

## **Mt. Washington Community Council**

### **June 17, 2015 Minutes      Mt. Washington Recreation Center**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm, President Sue Doucleff presiding, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Board members present were Kirk Kavanaugh, Brian Fortin, Danielle Necessary, Becky Kaminski, George Lehocky, Bill Holzman, Greg Landsman, Jody Pol

**MOTION TO APPROVE MAY MEMBER MEETING MINUTES – MOTION APPROVED**

Fire (Engine 7) – Pool safety is top priority this time of year. Month of May – total of 11 non-fire responses; 2 fire responses; EMS runs 119.

CRC (Mandy Bello) – 130 kids at CRC each day for camps plus 30+ drop-in kids. Breakfast program through Cincinnati Public Schools offered each day for kids as well as free lunch program. City also offering free swim lessons for anyone and everyone. After school program – full at Sands, still spots available at MW School.

MWCC established scholarship program for one student from GA, Sands, MW Elementary. School chooses recipient. Certificate presented to Dennis “D.J.” Mosby from Sands Montessori.

Joy Leonard from Love Your Neighbor – Mt. Washington. Program centered around the idea of “paying it forward” and performing acts of kindness. Nominations will be taken for neighbors doing good deeds. Picnic event will wrap up the program. July 31 5-8p.m. For more information visit [ShowSomeLoveMtWashington.wordpress.com](http://ShowSomeLoveMtWashington.wordpress.com).

President’s Report (Sue Doucleff) – Roz Fultz from Charlie Winburn’s office. Present for duration of the meeting to answer questions re: budget/finance process.

Letter sent to City of Cincinnati and Major Cranley re: increased resources to address crime spike was provided on each table at the meeting.

Treasurer Report (Kirk Kavanaugh) – Rolled over CD to Mt. Washington Savings and Loan. **MOTION TO APPROVE MAY FINANCIAL SUMMARY – MOTION APPROVED**

Land Use and Zoning (Jon Doucleff, chair) – No active requests for variances or zoning changes in the area. Jon always available for questions or concerns regarding zoning.

Economic Development (Brian Fortin, chair) – EDC has spent time over the last 6 months with intern from UC DAPP developing extensive study/analysis of properties in Mt. Washington to use as a tool to help strategize with developers. Spoke with Cathleen Norris of Urban Fast Forward for her insights. Many developers requested a traffic study. EDC was granted \$30,000 in NBDIP funds for the traffic study. EDC will meet over next few weeks to plan next steps.

Cultural Arts Committee (JoAnn Kavanaugh, chair) – approved project for landscaping at MW Library. Collaborative project with Civic Garden Center and Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. Planting will begin in October. Volunteers are always appreciated.

Membership (George Lehocky, chair) – 7 renewals, 4 new members.

Citizens on Patrol (Bill Holzman, chair) – applications for Citizens on Patrol available.

NSP (Greg Landsman, chair) – submission has been approved. Waiting on check.

Police Report (Captain Jeff Butler. Also in attendance: Officer Kevin Butler, Sargent Rodney Pompey, Sargent Jeff Howe) – crime statistics listed on handout given can be found as CrimeReports.com (most accurate source for crime statistics and information in City of Cincinnati).

Three investigators devoted to theft “spree” of air conditioning units. Sargent Jeff Howe called it most important crime being investigated in District 2 at the time.

Communications section of District 2 has new director to address issues within that department. Retraining members of that department to better serve callers and officers.

From handout...

What can we as neighbors do?

- “Be aware – Be involved!”

- Report, report, report, report. When reporting if it is a drug deal, or any crime, in progress, make certain call 911 and state it is “occurring now.” Captain Butler has a data base which this information is being compiled. Although sometimes you may not see a car, due to other incidents in the district occurring, this information is very valuable to Captain Butler.

- Property Crimes: These crimes, specifically breaking into autos, are up 60% from last year. Prevention is the key to reducing this type of crime. Lock your doors. Take all valuables, even small change, out of your autos. Report, report, report, report!

- WALK... When more people are out and about, criminals go elsewhere. One of the things to do is to take walks around the neighborhood. We are the eyes and ears of the CPD.

- When reporting a crime, the more information you can give the better.

o Sex

o Approximate height and weight

o Color of hair

o Color of eyes

o Race

o Clothing and shoe color/make

o Auto make and model

o License plates

o Take a photo if you are safe in doing so.

- In regard protecting your property, one action important is to make a list of all the serial numbers of all electronics and photos of all valuables i.e. jewelry antiques, artwork... etc.

The heroin problem even extends in to the high schools. He says people should be careful about the medicines they have in their medicine cabinets when they have visitors. He recommends parents keep close tabs on their children’s cell phone communications.

Coordinate on your block/street a Neighborhood Block Watch group. To set one up, please contact Officer Kevin Butler. Officer Butler is our neighborhood liaison. He can be contacted at [kevin.butler@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:kevin.butler@cincinnati-oh.gov).

For the Good of the Order

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Necessary