



## **Mt. Washington Community Council**

### **Board Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2024, 7pm**

#### **Welcome and Call to Order**

A meeting of the MWCC board was held via Zoom link on this day. Jaime Castle called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

#### **Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**

Board members in attendance were Jaime Castle, Karen Luken, Priscilla Elgersma, Kristina Kew, Rick Meador, Michael Gray, and Julie Rimer. Jack Diesel tried to join in but had technical difficulties. Margeaux Selig was attending another meeting.

#### **Adoption of the Agenda**

Julie made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, Priscilla seconded, and the meeting agenda was adopted.

#### **Reading of and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting**

Karen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Michael seconded, and the minutes were approved.

#### **New Business**

**NSP:** Karen updated us on NSP project requests received to-date from Jim Tucker, MWCURC, and Stanbery Park. Karen explained each project proposal needs to stand alone so that the membership can vote on each project individually using the rubric Jaime provided. Karen also said it is legitimate to include the labor costs of a contractor in a project proposal. Karen has asked each project proponent to finalize the details of the request by Monday, March 11.

**Street project request protocol:** Community trash cleanup: Having dumpsters at the rec center for people to bring trash was a popular program in 2022. MWCC paid \$1300 to Rumpke for this program. There was a big need for this in 2022 because the City of Cincinnati was behind on large item pickups due to Covid. There may be less of a need for it now since the City of Cincinnati is not behind on large item pickups.

Margeaux is willing to organize a community trash cleanup for Mt. Washington. She is at a relevant meeting tonight and will update us on what she learns.

**Food vendor fees:** We received the last of the food vendor fees for last year's Pumpkin Chuck.

**Communication protocol and website language:** We discussed clarifying on the MWCC website where residents should go to seek help with requests. For example, the city's 311 program may be a more appropriate place to request certain services than via a letter of support from the MWCC.

For those instances in which a letter of support from the MWCC is appropriate, we need to add a section to our MWCC website with information about the process of engagement and timeline for obtaining a letter of approval. To that end, Priscilla will draft a request sheet for applicants to fill out.

**Green Seeds Grant:** We briefly discussed the Green Seeds Grant opportunity. We will tell the membership about this grant at the March 20 meeting. Due to time constraints tonight, we did not discuss ideas for this grant.

**Draft of membership agenda for the 3/20 meeting:** Jaime reviewed the draft of the membership agenda for the upcoming 3/20 membership meeting.

### **Unfinished/Current Business**

**Pumpkin Chuck duties and timeline:** Priscilla is working with Margeaux, Deb Lopez and Gary Noll on the early Pumpkin Chuck planning. Soon, Priscilla will set up a regular meeting day/time for Pumpkin Chuck planning meetings and will call for additional volunteers.

**Alternatives to Postcard Mailing:** Rick discussed less costly alternatives to a postcard mailing. We could add a community events page to our MWCC website. At the last membership meeting, Margeaux suggested hanging flyers in local businesses with QR codes that would provide the same kind of community events the postcard provided at a much lower cost. Rick also suggested banners with QR codes could also be placed in strategic locations in Mt. Washington. Rick estimated all of this could be done for under \$1000. Keeping the community apprised of events will hopefully increase participation levels.

**Announcements/Upcoming Events:** No announcements/upcoming events were noted.

### **Good of the Order**

Jaime thanked Julie for returning a bike to a boy who had an accident while riding it last week.

### **Adjournment**

Julie made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rimer  
MWCC Secretary