

## MACC Meeting Notes

January 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

Meeting attendees to be provided in digital addendum when available

Police update (available in the digital addendum)

- The numbers don't look particularly good, but that is also somewhat impacted by the fact that there isn't a lot of data at the beginning of the year reporting.
- The FUSUS system is now operational. Officer Chip included a business card sized flyer with information. It allows neighbors to register the location of their security cameras and also allows the police to add cameras. The police asked about ideas for locations. The apartment building that was the location of the drug bust is on the location.
  - A neighbor talked about Schiller and Hughes park and the drug activity and homelessness.

State Representative Dani Isaachsohn (D), Ohio State Representative Minority Leader

- Representative Isaachsohn introduced himself and asked for community input.
  - One neighbor had questions about gerrymandering and redistricting. Representative Isaachsohn noted that he did vote for the maps but because he thought that it was the best map possible given the situation at hand.
  - Representative Isaachsohn noted that his district has fewer state office complaints than most others. His office can help advocate.
  - He also noted that the state is in its capital budget season. He is going to send the list through community council leadership so that we can prioritize what is important in Mt. Auburn.
  - Another neighbor asked for help understanding veteran benefits. Representative Isaachsohn noted his office could help and to send an email with details on the request to [rep24@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:rep24@ohiohouse.gov)

Talbert House

- Rebekkah Fairbanks asked for a letter of support for renewal of the federal bureau of prisons contract. The motion was made and seconded and unanimously approved. Ms. Fairbanks noted she needed the approval letter by February 26th.

## Lou Sand, Cincinnati Parks, Region Manager, Riverfront and Special Events

- He noted he has responsibility for parks in our neighborhood, including Hopkins, Jackson Hill and Inwood Parks among others. There was a partnership agreement in place to use the Hopkins Park space for free for the holiday event.
- Mr. Sand noted that he had some special event resources, including food trucks, some activities and other resources. He has partnered with The Mt. Auburn Community Development Corporation on Inwood Park programming.
- Mr. Sand also noted that park improvements can come through state grants as part of state capital campaigns.
- There is an option to establish park advisory councils for specific parks. If there is an advisory council in place, then there is the opportunity for \$1,500 grants. He went on to explain a few examples of events in other parks. He also noted that the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra has offered to do 2-3 free concerts and one idea would be to have one of those concerts at Hopkins Park.
- Mr. Sand noted that there are now hot dog rollers and some other equipment to make hosting events easier with more impact.
- A neighbor noted the Schiller Hughes recreation area and Lou Sand noted that the area is under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Commission. There had been some discussion at the city level to have the Parks department take on responsibility for some spaces from the Recreation Commission. The effort now seems to be stalled though, at least from Mr. Sand's vantage point. In the meantime, Mr. Sand noted Brandy Sanders (sp) as the operations manager for the Recreation Commission.
- Another neighbor asked about using the park for school-related events. Mr. Sand noted his office would be the contact for that.
- Mr. Sand provided his contact business card, which is included in the addendum.

## Membership

- Lee Wilson noted that it is membership time and for neighbors to submit their membership.

## Treasurers Report

- Alicia DeVore presented the monthly report. The available balance adjusted for restricted funds (AIG, NSP, VTICA) is \$1,692.68. A neighbor moved to accept the

treasurer's report, which was seconded and the report was approved. A request was made for larger print on the report next time.

#### Park Committee for 2026

- Lee Wilson asked for a committee to come up with ideas for events and priorities for the year. Freeman McNeal offered to chair the committee and other neighbors raised their hands to join the committee and Lee asked them to reach out to Freeman to share their contact information.

#### Sycamore Wall Reconstruction

- Ideas were discussed for the space at the top of Sycamore, including a bench. The idea was discussed about working to get expertise from area universities. Ben noted he would look at trying to find a contact at University of Cincinnati for support in design options.

#### November Meeting Minutes

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

#### New/Old Business

- Demarco Kennimore introduced himself and thanked the neighborhood for its holiday gift with HWT. He asked about reminders for meetings and a neighbor offered to make outreach for reminders.
  - Lee asked about the timing for the parking lot being utilized for homeless families to park. He noted that it will start in March.
- HWT noted thanks for the December donation. A thank you note is provided in the addendum.
- A neighbor noted that he is going to be gardening regularly at Southern Avenue. He offered for others to join. This is different from MAGIC but he knows that organization.
- A neighbor asked if we have records for 2024 and 2025 attendance. Lee noted that she did send an email.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.