

MACC Meeting Notes

May 18, 2026; Revised July 10, 2026 after June 15, 2026 community council review noted a typo of book swap cost (should have been \$200, now reflected, vs. \$20, which was mistakenly noted in the first notes)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm

Meeting attendees provided in digital addendum

Police update

- Officer Van Horn, Captain of District One shared the statistics, which look great. Personal thefts are the only issue, with car thefts being the issue. Don't leave anything visible. The rape noted in the notes included a victim known to the assailants. Captain Van Horn asked about Jackson Hill. It seems to be quieter than it had been in the past. The neighbor from last month noted that a building was vacated, which could be why that park is less volatile than in the past.
- A neighbor asked about gunshots in the air - the Officer Van Horn asked that the call be made to 911.
- A neighbor asked about the homeless encampment at Schiller and Hughes. Officer Van Horn noted that he'd check the property out on a future neighborhood visit.
- Andrew Halt, Senior City Planner and Brianna Wiltshire, Development Officer with the City of Cincinnati, Department of Community and Economic Development. They provided information about the BuildReady program. This came from a \$2,000,000 grant from HUD for pro housing. The goal is to make housing easier to build in Cincinnati, particularly two, three or four family housing. BuildReady creates pre-approved plans in order to make the process go faster. The initiative has three phases:
 - The design competition (to be launched in the next week)
 - Pre-approved plan creation by architects (RFPs in fall)
 - Construction of two demonstration buildings by the City (likely beginning summer 2027)

The flyer (available in the digital addendum) has additional information.

- A neighbor asked about the price point. Wiltshire noted that is the priority of the demonstration buildings. The range is 60 - 80% AMI for the demonstration buildings. The cost per square foot range is \$275 - \$350.

- A neighbor asked about the housing cost in the cities they benchmarked. They didn't share numbers but did learn from other cities that focusing on cost to build is critical, which is the reason for the demonstration projects. The demonstration work can also help with lender questions.
- A neighbor asked about low income versus affordable. Wiltshire noted that the target is 60 - 80% AMI for the demonstration projects, which is a requirement of the grant.
- A neighbor asked if this could drive up our taxes. Halt agreed that it could, as would any development.
- A guest asked about the selection process for the developers, particularly out of town investors. They are working on policies to support local developers. There is also a sense that out of town investors tend to focus on existing housing and not new builds.
- Lee asked if BuildReady could come back and provide an update in the coming months. They noted they'd be happy to do so as the work progresses.

Andrew and Heather are opening the Monarch House serving coffee, food and drinks, with the hope of opening in early July.

April Meeting Minutes

- The meeting minutes were reviewed. The change that is required is "Community Council did approve" the list of NSP projects that moved forward to the grant. With the change noted, the minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report

- Alicia updated activity for April. \$1961.03 is the current balance. The Treasurer's report was approved.

NSP

- The NSP was approved. Lee asked for committee volunteers.
 - Summer Kickoff (\$1500): Chair - Catherine Ingram. Alicia DeVore and Alice volunteered to be part of the committee. The date being considered is June 27th, though that seems to be aggressive from a planning standpoint.

- Community Book Swap; (\$200). Chair: Nate Halm - no other members beyond library staff are needed. They are looking at September. The library needs two months' notice.
- Fall Clean Up Day (\$500) - Chairs: Theresa Sedlack, Scott Bischoff, Darryl Frazier
- Holiday Time in the Park (\$4400): Chairs: Mark O'Brien and Alicia DeVore
- From a timing standpoint, the lighting will happen the Friday after Thanksgiving - the hot chocolate date is pending. For that event, the first Saturday in December might be a good time to consider the event. Partnering with Flat Iron would be really nice.
- Collaboration with MAGIC (\$500) - Distribution
- Taft Elementary Pantry Support (\$1500) - Distribution
- Church of our Savior Pantry Support (\$500) - Distribution
- Neighborhood Communication/Door Tags (\$566) - Lee expressed concern about the feasibility of this approach.

New/Old Business

- Lee sent a letter to Daniel Betts about the outdoor pool.
- This is our last meeting at Taft Elementary until September. In June, July and August, we'll meet at Ascension Reformed Church, 2147 Auburn Ave.
- Officer elections will be happening in October. Lee Wilson will not be running for president.

The next meeting is Monday, June 15th at Ascension Reformed Church, 2147 Auburn Ave. Guidance for parking.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.