**MACA Minutes July 5, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim McCarty at 7pm. Directors and officers present included Russ Ferneding, Jenny Ferneding, Janet Steiner, Kurt Meier, and Sue Zimmerman.

**Police Report:** Capt. Davis, Sgt Hank Ward, and Officer Trotta… June had two auto thefts, two burglaries, one larceny. From last year Mt. Adams is down 25% in violent crimes and District 1 is down 45%. June 11th a rape was reported in the 1000 block of Monastery, but the victim is not co-operating. It started in Mt. Auburn where the victim got into a bootleg cab which wasn’t a cab. June 10 sexual imposition in Eden Park an act of improper touching an arrest has been made. Burglary in 1000 block of Celestial…Jewelry taken from multi- unit building …not sure when it was taken…owner had not checked it in a long time. A second burglary in the 400 block of Oregon occurred when a suspect entered through an unlocked living room window; personal items taken. Auto thefts are probably due to heroin epidemic; they are smash and grabs. We need to remember to put Junk in the Trunk. A smash and grab takes 10 seconds. A resident on Paradrome had a backpack stolen that contained two registered guns, and now those two guns are probably in the hands of a drug dealer. The more diligent people are about keeping things locked and out of sight, the less crime will happen. Capt. Davis mentioned the homeless camp by the Greyhound station and one across from Channel 9 are being worked on. There has been an issue by the Twin Lakes with noise motorcycles. You can call 765-1212…you can take video, but just a call will build a case. The bars on the Hill are all cooperating and no problems have been reported. Jim McCarty interjected that he has had no calls from residents. Comments from the group… there is a homeless camp the near Monastery steps. Kurt Meier commented that Capt. Davis service and concern has been remarkable.

**Minutes**: Janet Steiner moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Margaret Mock.

**President’s Report:**  Last year at this time we were having serious problems on the weekends: now we are in a positive spot. Thanks to all. Let’s keep up the vigilance.

**Vice-President’s Report:**  Kurt Meier…P&D has one application pending at 969-971 Parkside for a deck being built. Pat Fenghali and Frank Obermeyer did a great movie night last June. Sue Zimmerman and Judi Cettel –Great Garden Stroll. We need to own the Mt. Adams Today.com. It caused serious problems when it went down during online sales for the stroll. Jim Steiner pointed out that Mt. Adams Walks gets its reservations through the site. Sandy Zimmerman, Neil Quinn, and MACA are working on it. A member volunteered his services. Update on Camden Project on Elsmere… It needs to clear City Council and Hillside Trust…John Deatrick asked if it was still the same design from the meeting at City Hall. Kurt replied it went from PD to Rm.07. There are some modifications; Judi Cettel is working with Grant from Camden. Russ Ferneding pointed out that there will be permanent green space on both ends of the building and no other future buildings will be added to the site.

**Guest Speaker:** Mr. Jacob Hesseling, Councilman Winburn’s Chief of Staff. A motion passed the budget that calls for neighborhood engagement on civic projects. The budget process is finished which was stressful but less contentious that last year. There is 3% for human services…Capital accelerations on improvements…streets fixed faster…Funding on land bank to improve empty or decaying properties. There are advocates to raise the police force salaries which are currently noncompetitive. Kurt Meier said the P&D on two separate occasions has contact tried to contact Councilman Winburn, but there was no response from his office. Another comment was that the central business district development should be united with Mt. Adams since we have many of the same interests. For instance we could be on a joint letter for similar concerns. Marilyn Ormsbee asked about the events fees for neighborhood events. Northside had to raise money for their 4th of July parade. The current situation is a 6 month moratorium on charging fees. They are working on getting rid of fees; farmers’ markets were being charged monthly. The problem is in discussion. Another observation was the litter and overgrowth on Columbia Parkway.

**By-Laws:**  Janet Steiner presented the changes that were first presented at the June meeting. Janet asked if there were any questions… none were posed. There was a call for a vote and a reminder that only members could vote. Kurt Meier moved to accept the changes; Chuck Curran seconded. The vote was unanimous for the changes. Jim McCarty thanked Janet for her work and Janet said credit also goes to Terri Abare. According to the by- laws in September we will need a nomination committee; anyone interested contact Jim. National Night Out is in August; we need to see if Towne Properties will let us have the same location since the opening of the event center we may need to change. John Deatrick was asked about the street car… It is below budget…September 9th at 10 am is the opening…City Council working on free passage for the opening weekend.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer’s Report**: Sent in by Tom Abare **Membership**$530 in receipts (5 lifetime & 3 annual) **Grapevine**= Paid $2,900 for summer printing Received $2,425 in ad charges **Cinema**= Received final $1,000 (I think) sponsor donation.  For the expenses and receipts, I will give an accounting at the September meeting, after the final movie. **Misc.**= Paid $732 for more pool furniture.  Current cash on hand $36,400.

**MABA:** Sue Zimmerman reported the Garden Stroll was a great success. Thanks to all participated…The Hill looked great. We had between 470 to 480 people attend. Special thanks and kudos go to Judi Cettel who was in charge of the stroll. Our next meeting is July 12th at Ft. Thomas Antique and Design Center. 6:30 meet browse/shop/drink; 7pm meeting …dinner to follow. Contact Margaret to RSVP at [mgmock59@gmail.com](mailto:mgmock59@gmail.com). If you have any pictures of the garden stroll please send them to M’ellen at [mellenvine65@gmail.com](mailto:mellenvine65@gmail.com). Fall Clean Up is Oct. 22.

**Clean, Safe, and Attractive:** Jenny Ferneding She needs Neil Quinn’s email address to find out if Towne Properties is paying for new trees on St. Gregory. Someone asked if the trees could go further down St. Gregory. The patch on Pavilion from the water main break is temporary; it will be repaired later. There are a lot of yellow paint lines on the street; does this mean there will be construction coming on the gas lines? There is a lot of overgrowth on streets like Wareham and Hill which forces cars to park further from the curb crowding the street. The confusing signs on Ida and Paradrome will be changed; there is a work order for it. Jim welcomed Vanessa Henderson who reported on the pool furniture. Jenny asked about the line up for the pool to get in at 12:30 to 12:45. Could the pool open at noon? You can buy pool passes at the pool. Janet Steiner had family in town who used the pool and the remarked about what a great place it was.

**Membership:** Jim Horrigan not present, but 5 new lifetime and 3 annual

**NSP:** Terri Abare no report

**Grapevine:** Sue Zimmerman…There are a few outstanding bill oustanding for the last issue. Next deadline is August 1. Articles and ads need to be in… It had been 15 years since 9/11…we need short comments from people about what they remember…where were you? etc. Send them to [mellenvine65@gmail.com](mailto:mellenvine65@gmail.com) or [suejzimmerman@gmail.com](mailto:suejzimmerman@gmail.com) , please.

**Community Life:** Pat Fenghali reported that Cinema in the City went well despite the threat of bad weather. Attendance was small about 120 and they made $400. Next film is Back to the Future on July 28 the band will be the Comet Allstars …Cincinnati Games Opening Ceremony is Saturday, July 9th for the Parade of Neighborhoods at 6:30 in Washington Park! Come and see our team. Competitions begin on July 10, and occur on the 12th (Ping pong Doubles) 13th (Trivia) 15th (Stein Holding) and July 16th at Yeatman’s Cove 9:30 am to 6 pm 15 different activities. Go to [www.cincygames.com](http://www.cincygames.com)

**CIP:** Russ Ferneding… So far we have helped to partially fund the flower boxes, pool chairs and picnic tables, a sponsor of Art Walks. We need ideas …Bricks and mortar to make the community better. Contact Russ.

**Upcoming Events:**

Cinema in the City July 28th 7 to 11pm.

Walking Tours of Mt. Adams Sunday 1pm

Mt. Adams Yacht Club July 14th 6-8 Riverside Marina

Pilgrim Chapel Baseball Sunday Service July 10th at 10:30..Guest speaker former Reds Dave Collins

Pilgrim Chapel Karaoke at Quincy’s a fundraiser 7pm Sunday July 10th

HCI festival is Aug. 5th and6th

Chuck Curran moved and Jim Steiner seconded to Adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15.