MOUNT WASHINGTON

Mt. Washington Community Council

Mt. Washington Community Council Membership Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2026, 7pm

Mt. Washington Recreation Center

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I. **Welcome and Call to Order**
   A. Julie Rimer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
II. **Roll Call**
   A. Board members in attendance: Leeanne Karpacs, Nick Gomez-Kling, Jack Diesel, Teddy Morgan-Jablonski, Gary Noll, Margeaux Selig, Julie Rimer, and Brian Zesche. Jon Young was absent.
III. **Approval of the February 2026 Meeting Minutes**
   A. Motion to accept February 2026 meeting minutes - Jack Diesel, second - Robert Luce, no objections
IV. **Adoption of the Agenda**
   A. Motion to adopt agenda - Nick Gomez-Kling, second - Gary Noll, no objections
V. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   A. Led by Gary Noll
VI. **Approval of Treasurer's Report - Julie**
   A. Motion to approve - Matt Muscleman, second - Nikki Marksberry
VII. **Community Reports**
   A. First Responders: Neighborhood Liaison Officer - Sergeant Sellers
      1. Sergeant Sellers reviewed the Mount Washington Crime Report which can be found here: https://cpdmobile.cincinnati-oh.gov/Neighborhoods/Reports/D2/MOUNT_WASHINGTON.pdf
      2. There will be increased police visibility in the park as the weather warms up.
      3. Sergeant Sellers asks that SPAC inform the police about the summer movie schedule so they can make arrangements.
   B. Mt. Washington - Nikki Marksberry
      a) Thanks for coming to Annie! They made $762 on ticket sales.
      b) School Carnival will be on May 15, 5-7 pm. It is free and open to the public.
      c) There will be a grown ups vs students kick ball game after the carnival.

C. Sands Montessori - Marcella Lamb
    a) School Carnival will be April 18th
    b) Partnership with Aronoff is working out well!
    c) Looking for partners to help do something special for 6th graders, asking for donations of $300 each, and volunteers. Please call Sands to connect with Marcy about donating/volunteering.

D. CRC (Cincinnati Recreation Center) - Jason Richards
    1. Spots still available for pre-school aged children's summer program.
    2. Egg hunt at Stanbery Park on March 28th, 10am-11:30am
    3. Last meeting with us, being transferred to Bond Hill

E. MWCURC (Mount Washington Community Urban Redevelopment Corp) - Bob Wetterer
    1. The next spaghetti dinner will be at Mount Washington Methodist Church on March 28th, 4-7pm.
    2. The cost of membership to the CURC is $90 a year or $150 for two years.

F. MWCDC (Mount Washington Community Development Corp) - Frank Busofsky
    1. The MWCDC will continue to come to the MWCC meetings every month and will be rotating different board members each month.
    2. Submitting NBDIP grant to spruce up Tom Roth Alley
        a) The grant proposal will include new low maintenance planters, possibly a community art project, and new lights to brighten the alley up at night for safety and security.
        b) Julie requested that the CDC engage with residents at all MWCC meetings.
        c) There was a discussion where community members suggested ideas for Tom Roth Alley as well as projects that they would want the CDC to work on including:
            (1) Suggestion to reach out to Roth Family and get a letter of support.
            (2) More seating and pedestrian friendly areas in NBD would be nice and is requested by many. Bar stool type tables, cafe style tables
            (3) They need water access at the MW welcome sign to water plants
            (4) Median on Beechmont hill needs maintenance
            (5) People want to know how they can advocate for more services to help neighbors experiencing homelessness and drug addiction issues
    3. There is a tenant in place for the Beer and Ice Building. The MWCDC can't name them yet, but they are looking to open up this spring.
    4. No updates for the Belmar project. They are waiting on the City to work out land issues with the new trail.
        a) Community members asked for assurances that it will be affordable senior housing.

b) Community members asked about the stability of the hill behind the project. The developers are working through the development process to make sure the hill is safe. The city has to approve everything before anything can be built. It is not within the Cincinnati Hillside district.
c) Community members asked for an update at every MWCC meeting.

5. The CDC is not involved with the private Dunkin' business.
6. The MWCDC is a non-profit organization and not a public organization. They do not have public meetings.

G. SEM - Charlie Gentry
1. SEM has been open since 1982. People can come and get food every 30 days.

H. SPAC (Stanbery Park Advisory Council) - Priscilla Elgersma
1. Easter egg hunt will be Saturday, March 28, 10-11:30am
2. There are currently many downed trees because of the storms. Please be careful
3. They need volunteers - contact SPAC through social media.
4. They have a full summer of programming planned. Stanbery Park has an F8 permit this summer. Alcohol will be served at some events.

I. American Legion Post 484 - Rick Meador
1. There are 3 fish fry events left. They are held on Fridays, 4:30-8pm
2. The Drug Take Back event will be April 25, 10-2pm. This will be the 10th year. They have collected over 1,000 pounds of drugs over 10 years. This event will be held in the HealthSource parking lot. CPD takes drugs and they are incinerated.

J. Library - Paul Burch
1. Almost 1,000 people came to grand opening
2. This Saturday at 2:00pm an Irish band is playing at the library for free.

VIII. General Business

A. 2026 Mount Washington Neighborhood Plan Update - Julie on behalf of Sophia Ferries-Rowe
1. There are paper surveys available . Please fill out and return to the library.
2. Update from Nikki Marksberry
a) The preliminary survey is open until March 31st. Printed copies can be found at the rec center and library.
b) The Miro board is available
c) People interested in being involved can volunteer to be a member of the working groups. They will be meeting April through the fall. A sign-up sheet was available at the entry table.

B. Pledge of Allegiance - Should MWCC general membership meetings continue to say the pledge at every meeting? - Julie
1. There was no discussion.

2. Motion to have pledge recited before the meeting is called to order - Priscilla, second, Gary Noll. 1 opposed, 1 abstained.

C. 2026 NSP Proposal and Vote - Leeanne

Project	Amount
Drug Take Back Event/Community Clean-Up-Dumpster	$410.00
Banners for Business District	$7,956.00
(4) Sidewalk Art Programs provided by Greg Courtney	$1,300.00
Total	$9,666.00

1. The NSP Proposal was on the agenda and is below.

2. Everyone can vote on NSP. You do not have to be a dues paying member of the MWCC, but you do have to be a resident of MW.
3. Sidewalk Art Program Discussion - Greg Courtney
    a) Children draw animals and characters, then paint in tempera paint to help the art to last longer with guidance and assistance from Greg. There would be four events around the community. Possible locations are the park, library, cemetery sidewalk, and rec center.
4. Motion to accept 2026 NSP budget as presented - Priscilla Elgersma, second Bob Wetterer, no objections, all accepted (39)

IX. **Announcements/Upcoming Events**

A. New event series - MW Meet Your Neighbor - Nick Gomez-Kling
    1. First one will be at Watertower Wines on April 23, 6-8 pm. Wine by the glass will be sold.

II. Good of the Order

A. MWCC always has a great turn out!

III. Adjournment: 7:59pm

A. Motion - Nick Gomez-Kling

Respectfully submitted,
Teddy Morgan-Jablonski
Secretary