

Mt. Washington Community Council Membership Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2015 Mt. Washington Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm, 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): 105 EMS runs/13 non-fire/4 fire runs.

Reminders for month of November - Change your batteries for Daylight Savings on Nov. 1. Check the date of your smoke detector. Recommend replacing after 10 years. Check for flame retardant costumes during Halloween season. Be careful of fire pits while trick-or-treating. Remember to stop, drop and roll.

Data re: heroin in 45230 zip code - 61 cases since January, 2015 of Narcan usage. Highest number in August - 12 cases; lowest number in September - 3 cases. Some may have been individual repeat cases.

Police (Officer Butler): 7 burglaries compared to 6 last year. 26 theft runs - 11 were theft from autos. 1 burglary arrest. 1 homicide - drug deal/robbery gone bad. Both suspects have been arrested and are awaiting trial. Increased police presence will continue for Mt. Washington and all of District 2. Gratitude was expressed from several members for the increased police presence and for Officer Butler.

Parks (Gia Giammarinaro): Deer culling - 2 at Stanbery, 2 at California Woods). Wildlife report - Owls in California Woods. Great Horned Owl population on ridge loop. Campfire on the Bluff at California Woods (campfire, s'mores, storytelling, night hike) - Friday, November 13 in the evening. Winter in the Woods - Friday, December 4. Both events are detailed on the website...cincinnatiiparks.com.

Guest - Vice Mayor David Mann: Introduced wife, Betsy, and Elise Daniel of his office. NSP Program, at his urging, has been increased from \$4800 to \$6800. Continues to work to increase those funds.

Also spoke about "Engage Cincy Grants" - \$50,000 set aside for 5 grants up to \$10,000 each for groups or individuals. Will be present at the Invest in Neighborhoods Annual Meeting on October 22. Deadline is December 1. <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/manager/engage-cincy/>

\$18 million dollar budget surplus. \$6 million to be divided among several projects. For instance, \$2 million will go to body cameras, \$2 million to increased computer quality and technology for police, \$200,000 to establish witness protection program.

Police/Fire recruit classes are in a much better state. Drug problems are a huge problem and source of violence in the city.

Parks Levy - financial support for City Parks system. Will produce \$5 million a year to help maintain and improve our parks.

Guest - Alex Linser (Sands Montessori LSDMC - Local School Decision Making Committee): Looking to fill three spots on Sand's LSDMC. Meets once a month (second Tuesday) at 4 p.m. at Sands. Group's bylaws require residents as members. One position needs to be filled by a member of the MWCC. Please contact Alex if interested.

President's Report (Sue Doucleff): Welcomed Florence Parker from OKI. Terrific resource for any regional transportation questions/concerns.

Treasurer's Report (Kirk Kavanaugh): Presentation of MWCC budget as of September 30. See attached.

MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MOTION APPROVED.

Secretary's Report (Danielle Necessary):

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Economic Development (Brian Fortin, Chair): Traffic Study is underway. You may have noticed the strips at various locations along Beechmont. EDC met Monday evening and focused on one particular intersection - Mears and Beechmont and Marathon property. Another meeting will be held in three weeks to review Traffic Study data up to that point. Met last week with Kevin Wright, Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation. Shared information of successes in Walnut Hills and successful pop-up events. Discussion of how to implement those strategies MW. Contacted Port Authority to see if they can possibly help Mt. Washington.

Land Use and Zoning (Jon Doucleff, Chair):

1. McNicholas HS sign variance request - hearing on 9/16. Decision - approved.
2. Scotty's Garage - orders written to cease auto repair in front of the building.
3. Valvoline closing on 10/31.
4. HealthSource - expansion plans. Discussion in progress.
5. Sutton Grove (1131 Deliquia) - assisted living conditional use. Waiting for decision.
6. Eastside Gym - new owner. Contact attempted.

Membership (George Lehocky, Chair): Encouraged our guests to become members.

NSP (Greg Landsman, Manager): The following report was shared in his absence:

MWCC NSP Progress Report....

On September 30, the City approved the MWCC NSP proposal.

Below are the projects in this year's NSP plan for MWCC and a contact person for each.

Beautification

Budget approved: \$1500
Summary: Landscaping at the library (\$967), community garden (\$531.40)
Contact(s): Jo Ann Kavanaugh, Emily Silvius

Pumpkin Chuck

Budget approved: \$2000
Summary: Park rental, bands, Happen Inc. performance, supplies
Contact: Jo Ann Kavanaugh

Storage Cabinet

Budget approved: \$200
Summary: Purchase of a storage cabinet to centralize MWCC files/supplies
Contact: Brian Fortin

Summer Camp Youth Registrations

Budget approved: \$500
Summary: Schools to select six kids to receive support for summer learning
Contact: Jo Ann Kavanaugh

Marketing

Budget approved: \$1500
Summary: Broad and strategic distribution of MW market/development study
Contact: Brian Fortin

Insurance

Budget approved: \$1100
Summary: General liability insurance and insurance for Directors and Officers
Contact: Kirk Kavanaugh (and then the new Treasurer)

Citizens on Patrol (Bill Holzman): Citizens on Patrol has been making the rounds around the community. Gratitude expressed for increased police presence. Good Guys Loitering has had a presence, as well, to help break up problem areas.

New Business

Pumpkin Chuck Update (Kirk Kavanaugh): Saturday, Nov. 7, 12-5pm. Five vendors, music, beer from Mt. Carmel, Pumpkin Olympics and flying pumpkins! Come join us.

Announcements/Upcoming Events

Veteran's Day Observance (American Legion Post 484) (Glenn Johnson): Nov. 11, 4:30-6:30pm. Keynote speaker is Congressman Brad Wenstrup. Close with firing by drill squad and chili dogs. Free steak dinner for veterans and a guest.

For the Good of the Order

Kurt Kissinger, Hamilton County Municipal Court judge - 513-946-5138 for inquiries to his office regarding cases. <http://keepjudgekissinger.com>

Shane Herzner, running for Hamilton County Municipal Court judge - 513-910-2196.
<http://www.herznerforjudge.com>

Kirk Kavanaugh, Deputy Director, Northern KY Office of Drug Control Policy - police and community resources, etc. on an evolving webpage to help address the heroin epidemic in our area.
www.injecthope.com

Marc Raab - spoke out against Issue 22. See Marc if you'd like a yard sign.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Necessary.