**MACA Minutes July 7, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim McCarty at 7 pm in the HCI community room to over 60 people. Jim thanked the crowd for coming because the more people who participate in our neighborhood, the better we are. It takes people working together to get things accomplished. As a community, we have been through many issues in the past years – the pool closing threat, bar problems five years ago (solved by all parties working together), zoning issues many times. Jim thanked the police for working with the rowdy crowd solution, bar owners,Towne properties, and all neighbors interested in this situation. Jim delineated what has been done so far. The police and owners have been meeting weekly. They have added brighter lights, opened up Pavilion Street to prevent gathering, gotten a profile of the crowd (Turns out the people on the street do not want to be in the bars and restaurants; they want to just hang out in the street). Also, extra police have been assigned; there are five detail police hired by the Tavern Guild. There have been calls from residents giving a clear picture of the peripheral streets to the entertainment area.

Bob Deck spoke who is part of 4EG and owner of the Pavilion and a Mt. Adams resident. The Tavern Guild, Towne, and Police have been working on the problem for the last 5 weeks. Front door staff is in yellow t-shirts for visibility. They have stopped closing off Pavilion St. making less room to gather. They have removed all benches to prevent gathering. The added lights help the feeling of people being visible and seen by witnesses. Street music has been monitored and evening dress code. People have been injected into the crowd and have talked to them to find out what they are there for. (The crowd is not underage, so curfew law doesn’t help.) The parking lots are now being monitored;montoring has been added the Celestial lot. They are meeting every Thursday to discuss the weekend. Things are getting better, but not solved.

Residents then spoke… Alex of Louden St. Horrific and scary fight in front of her house, called 911…Street is not well lit and hanger-ons congregate. Bryce Lucas of Paradrome, problem with rowdy crowds, vandalism, noise, and possible weapons…Can security be hired? Evi Banzhaf-McCord, Celestial… Are they are under age? (Answer…18 to 20 not curfew related) Theresa Liguzinski of St. Gregory St. reported that at 2:30 to 3:30 am extremely loud motorcycles up and down the hill. Bob Deck said he has seen them and the meet up late Saturday night. Speed bumps were suggested ( the street are not flat enough) loitering tickets ( no loitering laws on the books since Supreme Court ruling) … Another comment was this situation is like a balloon that you squeeze and bubbles up in one area and then moves to another area. Peter Djuric of Hill Street pointed out that cars have been hit by traffic on Friday and Saturday nights major damage and side mirrors taken off frequently. Dan Z. asked about a traffic light to stop the circling of cars through the neighborhood, more police presence with flashing lights, more lighting on dark streets. Another suggestion was to enforce nuisance laws like urination in the streets...also mentioned dark area behind Tillsley building. M’ellen Horrigan of St. Gregory asked about setting up a speed trap. She has witnessed drag racing on lower St. Gregory. Other suggestions mounted police, a return of bike cops, and music level on street.

**Police Report:** Liaison Officer Doug Neack and Capt. John. In thelast 4-6 weeks two officers and a supervisor have been up here. The concerns are valid. Currently help is diverted from 11 to 3 a.m. There is undercover work and some recent ticketing. For lighting and traffic, contact the Traffic Dept. Resources have to be spread especially during All-Star Week and for serious crimes. It was suggested to have the diverted police to the hill midnight to 4 a.m. on Friday and Saturdays. Zand Walters suggested having bike cops back on the hill since they can get into narrow places. She said the former bike cop was excellent. Capt. John said that by having a supervisor up on the hill will allow a call for extra help when needed faster. **The all important CALL 911 was emphasized.** Officer Neack suggested in the long run Citizens on Patrol would be helpful after training. David Brecount said that there was COP on the hill, but volunteers didn’t want to work the 11 pm to 2 am time slot. Russ Ferneding is willing to organize COP if there are people interested.  **Russ Ferneding can be contacted at** **Russ.Ferneding@gmail.com****.**

Jim thanked everyone for their input and will further discuss this with the Trustees and other involved parties.

**Report on Ida St. Bridge** – Steve Gressel – The Bridge is almost complete. Weather is holding up the railing coating and the pillar repair. Thanks for our patience. The members thanked him for his reporting.

**Playhouse in the Park**- Jay Kalagayan reported that the playhouse was doing a survey on the Importance of art in the neighborhood. Jay emphasized that all residents –owners and renters – should fill it out. The survey is anonymous **https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/mtadamsarts.**

**Community Life –** Frank Obermeyer National Night Out is August 4th at the Monastery parking lot. Volunteers are needed to help set up etc. Community Life will meet at Bow Tie July 22 at 6pm. To volunteer contact Frank atfrankobermeyer@ yahoo.com. Other news, a Red Bike station is on the hill by the restrooms at Mirror Lake. Predicted rain in June cancelled the Cinema in the City. July’s Cinema in the City is Grease on July 23.

Marcy Bullerman is in the planning stages for Art Walks Sept. 12 and Oct. 10. She is looking for artists.

Reg Hahn said the Pilgrim Chapel’s Baseball Sunday is this week. After church is a BBQ lunch (around noon). All are welcomed; a $10 donation is suggested for lunch. There is a Raffle for 4 premier Reds tickets in the Champion Club.

**Planning and Development:**  Kurt Meier … 1. The proposed 1201 Elsinore zoning situatution is not over. The committee is watching developments. 2. The land development code is in its 3rd iteration; we will get it probably late this year or early in 2016. 3. A problem for neighborhoods to keep their zoning code is Planned Development designation which takes the project out of the zoning code. Hyde Park on Menlo and the big development in Oakley have faced this problem. (Called IDC; Google Enquirer for the articles). 4. Keep the committee informed of zoning things. Kurt’s Blue Ribbon goes to Marilyn Ornsbee for sending information.

Meeting Adjourned…Moved by Chuck Curran…

8:30 pm