



MOUNT WASHINGTON
Mt. Washington Community Council

9/20/2023 Meeting Minutes

Jaime Castle called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Charlene Rondo led us in the pledge of allegiance.

A quorum of board members was present. Board members present included Jaime Castle, Kristina Kew, Priscilla Elgersma, Rick Meador, Michael Gray, Karen Luken (via Facebook) and Julie Rimer. Absent: Sophie Roberto.

Gary Noll made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Rick Meador seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Priscilla Elgersma made a motion to approve tonight's agenda, seconded by Matt Musselman, then approved by all.

Community Reports

Fire Company 7 on Sutton reported there were 154 fire/EMS runs in July and 133 fire/EMS runs in August. They reminded all that it is important to keep the clutter down in our homes since fires at the homes of hoarders are particularly bad fires.

Officer Jason Rice provided the most recent Neighborhood Crime Report. You can find the Mt. Washington Neighborhood Crime Report at this link: <https://cpdmobile.cincinnati-oh.gov/Neighborhoods/Reports/D2/MountWashington.pfg>

On the back of the crime report, Jason added a page of suggestions on how to deter criminals, what not to leave in your car, and a list of criminals' methods.

Jason Richards, director of the Mt. Washington Recreation Center, stated the Mt. Washington Rec Center is holding a "Trunk or Treat" event on Tuesday, October 24 from 6:30-7:30pm where Halloween candy will be passed out. The rec center is looking for companies and individuals who would like to participate. Set-up begins at 5:45pm. Please contact Jason if you would like to participate at Jason.richards@cincinnati-oh.gov.

The MWCURC (Mt. Washington Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation) hosts its next spaghetti dinner on October 7. The dinner goes from 4pm to 7pm and carryout is always available. Proceeds from these dinners pay for the lighting of the water tower and pay for beautification of the business district. Volunteers are always needed to help with the spaghetti dinner and they qualify for a free spaghetti dinner. If you can help, please contact Bob Wetterer by email at bwetterer@comey.com or call or text him at 513-884-8326.

Priscilla Elgersma gave an update on activities at Stanbery Park. Friday night films are continuing in September. This Friday, September 22, SPAC will be showing "The Little Mermaid." The movie will start at dusk, around 7:45pm. On Friday, September 29, SPAC will be showing "Spider Man: Across the Spider-Verse" at about 7:20pm. The Pumpkin Chuck will be held on Saturday, November 4.

Rick Meador of Mt. Washington Cares said the next DEA drug takeback event will occur on October 28 at HealthSource, 6131 Campus Lane, from 10am to 2pm. Rick stated 931 pounds of drugs have been collected since the program began and he hopes to top 1000 pounds this October.

Glenn Johnson, drill sergeant for the American Legion Post 484, spoke about an upcoming get-together for veterans. Glenn will be the keynote speaker at the event. The details are not finalized yet, but Glenn will update us at the next MWCC meeting.

General Business

NSP Postcard Update: Rick Meador let us know that the NSP funded postcard that gives residents information about October through December Mt. Washington events was mailed today. Rick brought the postcards to the meeting so that anyone who would like one could take one. Rick thanked Jim Tucker who designed the front of the postcard, Sophie Roberto who designed the back, and Karen Luken for keeping him sane.

Pumpkin Chuck Update: Priscilla Elgersma gave an update on the Pumpkin Chuck planning. The permitting process is nearing completion. The food vendors are being secured and the entertainment is being finalized. Volunteers are needed for both the planning and to help with the day of the event. The next Pumpkin Chuck planning meeting will be held on September 28 at 6pm at the Kyle Plush Pavilion in Stanbery Park.

Guest Speaker: Dominica Brantley of the Cincinnati Public Schools' College, Career and Community Resource Center was our guest speaker. Dominica said the organization is about one year old since it was a new district initiative that began on August 22, 2022. The organization works with high school seniors as they transition from high school to college, a certificate program, the military, or a job. They help students progress in their chosen pathway. They will even work with students who have graduated, but still need help. The organization has visited all Cincinnati public schools and representatives are now going out to introduce themselves to community councils to ensure all know about this resource. You can find out more about them at this link: <https://www.cps-k12.org/domain/1815>

Judge Curt Kissinger introduced himself. Judge Kissinger was appointed to Hamilton County's Municipal Court, District 4, in February 2015 and was elected to retain the seat in November 2015 and again in November 2017. As a judge, Curt Kissinger brings 25 years of courtroom experience as a prosecutor, civil and criminal litigation attorney and, most recently, Administrator of the Hamilton County Juvenile Court.

He is one of two judges who has a mental health docket, helping citizens with mental health issues function better in society. Judge Kissinger would appreciate your vote in the upcoming November 7 election.

Jaime Castle reminded all of the upcoming November 7 election in which all Cincinnati City Council members will be on the ballot. There will also be several issues on the ballot, including the reproductive rights issue and the railroad sale issue. Kristina Kew reminded all that you must have a valid, non-expired photo ID to vote. The deadline to register to vote is October 10. You can read about valid types of voter identification at this link: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/id-requirements/>

Treasurer's Report: Kristina Kew gave the treasurer's report. Rick Meador made a motion to approve it, seconded by Priscilla Elgersma, and approved by all members.

Announcements/Upcoming Events: None were noted.

Good of the Order: Jaime Castle thanked Karen Luken for all she has done to secure donations for the Pumpkin Chuck. Karen Luken has secured enough donations that, even if we are rained out, we will not lose money on the event. Julie Rimer thanked Rick Meador for all he did to produce the fall postcard.

Adjournment: Michael Gray made a motion, Priscilla Elgersma seconded it, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rimer

MWCC Secretary