MOUNT WASHINGTON
Mt. Washington Community Council

September 17, 2025, 7pm
Mt. Washington Rec Center

I. **Welcome and Call to Order** Priscilla Elgersma called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance** Gary Noll led us in the pledge of allegiance.

III. **Roll Call** All board members were present except Teddy Morgan-Jablonski: Jack Diesel, Margeaux Selig, Brian Zeschke, Jon Young, Gary Noll, Julie Rimer, Priscilla Elgersma, and Rick Meador.

IV. **Approval of the Last Meeting's Minutes** Brian Zeschke made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2025 membership meeting, seconded by Gary Noll, and approved by all.

V. **Adoption of the Agenda** Barb Sliter made a motion to approve tonight's agenda, seconded by Margeaux Selig, then approved by all.

VI. **Approval of Treasurer's Report and NSP Update and Planning for 2026:** Jon Young gave the treasurer's report. Julie Rimer made a motion to approve it, seconded by Gary Noll, then approved by all.

Rick Meador, NSP Manager: Rick asked the membership to start defining NSP projects now so that we can know what the projects will be by November 2025. Also, by that timing, determine who the providers of the services will be so that we can figure out the costs. Marc Raab has cleaned up the business district, taking over after Must Landscaping did two cleanups.

**VII. Community Reports**

A. First Responders: Neighborhood Liaison Officer, Officer Martin, shared the monthly crime report and clarified that some information written by residents online about the police has been inaccurate. District 2 Commander, Dennis Swingley, and Homicide Investigations Lieutenant, Jennifer Mitsch, explained the circumstances of the recent shootings on Beacon.

B. Schools: Mt. Washington School Nikki Marksberry said they are offering early education resources and various programs throughout the year to children younger than 5 (infants, toddlers). There will be a petting zoo from 10:30am to noon on Saturdays. Please go to the Mt. Washington School Facebook page to see upcoming events and information.

Sands Montessori: There is no one here tonight from Sands Montessori.

C. Cincinnati Recreation Center: Jason Richards said the rec center hosts a few Esports on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30pm-5:30pm. The rec center is offering a preschool tumbling program for children aged 3-5 years old. If you would like to participate in Trunk or Treat, it will take place at the rec center on Oct. 28, starting at 6pm. Participants will buy candy and have about 1.5 hours to pass it out. The rec center will again have a luminary event. The event will take place on December 14 with more information to follow soon.

D. Mt. Washington Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation is changing the tower lights in recognition of breast cancer. Mt. Washington will be getting new recycling cans. The next spaghetti dinner will be held on September 20 at the Mt. Washington United Methodist Church for $10 per person.

E. Mt. Washington Community Development Corporation's Jim Tucker stated Mike Sieber will be speaking tonight about the CDC/Sieber senior housing project. Jim stated there will be a web page on the MWCDC website addressing the status of their major projects by the end of the month.

F. The Stanbery Park Advisory Council's President, Marc Raab, stated there was a great turnout for Shakespeare in the Park. This Friday, the park will show the movie, Lilo and Stitch, at 7:45pm. Jurassic World Rebirth will be shown the following Friday. The Pumpkin Chuck will take place on November 1.

SPAC is going to start engaging with Explore Nature, the educational wing of Cincinnati Parks, for some family and adult programming. There will be a program on singing insects next August, and in September, a creek walk to look for fossils. SPAC will set up a table at 5:30pm at the October MWCC meeting to ask for input and listen to ideas on educational and entertainment programming, and to hear any complaints.

Julie Rimer made a motion to, after all costs are covered, divide the profits of the Pumpkin Chuck between SPAC and MWCC. Matt Muscleman seconded the motion. All were in favor with the exception of two opposed.

American Legion Post 484 will host a good band this Thursday, Sept 25.

**VIII. General Business:**

A. Guest speaker: Cincinnati City Council Candidate Kevin Farmer was absent.

B. Cincinnati City Council Member Anna Albi spoke about sidewalks and violence. She explained that the city cannot pass any gun legislation. That is done at the state level. Anna has introduced an outof-home gun storage program where your gun is stored with the CPD for free for up to 6 months. Anna said advocates from Women Helping Women can respond to domestic violence crises. The city has made a big investment in surveillance cameras. The Cincinnati Police Department is now using a "Drones as First Responders" program to provide officers with aerial visibility of a scene before they

arrive. Anna said she is working to bring groceries into neighborhoods with crime/violence and is pushing for a $100K pilot program to help needy neighborhoods fix their sidewalks.

C. Update on Sieber Senior Housing Project at 5455 Beechmont: Mike Sieber stated that Sieber can obtain more right-of-way from the city for this project. Sieber's architect was given the go-ahead on August 22. Sieber is willing to share more in October when they have the site plan. Priscilla asked Mike if the CDC could explore getting a grant for a retaining wall to allay the neighbors' concerns about landslides. Jake Sieber said they do not know if a retaining wall is needed. He stated Sieber will not be meeting with city planning before the October MWCC meeting.

Jesse Urbancsik, City of Cincinnati City Planner, stated there will be a geotechnical requirement by the city for this development. All city departments have to approve the plans before they go to city planning. The community council and property owners within 400 feet will be notified of that public meeting.

D. 2026 Mt. Washington Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan: Jesse Urbancsik, City of Cincinnati City Planner, stated Sophia will be an assistant project manager on this plan He is forming the steering committee to help make sure everyone's voices are heard. The steering committee will have 20-25 people. There will be opportunities for residents to join future sub-committees.

**IX. Announcements/Upcoming Events**

Cemetery Tour (Julie Rimer): The Mt. Washington Cemetery
will host two historical reenactment tours on Sunday,
September 28, at 1pm and 4pm.
Pumpkin Chuck (Margeaux Selig): The Pumpkin Chuck will take place on November 1. Donations are coming in.
Holiday Market (Teddy Morgan-Jablonski): The Holiday Market will take place on November 22, 4pm-8pm, in the business district's parking lot. Emmy, owner of the Potted Palm, is helping to organize vendors,

**X. Good of the Order**

The membership thanked Marc Raab for the care of the business district. Priscilla Elgersma thanked Julie Rimer and Margeaux Selig for joining her in the recent dragon boat race.

**XI. Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Rimer
MWCC Secretary