

MACC Meeting Notes

March 16, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm

Meeting attendees provided in digital addendum

Police update

- Chip Todd provided the police report. He noted that the numbers looked good except for the one strangulation, which was a domestic violence situation.
- Theft from autos is high, which is the trend throughout the city. The officer noted the importance of not leaving ANYTHING in cars.
- Chip Todd invited Captain Bob Van Horne to address the neighborhood. He noted the community is very familiar to him from his time at Christ Hospital and at UC.
- Chip Todd asked if neighbors received information on the liquor license for the Flat Iron building. Lee noted that she found out late about the notice. Darryl thought that there were three liquor licenses available for the neighborhood. The question was asked about getting a liquor license revoked. Officer Chip Todd noted that it is difficult to revoke a liquor license once conferred. Officer Chip Todd noted when he met with Monarch House LLC, he mentioned the neighborhood group and let the owner know about this neighborhood group. Lee asked Officer Chip Todd for the person's contact information and he noted he'd provide it.
- One neighbor noted that we lose parks to bad actors, such as Jackson Hill Park. The neighbor doesn't feel like a lot is being done. The Captain asked for the neighbor's name - Scott Bischoff. The Captain noted that it is best to start with one focus. He explained that in another neighborhood, they focused on the park with lights, graffiti removal, etc. Lee agreed and Darnell agreed as well. Another neighbor noted that it is getting a bit quieter now because some people have moved. The Captain asked if it has frequent programming and the answer is no - it is an open space. Darryl offered to walk the park and bring Scott to walk with the Captain. The Captain asked Scott Bischoff to email him with information about Jackson Hill Park, copying Chip Todd.

- Another neighbor noted a homeless encampment both at Staples stairs and also close to the Schiller Hughes. A neighbor at a prior meeting noted needles and drug materials. Chip Todd noted that there is a city contact. Only the City Manager's office makes contact with the homeless encampments in order to make sure service is rendered.
- Captain Van Horn provided his email address so that neighbors can contact him - Robert.vanHorn@cincinnati-oh.gov.
- Chip Todd reminded us of his email address - carroll.todd@cincinnati-oh.gov
- Another neighbor asked about the camera program. Connect Cincinnati is the program. If you offer your camera then you would be the person called to testify if it was used as evidence.

MAGIC

- MAGIC is a garden initiative and the main garden is on Albion. The main spot on Albion contains community garden beds. There are some available to use. Fran noted that her email is on the flyer handed out at the meeting.
- MAGIC has two main purposes: community gardening and event hosting. Events including potlucks, bike rides and other activities - most of the events are open to the public. Darryl asked about the city space by where the new Mt. Auburn sign is installed and asked about partnership opportunities.
- MAGIC wanted to announce the kickoff event, which is happening on April 26th from 5 - 8pm.
- David and Fran also announced their participation in Civic Cincinnati, an initiative that includes benches, particularly at bus stops. There are three Mt. Auburn bus stops without benches. Fran noted that benches cost \$50 / bench to make. David noted that he has been in contact with Metro about the guidelines required. They have already put down 2 in Clifton. This could be an NSP opportunity - a proposal would need to be put together - Theresa offered to contact Fran to see about the feasibility of putting this forward as an NSP opportunity - f.collins1227@gmail.com.
- Lee asked about other MAGIC partnership opportunities. David talked about a week camp with bike repair, writing workshops and other aspects. Lee counseled to start small and build over time.
- The resource coordinator from Taft asked about the ability to come into Taft to do things for the school, including supporting the agriculture club. David noted historically events happen at MAGIC but they are open to considering events at other sites.

- Mt. Auburn needs NSP grants by next month in order to support MAGIC work - the monthly bonfires or get-togethers, as well as the Taft partnership, would be strong candidates for Mt. Auburn NSP partner grants.
- NSP grants that get proposed May 1st will get reviewed and approved by May 12.

February Meeting Minutes

- The February meeting minutes were provided for review. No corrections were suggested - meeting minutes were approved.

Membership committee

- Lee noted that there are additional signs that people can take to place around the neighborhood as meeting reminders. Lee reminded everyone of the importance of being a member to be able to vote.
- Alice encouraged people to take an application to bring to someone else to sign up and invite them to attend the next meeting.

Treasurers Report

- Lee provided the Treasurers Report - there was an additional \$20 in membership dues. The unrestricted balance is \$1,852.70.
- Lee offered gratitude to Scott Godby for getting the mailers out after Staples did not fulfill their work on the project.

NSP

Prior Year Updates

- The neighborhood sign is still moving through City and State.

NSP Current Year Plans

- The Mt. Auburn Community Clean Up Day proposal was presented. There weren't enough attendee members to vote at this meeting.
- Mark O'Brien offered to chair holiday decorations but not the holiday event.
- Summer kickoff at Hopkins Park is another event that was proposed but needs a chair.
- MAGIC and Taft pantry support are NSP programs that Mt. Auburn plans to support.
- Fall Festival is another event that needs a chair. Lee noted that the Dinobodies partnership at that event made it educational as well as fun. Lee noted she could chair that event.

New/Old Business

- The Flat Iron liquor license was already discussed in the Officer's Report. Neighbors did not offer objections.
- The Taft representative gave an update on the cafeteria - the cafeteria is moving to the auxiliary gym. The former cafeteria is now being used by Project Connect. A neighbor asked about enrollment, which is 215. Taft is no longer a designated STEM school, but still does have STEM offerings.

The next meeting is Monday, April 20th.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.