

MACC Meeting Notes

February 17, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

Meeting attendees provided in digital addendum

Police update - officer not present so no report given

Guests

Kimberly Hudson and Tiffani Ray - Healing Touch Cincinnati

- Been in existence for 6 years. Have been a certified housing provider with the state for more than 30 years. They are in more than 7 neighborhoods and their niche is shared housing with 70 beds in the tri-state area.
- They procure homes and don't have any current homes in Mt. Auburn, but wanted to introduce themselves as they may look at purchases in the future.
- Neighbors appreciate coming in advance and introducing themselves.

Nadine Huffman - citizen discussing Christ Hospital purchase of Adam Riddle House

- Discussed neglect of three historic homes in the Mt. Auburn Historic district. Christ Hospital owns these properties. Historic guidelines require maintenance. Her concern is that the properties will fall into "demolition by neglect" thus bypassing the purpose of historic preservation.
- Nadine asked that a resolution gets passed tonight to create a clear record of community council's priority to get these properties taken care of
- Historic Preservation noted issues to the City of Cincinnati Buildings and Inspections.
- Freeman appreciated that this matter is getting brought up again, as it came up 25 years ago with the neighborhood. Freeman volunteered to help
- A neighbor has asked how often Christ Hospital has been aware of the concerns voiced. Nadine noted that she worships in Mt. Auburn but does not belong to a group. She is very focused on old buildings and the history associated with them. She is a member of the Cincinnati Preservation Association.
- Another neighbor mentioned that Christ Hospital has never been to a meeting. It is an interesting time to talk to them at Adam Riddle House. The neighbor doesn't feel comfortable passing a resolution, even a well written one, because it will likely be perceived as very antagonistic, regardless of the wording.
- A neighbor asked about the interior status of the buildings, noting it as every bit as important as exterior.

- Freeman proposed he (as a private resident) join Nadine to go to Christ Hospital.
- Lee Wilson proposed inviting Christ Hospital to a future neighborhood meeting and tabling any resolution until more research is done. While no formal vote was required, neighbors seemed generally amenable to the next steps.
- Another neighbor asked about representatives from Christ Hospital at the chamber meeting. Pastor Zac noted that two representatives from Christ Hospital. Pastor Zac noted that due to the health of the president of the chamber, there has been rotating leadership. Pastor Zac noted that IKRON is currently leading the effort, but it is moving to less frequent meetings. Lee will work with Pastor Zac to understand the meeting timing to reconnect the community council to the chamber.

January Meeting Minutes

- Motion was made to accept the January minutes. It was seconded and the minutes were approved.

2026 MACC Annual Membership Campaign

- Alice reported two renewals at this meeting. She encouraged members here tonight to take blank memberships and recruit people who live in the neighborhood or have a business in the neighborhood to become members and attend the next meeting.
- Lee reminded people to use the yard signs that were made last year

Treasurers Report - report available digitally in addendum

- Alicia DeVore presented the monthly report. The available balance adjusted for restricted funds (AIG, NSP, VTICA) is \$1,852.68. A neighbor moved to accept the treasurer's report, which was seconded and the report was approved. Neighbors asked for a bit larger font still and for additional subtotals.

NSP Projects Updates

- Alicia noted that the NSP budget for Mt. Auburn is \$9,666. There are a few options for submitting (4/3, 5/1, 6/5 only practical dates). Mt. Auburn would pick one of these and submit all projects by that date. She is hoping that earlier submission is possible, because then funds could be used for activities that might begin earlier vs. last year (when all events were clustered in the fall).

Engagement Committee / Idea Generation and Refinement

- Freeman provided ideas from the engagement committee (Olivia, Ben, Alicia, Freeman). They are provided as part of the agenda in digital addendum. Some ideas include collaboration with other organizations, such as the Parks Department, Library, MAGIC, etc.
- Theresa noted that we needed to have a chair for each activity that is chosen
- Alicia specified that each project also has to have a budget
- Lee asked about any other ideas to add - last year's activities were Fall Clean Up Day, Christmas in the Park, Fall Festival, Book Swap. People agreed that the suggestions were very good.

Current list of events

- Proposal for Fall Clean Up day – Community Engagement Center UC student Valeria offered
- Holiday in the Park – people in the neighborhood appreciated it. Needs to have a chair. A company was used to put up the lights. We would like to do this, but there needs to be a chair.
- April – some collaboration MAGIC. Nikki is going to ask about partner opportunities
- Summer Kickoff including one or more of the following Alice noted that there used to do a grill out in Hopkins Park with basic health check and ice cream truck. Needs a chair.
- HWT Christmas support is proposed again for this year. It cannot come from NSP money. The neighbor who coordinates asked what detail is needed.
- Taft pantry support was also part of NSP funding.
- One neighbor noted that some events could be combined into a single event.
- Fall festival is a question mark at this point.

New/Old Business

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.