

## Mt. Washington Community Council Membership Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2015 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 Brian Fortin, Jody Pol, George Lehocky, Bill Holzman, Greg Landsman, Beckie Kaminski. Excused absence: Danielle Necessary, Kirk Kavanaugh

**Police (Officer Butler, Captain Butler):** Crime report update showed overall crime is up in Mt. Washington. Drug arrests helped by community members emails/photos – one on Sutton and one female cyclist arrested. Captain Butler reported crime stats and trends. He is working in MW with CMHA voucher program and focusing on problem properties. There are approximately 4-5 overdoses per month, typically heroin or pills. East Walnut Hills and Hyde Park have rising numbers of overdoses.

Judge Josh Berkowitz added that any OD call must be treated no matter how many times in one day a person overdoses. Drug court and rehab programs are available but can't help those who don't want help. Jails are filled with heroin addicts and there are wait lists for rehab programs.

**Fire (Engine 7):** 121 total runs. 4 fire. 19 non-fire. 98 EMS. Focus this month on kitchen safety. Cooking is #1 cause of home fires and injuries.

**Guest Ilene Hayes (Mt. Washington School):** Deb Cline, principal of Mt. Washington School, was promoted to principal leader. Will be more part-time at MW School. Justin Leach, previously of Riverview East, will now be assisting part-time at MW School.

New school partner, The Children's Home, will be providing after-school care on site. Can accept prepay and vouchers and serve up to 45 children. Fundraising for free programs as well.

The school-based health center, Mercy Health, has expanded the nurse practitioner to 4 days per week and will focus on treating MW School students, teachers and families. They may also treat community members similar to a Kroger Little Clinic.

Volunteers are needed. The COSI Mobile Museum is coming on 9/18 from 8-2 p.m. 20 volunteers needed. You can do a full-time or part-time shift. Must be at least 16 years of age and attend ½ hour training. Call MW School to volunteer.

MW School library volunteers and classroom helpers needed.

Annual Run with the Knights – Saturday, September 19 at 9 a.m. \$25 adults. \$15 kids (under 13). Activities, refreshments and entertainment afterwards.

**CRC (Mandy Bello):** Fall hours begin next week. PG Sittenfeld had the City of Cincinnati match grants to help keep teens off the streets. All City rec centers will stay open until 9 p.m. Monday – Friday with teen programming. Saturday hours will stay the same, 9 – 2 p.m. Four citywide teen socials are planned with music, dancing, emphasis on life-skills and education. Some girl-specific programming is also planned.

There is still room in the afterschool program for children in Sands or MW School until 6 p.m.

Lisa Froelicker from Saylor Park Recreation Center will run afterschool teens and summer camp programs.

**President's Report (Sue Doucleff):** Thanks to Judge Berkowitz for attending.

Trees on the median – Urban Forestry just replaced 3 trees for the third time. The driver who caused the damage has insurance, and the City will be requesting payment to replace the trees.

The City will be doing street tree inventory to determine what is dead and dying and will trim as needed. Any replacement trees will be added to next year's budget. Request that residents please prune any suckers off trees in front of their property.

**Treasurer's Report:** Approval of July Financial Summary – deferred due to absence of Treasurer.

**Secretary's Report:** MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE MINUTES – MOTION APPROVED.

MOTION TO APPROVE JULY MINUTES – MOTION APPROVED.

**Economic Development Committee (Brian Fortin, Chair):** Michael Cervay has joined the EDC. He has worked with the City as a department director in past on economic development. A \$30,000 grant was awarded to the MWCC from the City for a multifaceted traffic and economic development study on Beechmont Avenue from corporation line to corporation line.

**Land Use and Zoning Committee (Jon Doucleff, Chair):** Sign permits for 2110 Beechmont Avenue (Watch Hill Bank). Whip signs removed.

McNicholas High School – Project Paradise – plans to enhance athletic facilities focusing on baseball fields, service drive around primary field, adding seating, concession stands and bathrooms.

McNicholas High School has requested a variance for a new replacement sign in front of the school. The MWCC Land Use and Zoning Committee recommends denying the variance. No compelling reason to approve variance, no proven detriment suffered or justification.

MOTION MADE TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE CITY OF CINCINNATI HEARING EXAMINER OPPOSING THE REQUESTED VARIANCE AND URGING MCNICHOLAS HIGH SCHOOL TO CONSTRUCT THEIR SIGN IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ZONING CODE – MOTION SECONDED.

Discussion. VOTE: YES = 20, NO = 3.

### **New Business**

#### **NSP Budget Recommendation and Vote (Greg Landsman, NSP Manager)**

\$6800 Neighborhood Support Program grant from the City to MWCC. Preliminary budget proposed by the Board and posted on MWCC website and Facebook for review.

Proposed:

\$500 for scholarships for 6 students (3 girls, 3 boys) for summer learning from Sands, MW School, and GA (2 students from each school)

\$500 for plantings in front of the MW Library

\$3000 for Pumpkin Chuck - police, bands, supplies, permits, insurance

\$200 for storage unit for MWCC supplies and records (one-time expense)

\$1100 for insurance (Board of Directors, projects and events)

\$1500 for economic development market study/printing and business cards

Total: \$6800

Discussion and suggestions for projects.

MOTION MADE TO APPROVE THE NSP FUND BUDGET – SECONDED.

Discussion.

MOTION MADE TO AMEND PREVIOUS MOTION BY REDUCING PUMPKIN CHUCK FUNDING FROM \$3000 TO \$2000, TRANSFERRING \$1000 FROM PUMPKIN CHUCK TO BEAUTIFICATION – SECONDED.

VOTE TO AMEND MOTION TO APPROVE NSP BUDGET. YES = 30, NO = 1.

VOTE TO APPROVE AMENDED NSP BUDGET. YES = 32, NO = 1.

### **Mt. Washington Neighborhood Blitz Cleanup**

The City's Green Space Crew will be cleaning up neighborhood public right-of-way and City-owned green spaces. Please contact the MWCC at [info@mwcc.org](mailto:info@mwcc.org) to report litter, overhanging branches and overgrowth. A dumpster will be placed at the corner of MW Recreation Center lot on Tuesday, August 24 and will remain for one week for residents to get rid of items such as old furniture, TVs, electronics, building supplies, yard waste and assorted junk. Hazardous waste such as paint, paint thinner, lacquer and yard chemicals are not allowed. Tires are fine but must be placed next to the dumpster.

### **For the Good of the Order**

MWCC is enrolled in the Community Rewards Program through Kroger. Go to the Mt. Washington Community Council as your designated organization. Every time you use your Kroger Plus Card, they will make a contribution to the MWCC. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted by Beckie Kaminski for Danielle Necessary.