Gibbs, Ken Farmer, Roger Hildebrand, Christian Huelsman, Steve Gibbs, Alice Williams, Cody Sheets

1. **Call to Order and Moment of Silence** – 7:06
2. **Cumberland Street** – Recommended that they meet with a landscape architect to improve alley and reduce crime. May be possible to accomplish what they want without buying the street.
3. **Disappearing Curb Cut** – Curb cut has been removed. Curb cut removed and relocated up to Short Dorchester. Curb cut was around six feet from the current stairs on the Sycamore side. Pass a resolution to say the city needs to address this and other curbs need to be ADA accessible. City has been reluctant and resistant to correcting the issue. Should Short Dorchester be one way? Can someone from the city come and speak to this?
4. **Feral Cats** – Cats are reproducing and doing extensive damage. Who is responsible for dealing with this and what can be done? Maybe we can offer the concerned party some resources that they can contact.
5. **Rozzi Fireworks** – Still on. Flyers to handout for fireworks could be beneficial. Park Board is making yard signs to put out. Electrical has been finished. Live band will play.
6. **Saturday Concerts** – Musicians playing Saturday Morning.
7. **Next Weeks Meeting will be at Inwood Park.**
8. **Previous Month’s Full Council Meeting Minutes** – N/A
9. **Treasurer’s Report** –
10. **Old and Unfinished Business** – N/A
11. **New Business and Announcements** – N/A
12. **Adjournment** – Alice made a motion to adjourn and Ken seconded

5/15/2022 – May Meeting Minutes

(Inwood Park)

Mt. Auburn Community Council – May

Tonight's Agenda

1. **Call to Order and Moment of Silence** –
2. **Membership Forms** –
3. **Park Board Tour** – 2 sites. Basketball court could go in as soon as this summer. For the park in general putting our RFQ for park master plan. 6 months to a year of community input. Broad conversation. Construction in 2025 to 2026.
4. **Safety Report** – Past 28 days we are green or yellow in all categories. No homicides or robberies. No aggravated or felonious assaults. We are looking great for this time of year. Small rise in burglaries and B & E's. Down 65% on auto thefts. 8 cars stolen previously. Only 3 cars stolen this month. Have been cracking down on cars parked on street long term and cars with expired tags.
 - a. **Police District Re-Alignment** – Currently there are 5 (6) Cincinnati police districts. District 4 covers 10 neighborhoods. It is a narrow district. Police districts will be realigned. Mt. Auburn is going to become part of District 1. Going from 10 neighborhoods to 11 neighborhoods. Change should happen around October or November.
5. **Special Guest Speakers and Presentations**
 - a. **Credit Union Site (Uptown Rentals – Patrice Eby Burke)** – 49 William Howard Taft. Current site of the Superior Credit Union. The building itself is in an office district so it is zoned Office General. Seeking variances for setbacks and FAR (Floor Area Ratio). Mixed use residential. Six floors tall. Bottom two floors are primarily garages. Amenity space. New site for Superior Credit Union. Trying to keep all of the parking spaces within the structure. Five floors of residential. 55 units of student housing. Goals are to provide student housing and maximize utilization of the site and enhance connectivity (pedestrian safety, etc.). Need variances for setbacks. Site is $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre in size. If all required setbacks were met you would only be able to build 34 feet across. Need variance for FAR as well. FAR relates to density. Credit union will relocate to building across the street while construction is taking place. 75 feet tall versus 70 feet across the street. Timeline for completion is summer of 2025. Still working on the exteriors. Pedestrian safety was a major concern for Corryville. 55 units including studios, 1 bedroom to 4 bedrooms. \$1100+ for studios moving up to \$700 to \$800 a bed for units. Patrice spoke with DOTE about the curb cuts. Potential for a shared use path on McMillan. Potential for bumpout at the intersection of William Howard Taft and Auburn Avenue. EV charging stations on site. John made a motion. All in favor for setback variances and FAR.
 - b. **Peete Alley Pedestrianization (Christian Huelsman)** – Cobblestone Alley right off of Vine Street. Fire a few years back destroyed part of the alley. 10 months of restoring alley has taken place so far. Looking at lighting and signage improvements currently. Requesting a letter of support from the community council that will serve as the first step in a three step process. Need letter of support from community councils, nearby neighbors. Peete Alley restoration project. Roger made a motion for letter of support. Alice seconded. All in favor.
6. **MACDC Report** – Five points intersection (now three point intersection). Short Dorchester is closed right now. Concerns about accidents during construction.

7. **Board Report (Steve Gibbs)** –
8. **Previous Month’s Full Council Meeting Minutes** – John made a motion and Roger seconded.
9. **Treasurer’s Report** – \$12,267 in bank account. Post Office box was renewed. NSP updates have to be provided in June.
10. **Old and Unfinished Business** – Kay’s Garden. If anyone is interested in volunteering.
11. **New Business and Announcements** – Proposed compromise to Proposed Sale of City-Owned Property in Mount Auburn.
12. **Adjournment** – John made a motion to adjourn. Christian made a second.