**Mt. Auburn Community Council**

**February 21, 2023**

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**Tonight’s Agenda**

1. **Call to Order and Moment of Silence** – 7:03 pm
2. **Safety Report (Officer Bower)** – There was one homicide last Wednesday – a young lady in the Malvern Apartments. The homicide division is leading the investigation on this, so unable say much now. More info later. Carol Gibbs said the people at Riddle House have video of the getaway car. Officer Bower said there is a plan to upgrade security around this section.

**Auto thefts still problematic**.  Police has been getting in touch with people in areas of auto thefts and asking for information and any available video. Also auto break ins are up. Most of cars being stolen or being broken into are Kias and Hyundais. Some insurance companies are refusing to insure certain years of those models. John Spencer said he said car stolen in his area by an actual tow truck. This happened on Walker Street about three weeks ago and they have video. Officer Bower will look into this and John will send his video to Officer Bower.

**Missing sign.** Carol Gibbs said there is a missing stop sign coming off Reading Road at Kinsey right and Highland Steet. Officer Bower said a service request will be put in.

**Traffic Blitz.** From January 30 to February 10, the police had a Traffic Blitz for the 5-district area which includes Mt. Auburn. They gave out 1,248 speeding tickets, 82 tickets for having no license. Total of all tickets for traffic-related offences was 1,577. These numbers are for all five districts (not Mt. Auburn specifically).

**October shooting.** Andy McLaughlin said he had given a report to the police about the October shooting on Walker Street. It involved fourteen 9mm shots, two vehicles shot, and people stealing stuff off people’s steps. No one contacted him back as they had promised. Office Bower will look into this.

1. **Special Guest Speakers and Presentations**
   1. **Uptown Rentals –** 248 William Howard Taft Road, student housing, market rate, there are enough parking spaces proportionally, will include co-working room, package facility, fitness room, clubroom, grilling area. The University has not to Patrice’s knowledge considered purchasing the building. Has any consideration been made to not making this exclusively student housing? People who are not students typically do not like four bedroom units. There will be a variety of housing units available. Asking for support of a conditional use for residential units on the first floor. John made a motion. Tami seconded.
2. **NSP Funds –** NSP Fund proposals. Lee proposed to receive funds to clean up Park Place. Christian woodchipper. Bamboo cutting. Lee asked about Five Points and the Christmas tree if we should be paying for a private business. Lee was reminded that the property is owned by the City and not privately held. Lee requested partial reimbursement for the usage of our area by the park residents and park users for $2,100. John Spencer made the motion to approve the list with $500 changed from MAGIC to Lee’s proposal, and moving Walker Street Public Garden money and $300 from newsletter to Bamboo cutting on Main Street Steps and Andy McLaughin seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor of approving the recommended use of NSP Funds.
   1. **Fig Alley –** Renaming of steps but it is not actually part of Mount Auburn.
3. **MACDC Report** – Family 4th of July picnic this year. Concerts starting on the first of June every Saturday. Dry Cleaner and Church being torn down soon. Probably end of April. 5 commercial outlets on first floor with 2 floors of apartments above it. Neyer holdings. Foto Focus building is under construction at foot of Sycamore Hill
4. **Board Report (Steve Gibbs)** –
5. **Previous Month’s Full Council Meeting Minutes** – No minutes
6. **Treasurer’s Report** – $9,909.28 at end of December. Bank balance as of today $1,703.13. Carol made a motion to send funds back to NSP. Alice seconded. AIG Money was funded in 2021 but no money was used so no funding was received in 2022.
7. **Old and Unfinished Business** – No old business
8. **New Business and Announcements –** No new business
9. **Adjournment** – Lee made a motion to adjourn and Carol seconded.
10. **New Business and Announcements** - December 16th coffee for Peete Alley opening and December 17th ride on Peete Alley. All are encouraged to attend. Reach out if you need to rent a bike.
11. **Adjournment** – Tami made a motion to adjourn and Carol seconded.