Mt. Washington Community Council
Board Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2025, 7PM

Call to Order

A meeting of the MWCC board was held in the Stanbery Park Pavilion. Priscilla Elgersma called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

All board members were in attendance with the exception of Jack Diesel: Gary Noll, Priscilla Elgersma, Julie Rimer, Jon Young, Margeaux Selig, Brian Zeschke, Rick Meador, and Teddy Morgan-Jablonski.

Approval of August's Board Meeting Minutes

Gary made a motion to approve the minutes of the August board meeting, seconded by Margeaux, and approved by all.

Approval of Tonight's Agenda

Teddy made a motion to approve tonight's agenda, seconded by Priscilla, and approved by all.

Treasurer Update

Jon provided the treasurer's report. He discussed the anticipated remaining spending in 2025 and brought up the need to discuss splitting the profits of the Pumpkin Chuck between MWCC and SPAC with the membership, as was done last year. To split the profits, a resolution must come from the membership.

NSP Update

Rick stated that Bob Wetterer has paid Must Landscaping, the company the provides the cleanup of the business district, an amount significantly above what the NSP projection was for two cleanups. Rick has hired Marc Raab to do a final cleanup of the business district. In order to pay Marc an adequate amount for cleaning up the business district, Rick said we can take the $1240 that is categorized as tower lights under business district maintenance and add it to the $473.50 that is left for a third Must Landscaping cleanup. At our next board meeting, we must decide if we want to use this $473.50 for more landscaping maintenance or do an informal variance, moving the $473.50 to the Community Events category to help cover Pumpkin Chuck expenses that are coming in over budget.

Rick stated that MWCC should negotiate directly with whoever will do the business cleanup in the future. Otherwise, there are too many NSP informal variances. Rick believes the whole NSP process needs to be backed up. Currently, officers are elected in February and the first NSP meeting is in March. He said that does not allow enough time for accurate NSP projections and he believes we must start making plans now for 2026 NSP projects. This will help us hit our number. Jon will help Rick with NSP financial updates and documentation.

Woodland Animal Art

Priscilla has arranged for the disposition of all five woodland animal figures that Jim Tucker created with 2024 NSP funds. Two figures will go to Mt. Washington School, two to Sands Montessori, and the large deer will be erected on Teddy's property, where it is likely to be safer from vandalism than other locations. Priscilla has talked with Jim Tucker about delivering and installing the figures.

Guest speakers for General Meeting: Kevin Farmer, Cincinnati Community Council candidate

NBDIP CDC Grant: Priscilla will send an email request asking that a member of the CDC come to the September membership meeting to go over the NBDIP safety grant regarding the intersection of Beechmont, Mears and Morrow.

Update on Belmar Senior Housing Project: Elmdale, Wasigo, and Ranchvale Residents requested an update on the Sieber Senior Housing Project. Priscilla will ask Mike Sieber to attend the September meeting to give an update to the membership.

DOTE Speaker: Julie will contact the DOTE to get a speaker at an upcoming meeting to explain any changes being considered at the intersection of Beechmont, Mears and Morrow and at 5455 Beechmont, the proposed Sieber senior housing development. Priscilla Elgersma stated the CDC and the city must be more proactive when applying for grants and initiating other projects in Mt. Washington so that the organizations can work together with the MWCC and the residents. It is not fair to the community council to keep being put in the middle due to the CDC and the city failing to engage/update the community. We can no longer be finding out after the fact.

Traffic Calming at Beechmont between Mears and Berkshire: Julie is awaiting letters of support that are being collected by Joann Kavanaugh and Rob Hayes to make this request to the DOTE by the September 30 deadline.

2026 Mount Washington Comprehensive Plan: Priscilla has requested an update from Jesse Urbancsik, City of Cincinnati City Planner, in charge of the 2026 Mt. Washington Comprehensive Plan. In the April 2025 MWCC membership meeting, Jesse stated the kickoff for the revamped comprehensive plan would probably occur late this summer with a 20-person steering committee. Has anything happened? Who is on that committee? Jesse stated he wants people of color, seniors, and renters to participate.

Event updates: Pumpkin Chuck (Margeaux): $1500 in sponsorship and two confirmed food trucks. Cemetery tour (Julie): Board okayed paying some of the NSP costume rental grant to Anderson Township Historical Society since ATHS is supplying the costumes for two reenactors. At Rick's suggestion, Julie will ask the ATHS director, Melanie Woodworth, to write up these rentals in an invoice. Holiday Market: Teddy has contacted schools and churches to ask for their participation. We discussed the need for a portable toilet for the event.

Adjourn

Margeaux made a motion to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Rimer

Secretary