

MACC Meeting Notes

April 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm

Meeting attendees provided in digital addendum

Police update

- Officer Chip Todd reminded us that his email is carroll.todd@cincinnati-oh.gov
- Officer Todd let us know the homeless camps reported are being looked at by the City - Amara (spelling) is the contact who first supports with services.
- The stats this month were not good. One was on Dorchester and involved a person throwing a rock at a window and when the owner of the house came to the window, he was shot at. There are a lot of leads heading toward an arrest.
- There was an assault between two family members.
- The rape was a known person raping another person.
- The robbery was also between people who knew each other.
- Officer Todd viewed Jackson Hill Park and noticed excessive amounts of trash. He called the Parks department to take care of it. Officer Todd encouraged people to take 311 cards to report.
- A neighbor asked about the neighborhood blitzes. Officer Todd noted he would understand the status.
- A neighbor noted that we need to consider Jackson Hill Park in addition to Hopkins Park.

City Guests

Andrea Yang, Director of Cincinnati Water Works.

- There is a major PFoss remediation (forever chemicals) at the smaller water treatment plant.
- She also announced the ongoing lead service line work. The next phase is on Vine Street between East Hollister and St. Joseph. A neighbor confirmed the notice that will be provided. Ms. Yang noted that there are several notices that come to home owners. The neighbor asked about payment and Ms. Yang

confirmed that in this phase there is a total utility pay program, versus the prior cost share.

- Another neighbor asked if this is getting done in sections or randomly. Ms. Yang noted that it is mostly being done in sections, but there are some single options if there are leaks or high lead. Another neighbor noted that two letters came out last year that were clear and another letter came out this year about lead testing.
- There is a water main replacement on East McMillan between Auburn and Vine and it is near completion.

Mark Reilly - Director of Public Services for City of Cincinnati.

- He has been in his role for 8 months, previously in Columbus.
- Public Services works with Amara in the City for mental health and housing services. The process for any encampment is to post a notice with services for approximately 5 days before cleanup happens.
- The Blitz is coming back in July with a goal to hit all 52 areas. A neighbor asked about timing and Mr. Reilly noted that this year it will be once per year. There is a Public Information Officer (PIO) who will provide notice. Upon clarification it was discovered that the office sends messages to the President of the Community Council. Lee let Mr. Reilly know that more support is needed to get the word out to Mt. Auburn because the council does not have extensive communication infrastructure.
- Mr. Reilly noted that yard waste is getting moved back to the end of April due to staffing. He did note that there was a yard waste blitz April 12th and 19th, but it might not have been communicated.
- Mr. Reilly said that there was a concerted effort to improve winter snow removal. A neighbor noted the reality that plowing the main streets can block driveways. Mr. Reilly noted that, unfortunately, it is the only way that streets can get fully clean. Mr. Reilly also noted that they are working to lay down brine on residential streets in addition to the main streets.
- Mr. Reilly asked for assistance in calling 311 to report pot holes. They are working on structural remediation, such as Reading Road by the Casino, where they did a major repair versus multiple temporary pothole repairs. A neighbor asked about major repairs needed. Mr. Reilly said that there is a distinction between his department's work, which is patching in nature, versus more structural work with capital money, which is the work of DOTE.
- Another neighbor noted about manhole covers sinking. Mr. Reilly noted that that is coordinated work with multiple departments.
- Mr. Reilly noted that they are putting cameras on street sweepers, garbage trucks and bulk collection to help support better service.

- A neighbor noted that sometimes trash collectors will reach in to get bags and leave loose items below. They are not supposed to do that and Mr. Reilly noted that he'd follow up.
- A neighbor asked if they take refrigerators and Mr. Reilly noted that they did as bulk items.
- A neighbor noted how trash collectors leave containers can also be an issue. Mr. Reilly noted that that is another reason for cameras..

March Meeting Minutes

- The meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurers Report

- Lee let neighbors know that there were no updates in accounts from last month.

NSP

Someone asked about the process for the Neighborhood Support Program (NSP). Invest in Cincinnati through the City is the program that provides the funding, with detailed proposals required and strong record keeping. A clarification was made that if the funding isn't used, it could be clawed back.

NSP Current Year Plans

- Ideally the neighborhood would submit in the May cycle for NSP funding.
- Each project needs a chair and a budget.

Events with chairs and budgets

- Mark offered to handle partnerships as well as Winter Holiday in the Park decorations (but not the event) if approved. Decorations were \$3,000 last year; proposed \$3,900 this year.
- Partnership with Taft Elementary (proposed \$1500)
- Partnership with Church of Our Savior Pantry Support (proposed \$500)
- Partnership with MAGIC (proposed \$500)
- Fall Mt. Auburn Community Clean Up Day has a chair and budget (\$300)
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Other ideas that don't have chairs or budgets

- Fall Festival - past years have included dino buddies (reptiles), pumpkin carvings and treats. Proposed \$750 based on last year overruns, if there is a chair. The decision is that this isn't going to get done this year.
- Summer Kickoff Event - Catherine is taking it on as the chair. Her idea is that the cost is \$1500.
- Holiday Event - proposed \$400 if chair
- Communication - proposed funding of \$500 if chair
- Book swap - Nate to chair - \$200. The library can provide a tremendous amount of support. They just need someone from the neighborhood to show up with pizza. Nate offered to chair.

New/Old Business

- The pool is not going to open this year.

The next meeting is Monday, May 18th.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.