MOUNT WASHINGTON

Mt. Washington Community Council

Mt. Washington Community Council Membership Meeting

January 21, 2026, 7pm

Mt. Washington Recreation Center

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

II. Mt. Washington School Chorus and Pledge of Allegiance

Principal Maureen Brenner thanked the community for their support; the chorus performed a variety of songs; there will be a chorus performance at the school on March 6 and 7. The students led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Board members in attendance were Priscilla Elgersma, Rick Meador, Jon Young, Teddy Morgan-Jablonski, Gary Noll, Margeaux Selig, Julie Rimer, and Brian Zesche. Jack Diesel was absent.

IV. Approval of the November 2025 Meeting Minutes Gary Noll made a motion to approve the November membership meeting minutes, seconded by Brian Zesche, then approved by all.

V. Adoption of the Agenda Brian Zesche made a motion to approve tonight's agenda, seconded by Nikki Marksberry, then approved by all.

VI. Approval of Treasurer's Report Jon Young presented the treasurer's report. Rick Meador made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Margeaux Selig, then approved by all.

VII. Community Reports

A. First Responders: Neighborhood Liaison Officer Wendy Martin reviewed the Mt. Washington Neighborhood Crime Report which can be found at this link:

https://cpdmobile.cincinnatioh.gov/Neighborhoods/Reports/D2/MOUNT_WASHINGTON.pdf

B. Guest speaker: State Rep. Ashley Bryant Bailey
State Representative Ashley Bryant Bailey was appointed to office in October 2025. She reviewed an array of projects on which she has been working. She is sending out a monthly newsletter to update constituents on her activities.

C. Schools: Mt. Washington School and Sands Montessori

Nikki Marksberry spoke for Mt. Washington School and suggested we follow the school's Facebook page for such things as an upcoming basketball tournament, early childhood classes, and a penguin coming to the school. Sands Montessori: There was not a representative here tonight.

D. CRC (Cincinnati Recreation Center): Jason Richards stated the gym floor has been resurfaced. Summer day camp priority registration begins February 2; open registration begins February 9. There will also be a summer preschool program this summer for which registration also begins on February 2. If you know someone eighteen and older, the rec center will be hiring for these summer programs.

E. MWCURC (Community Urban Redevelopment Corp): The spaghetti dinner is this Saturday, January 24. If interested in the July 4th parade, please contact Bob Wetterer.

MWCDC (Community Development Corp): Katy Stefani thanked people for the success of the holiday business market and thanked the people who helped put it on. She said they will be putting the event on again in 2026.

SPAC (Stanbery Park Advisory Council): Marc Raab stated the park got an F8

liquor report for 2026. It is a permit that allows beer, wine, and seltzer at events. SPAC is brainstorming appropriate events at which they could use this permit. SPAC is holding their next meeting on Thursday, 1/29, at 6pm at the rec center.

F. American Legion Post 484: Rick Meador stated there were no updates.

G. Paul Burch stated the Mt. Washington Library will host a grand reopening on 2/14.

VIII. General Business:

A. New Directors Election for MWCC Board (three-year term). There are three open positions. You must have attended a minimum of two meetings during 2025 and be a member of the MWCC to run. Seven candidates were on the slate. The newly elected directors are Leeanne Karpacs, Nick Gomez-Kling, and Julie Rimer.

B. 2026 Mt. Washington Comprehensive Plan Update: Sophia Ferries-Rowe, city planner, will be taking over leading the Mt. Washington Comprehensive Plan since Jesse Urbancsik is moving to the Buildings and Inspections Department. Sophia introduced Emily Silvius, Steering Committee chair for the plan. There have been three steering committee meetings to date. There will be a kick-off event on Saturday, February 21, from 2pm to 4pm, at the Mt. Washington School. This will be the first of many opportunities for the community to provide input. The purpose of this get-together is to capture community members' broad visions for the community.

IX. Announcements/Upcoming Events

Members had questions about the Belmar senior housing development. Mike Sieber declined to comment tonight but stated he would be willing to answer questions at an upcoming meeting.

Rick Meador stated the Prescription Drug Takeback Event will be on April 25.

X. Good of the Order

This is Priscilla's last meeting as president of the MWCC before her term ends. She had some advice for the board: The most important thing you can do is to engage with the community. You must educate yourselves and your community and advocate for the community. She wished everyone the best going forward.

Julie Rimer thanked Priscilla Elgersma for being an incredible mentor.

Margeaux Selig added Julie, Priscilla, and Rick to the Dotty Reif Community Service Award plaque.

XI. Adjournment: Jim Tucker made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Rimer
MWCC Secretary

NSP Project Suggestions:

You must be willing to spearhead and see through to completion any project you suggest.

Helpful information:
Neighborhood Support Program – The community council can apply for $9,666 in NSP funds in 2026. Ideas for projects should be submitted to Mt. Washington Community Council's email address: info@mwcc.org.
Please include:
Your name (and organization if applicable):
Contact Information:
The amount requested:
Date(s) of the project:
Estimated amount of outside money that will be used and from what source: Estimated volunteer hours:
Summary of the project:
How this will enhance the quality of life in Mt. Washington:

The projects will be voted on at the March 18 membership meeting.