



**MOUNT WASHINGTON**  
**Mt. Washington Community Council**

10/18/2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Gary Noll 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, and Julie Rimer. Absent: Sophie Roberto and Karen Luken.

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

Julie Rimer made a motion to approve tonight's agenda, seconded by Kristina Kew, then approved by all.

**Community Reports**

Fire Company 7 on Sutton wasn't present which occasionally happens because they are on fire/EMS runs.

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.pdf>  
Attached to the crime report, Jason added information on avoiding scams.

Nikki Marksberry, Resource Coordinator of Mt. Washington School, invited all to The Mt. Washington School Foundation fundraiser that will be held on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8:00pm at Big Ash Brewing. Live entertainment will be provided by CPS School Board Member Mike Moroski. Profits raised pay for things like the cost of buses for field trips. Tickets are \$40. You can learn more and purchase tickets at <https://mtwashingtonschoolfoundation.com/> Also, keep an eye out for a newly landscaped area of the school property.

The Sands Montessori representative was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

Jason Richards, director of the Mt. Washington Recreation Center, stated the Mt. Washington Rec Center is holding a "Trunk or Treat" event next Tuesday, October 24 from 6:30-7:30pm where Halloween candy

will be passed out. The rec center welcomes companies and individuals who would like to participate. Set-up for those distributing candy begins at 5:45pm. Please contact Jason if you would like to participate at [Jason.richards@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:Jason.richards@cincinnati-oh.gov).

The MWCURC (Mt. Washington Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation) needs volunteers for its Holiday Walk on November 25. They need volunteers for the Santa parade. Volunteers will walk through the streets singing Christmas carols, ideally in costume. If you play an instrument, that would be welcome. General volunteers are needed as well. If you can help, please contact Bob Wetterer by email at [bwetterer@comey.com](mailto:bwetterer@comey.com) or call or text him at 513-884-8326.

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. This is an opportunity to clean your medicine cabinet of prescription drugs you won't be using and have them disposed of responsibly. Rick Meador and Officer Rice will be working the event, but they welcome additional volunteers. The Hamilton County Public Health Department will be passing out free Narcan kits and Fentanyl test strips at the event.

Glenn Johnson, drill sergeant for the American Legion Post 484, spoke about an upcoming get-together for veterans that will be held on Thursday, October 19. Veterans will be entitled to a free steak or BBQ dinner at 5pm. All are welcome to the 7pm program at which Glenn will be the keynote speaker for the event and will be discussing the Preamble to the United States Constitution.

Priscilla Elgersma gave an update on Pumpkin Chuck planning and thanked all who have helped. The Pumpkin Chuck will be held on Saturday, November 4, from noon to 5pm. All permits have been filed and the entertainment and food vendors are secured; the trebuchets are ready. Jim Tucker has been designing some wonderful Pumpkin Chuck targets. Volunteers are needed and can sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A44A9AB23A5F58-45312195-2023>

### **General Business**

Guest Speaker: Samantha Silverstein is running for Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge. She currently serves as a director of the Law Office of the Hamilton County Public Defender. Samantha has also been a clinical professor at University of Cincinnati College of Law since 2017, where she has run the Domestic Violence Legal Clinic and the Indigent Defense Clinic. She described her "Smart Justice Plan," measures she would pursue if elected. They include the need for a domestic violence court, the need to find better alternatives to evictions, and the need for updated technology in the court system. Some of Samantha's endorsements include endorsements by the Hamilton County Democratic Party, Senator Sherrod Brown, and Planned Parenthood. You can read more about Samantha at this link: <https://electsamanthaforjudge.com/>

Jaime 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. Jaime said useful information on the upcoming election can be found at the League of Women Voters website at this link: <https://my.lwv.org/ohio/cincinnati-area>

Treasurer's Report: Kristina Kew gave the treasurer's report. Kristina Kew and Michael Gray will be meeting on Monday, October 23, to plan next year's MWCC budget. Michael Gray made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Priscilla Elgersma, and approved by all members.

Announcements/Upcoming Events: Jack Diesel, a former city inspector and resident on Sturdy Avenue, described the large delivery trucks that are creating ruts on his street and asked if the community council can help in any way.

Good of the Order: Jaime Castle thanked Teddy Morgan-Jablonski, for being interested in running for the MWCC board in January 2024.

Adjournment: Priscilla Elgersma made a motion, Gary Noll seconded it, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rimer

MWCC Secretary