MACA Minutes March 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Kurt Meier at 7pm at Chapter. Officers and Directors in attendance included Frank Obermeyer, Tom Abare, Sue Zimmerman, Janet Steiner, Jenny Ferneding, and Pat Feghali.

**Police Report:** Sgt. Hank Ward and Officer Jennifer Chilton were present. There were only three offenses in February: an auto theft, business theft, and a burglary. Noise complaints are down; they are working with Longworth’s. Everyone is on the same page. Officer Chilton explained the Airbnb policy. If there are issues with an Airbnb like noise, crowd problems etc, treat them like the complaints that have happened when there were bar problems. Call 765-1212 or 911. Take video if possible or pictures. You can be anonymous if you wish. Contact Zoning Code Administration. There needs to be a record of the problems.

**Fire Department:** Officer Kettler reported that wasn’t much action on the Hill. Parking during special events does create problems. If there is a car illegally parked or blocking a fire hydrant, please call the police to get it removed in case there is an emergency. Keeping St. Gregory and Monastery in front of UDF open is essential for the fire vehicles to be able to turn.

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved to approve Tom Abare; seconded by Maureen Webb.

Kurt thanked Andrew for allowing us to meet at Chapter. He introduced our new director, Pat Feghali. Pat is filling Frank Obermeyer’s term. Frank is now MACA Vice-President. Public Services people were introduced – Jude Johnson, Joel Koopman, Mary Ferguson, and Damen Ulmer. Starting July 1st a new street cleaning program will begin. Right now they are in the planning process. Set street sweeping days will be established. For instance a neighborhood will be the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month and another neighborhood will be the 2nd and 4th weeks. 1st and 3rd weeks will be the EVEN numbered addresses side of the street and 2nd and 4th will be cleaned on the ODD address side. The cleaning will be set on the same day of the week. Currently they are testing the routes. The goal is to sweep the entire city once a month. They have new sweeping equipment that will aid in the goal. People will have to be sure not to park on the designated day on the side of the street that is to be cleaned. They will try to avoid a sweeping on a trash day. There will be no delay days due to holidays; that day will just be skipped. When they are ready to start the program, people will be able to go to 591600.com or Fixitcincy.com and key in their addresses, and it will tell you the days your streets will be cleaned. **As of now, Mt. Adams will be the 2nd  (even) and 4th (odd) on Thursdays of the month.**

Kurt then presented a gift from MACA to Linda McCarty commemorating Jim McCarty’s stellar service to the Mt. Adams community. Linda reported the Jim always believed in the importance of community; the greatest thing is to be involved in community. She thanked the community for all they have done. She introduced Jim’s daughter Kara.

**President’s Report:** Kurt explained that MACA and the Business Guild are applying for two grants from the city. One grant is for tree guards, hanging baskets, flags and banners. The other grant is to re-brand and re-vitalize Mt. Adams. Both grants are valued up to $30,000. John Stenhauser has volunteered his talent and skills to aid in the project. Kurt brought some pictures of Laramie Square, Denver’s business district. The second grant for the re-branding will be considered April 21.

Pat Feghali has proposed a Look Here Signs project (Pictures of old Mt. Adams at current sights) that was approved by the executive committee. Pat is also responsible for the successful Cinema in the City. She will be taking over Community Life.

Margaret Mock is the liaison for the Cincinnati Art Club. We heard they were considering moving off the Hill after 60 years. At a meeting ideas were brought up to highlight the Art Club and create a higher profile.

**Vice-President Report:**  No report

**Committee Reports:**

Planning and Development: Kurt reported that the house on Parkside that was torn down will be a one family house with parking. Originally it was slated to be a two family which the committee objected to.

Treasurer’s Report: Tom Abare – We have added one lifetime and three annual memberships. We paid the Grapevine bill. We hav $31,500.

MABA: Sue Zimmerman. This month we are meeting off the hill at Mannequin and Mr. Pitiful’s. Spring Clean Up in April 8 at 9:30. We will meet at Bow Tie for sign up and for coffee and donuts. Lunch will be at Tavern. We are tentatively planning to plant the bridge and business pots Saturday, May 6th. We have two residential pots up for adoption. We have two pots for John Deatrick’s request for Hatch by the Cloisters.

Clean, Safe,and Attractive: Jenny Ferneding- The Department of Public Services Neighborhood Operations Division will be in Mt. Auburn and Mt. Adams for the Neighborhood Blitz Clean-up April 10-14.The Greenspace Crew will mow, trim and edge all DPS owned properties. There will be a dumpster for residents to use. Friday, April 14th a roving trash truck will circulate through Mt. Auburn and Mt. Adams servicing all corner cans and collecting excessive trash and illegally dumped items.

Membership: Jim Horrigan – No Report

Neighborhood Support Program: Terri Abare-No Report

Business Guild: Janet Steiner –The Dry Cleaners is closing at the end of the month. Neil Quinn hopes to get a replacement. St. Patrick’s Day Crowley’s will open at 6:30 am.

Grapevine: Sue Zimmerman -The spring issue is out; extra copies will be available when M’ellen gets home. Summer issue deadline is May 1st . The summer issue will be in the mailboxes in June. Kurt thanked the Grapevine for the piece on Jim McCarty.

Community Life: Pat Feghali – The Easter Egg Hunt will be the Saturday AFTER Easter. Bring eggs and snacks at noon to the Magnolia garden by the Krohn. Cinema in the City could use sponsorships; it should be a great season. The MACA website is in the works and should be up by early April.

CIP Civic Development Projects- Russ Ferneding – No Report

**Outside Reports:** Mt. Adams Yacht Club will have a St. Patrick’s Day event on Wednesday, March 15th 5:30 -8:30 at Pavilion.

ToHi Spa will be adding manicures and pedicures in two weeks. Studio 1222 6-8pm Thursday March 9th. Cybele is the musician.

Candidate for City Council Jeff Pastor was introduced and available for questions after the meeting.

Move to Adjourn by Tom Abare; seconded by ?

Submitted by Sue Zimmerman