

## Mt. Washington Community Council Membership Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2015 Mt. Washington Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm, President Sue Doucleff presiding, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Board members present were Brian Fortin, Jody Pol, George Lehocky, Bill Holzman, Beckie Kaminski, Danielle Necessary, Kirk Kavanaugh. Excused absence: Greg Landsman

**Fire (Engine 7):** 138 EMS/fire calls. Majority of calls are EMS. Heroin overdoses continue to be a problem.

The Fire Department is encouraging citizens to report any suspicious activity around abandoned buildings and structures. Call 513-591-6000. New iPhone and Android app called FixItCincy.

**Police (P.O Butler, Sgt. Pompey):** See attached documents. Call 911 to report any suspicious activity or drug offenses. An additional ten officers have recently been redistributed to District 2, including Mt. Washington. There will also be walking patrols.

**CRC (Mandy Bello):** Fall hours in effect. Teens have been coming to the Rec Center on Friday evenings for teen programming. Great turn out as the program progresses.

MW Rec Center still has space in the after-school program. Program runs until 6 pm.

**President's Report (Sue Doucleff):** Introduction of Roz Fultz, Charlie Winburn's legislative assistant. Ms. Fultz has been attending MWCC meetings and continues to be available for questions from the Membership.

**Treasurer's Report (Kirk Kavanaugh):** Presentation of MWCC budget as of August 31. See attached.

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST FINANCIAL SUMMARY – MOTION APPROVED.

**Secretary's Report (Danielle Necessary):**

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MINUTES – MOTION APPROVED.

**Economic Development Committee (Brian Fortin, Chair):** Large project is currently the traffic study (\$30,000 grant). Goal is to increase economic development opportunities in Mt. Washington. Met with Martha Kelly, Curtis Hines and Jeff Stine with City of Cincinnati. Completed walking tour of NBD, identifying areas believed to be challenging for the neighborhood.

Continue to reach out to developers to understand their view points of Mt. Washington and discover what we can do better to "sell" the neighborhood. Core Resources, Kevin Wright with Walnut Hills, and the Port Authority are among those the EDC is reaching out to.

If you know of any successful businesses that are willing to expand, please contact Brian or the EDC. EDC is developing a marketing piece to go out to these businesses.

**Land Use and Zoning Committee (Jon Doucleff, Chair):** McNicholas HS sign variance request hearing on 9/16. Waiting for decision.

Scotty's Garage – orders written to cease auto repair in front of the building as per City's Zoning Code.

**Membership Committee (George Lehocky, Chair):** 2 renewals, 1 new membership.

MWCC is enrolled in the Community Rewards Program through Kroger. Go to <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>. Scroll through the non-profit organizations and choose

the Mount 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!

Sue Doucleff read from "Article III – Membership and Voting" from the MWCC Bylaws.

**NSP (Greg Landsman, Manager):** The 2015-16 proposed NSP budget for MWCC was submitted to the City and, pending a few changes, should be approved shortly after we present to the City's NSP Review Committee on September 30. Next month we will provide a detailed report on what was approved and the plan to implement the approved projects. This monthly NSP report will include details on the project and who from Mt. Washington is leading each piece of the work. We will also encourage residents, members or not, to bring their ideas each month to ensure the NSP discussion is robust and meaningful. Thanks to all those who have helped with current and future projects to strengthen our neighborhood.

**Citizens on Patrol (Bill Holzman):** Continues to be difficult recruiting new members. If you're interested in participating, contact Bill.

### **New Business**

**Run with the Knights 5K Run, Saturday, September 19 (Wendy O'Neal):** Registration for the race continues to grow. New initiative this year is the "Knight Lights" spectator participation program encouraging residents to cheer on race participants. Local churches and schools have been challenged to be the brightest "Knight Lights," to be voted on by the runners. Proceeds benefit the Mt. Washington School and the MWCURC.

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

Chris Watkins representing the Cincinnati Parks Levy - Issue 22. [VoteYeson22.com](http://VoteYeson22.com). Email [Citizensforparks@gmail.com](mailto:Citizensforparks@gmail.com) with any questions/comments/info on how to get involved.

Florence Parker with OKI Regional Council of Governments. OKI is the pass through for federal funds that come to this area for major transportation projects. OKI works to project transportation needs 20 to 30 years in advance. Ms. Parker will be visiting the MWCC in the future. Email questions, concerns, ideas to OKI.

Tom Brinkman, State Representative for our area. Voiced opposition to Issue 22. It is a permanent levy.

On Friday, September 18, the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition (HCHC) will launch its website – <http://injecthope.com> It will provide a wealth of information for learning about and combating the heroin epidemic.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Necessary.