MACA Minutes April 4, 2017

The meeting, held at Chapter, was called to order by Vice-President, Frank Obermeyer, at 7 pm.

* Officers in attendance: Frank Obermeyer, Tom Abare and Sue Zimmerman.
* Directors present: Janet Steiner, Pat Feghali, Jenny Ferneding, and Russ Ferneding.
* **Police Report**:  Capt. Davis, Sgt. Ward and statistician Lisa Dodson were present.  Sgt Ward reported 4 offenses – two auto thefts, an I-phone taken from a bar, and a criminal damage.  District 1 has had some good arrests of the “big fish,” who were involved in drugs and guns. Discussion occurred regarding the crime in adjacent neighborhoods and whether it will migrate to other neighborhoods. Capt. Davis said much of the violence is related to gang activity and that doesn’t tend to change territory. Also the number of offenders is small.  The tent is back up under the bridge on the ramp to Martin Drive and Columbia Parkway.  Also, brought up, the Airbnb problems on the Hill and who to contact with problems. The police will handle noise nuisance, parking, - anything that is illegal. Michele Campbell who has 6 Airbnbs on the Hill asked to speak. She said if there is an issue with her properties to call her immediately – 513.368.9232 or email at spaceexpressions1@gmail.com.   The requirement of deeded parking for airbnbs was brought up.  Ms. Campbell does not have that currently, but said she is trying to get parking.  Another query was what will police do if a car is illegally parked; answer – get it towed. Another concern was the amount of people at a single location, and the large parties that happen at airbnbs.  Another topic was about traffic on Good Friday; HCI hires a detail to handle the traffic and people.
* **Fire Department**: Lt. Steve Martin reported that District 1 had 497 runs – 42 fire/361emt/ 94 non-fires. Remember to check smoke alarms which can cut down the deaths in fires by half.  Other simple solutions to prevent fires include cleaning out dryer lint, not leaving things cooking on the stove, not having combustibles near the stove, and checking extension cords.  Make plans for emergencies. Check out FEMA.gov or check out the Red Cross. With the warm weather there is more outdoor use of fires. If there is an open burn, it needs to have a permit.  The department is currently looking for a new chief.
* **Guest Presentation**:  Jason Barron of Red Bike.  Red Bike is a nonprofit organization that has been in this area for two and a half years. There are 57 Red Bike stations in the area. Mt. Adams presents a problem because no one likes to bike uphill with a 50 pound bike. One proposed station is at the foot of Mt. Adams near the Greyhound station close to the Oregon steps. The Eden Park station is doing really well.  Jason asked where would be a good place for a station on the hill, and would bikes be used for more than just riding down.  Ideas included near Hixson, Rookwood restaurant, and the Baldwin Building where new lofts are going in.  Off the Hill it was suggested Lunken Airport.  Red Bike is a community service, and the bike riders pay for 50% of the cost. The rest has to be covered by fundraisers. There was a question about how many bikes are damaged. Jason said virtually none. For more information, go to [cincyredbike.com](http://cincyredbike.com/). Jason can be contacted at [jasonbarroncincyredbike.com](http://jasonbarroncincyredbike.com/).
* **Approval of Minutes**:  M’ellen Horrigan moved to approve; Tom Abare seconded.
* **President’s Report**: Kurt is not in town, but he sent a message via email and there were copies of that email at the meeting.
* **Vice-President’s Report**:  Frank Obermeyer reported that good progress is being made on the website. Our website person is pushing us to have the best possible. The address will be [mtadamscincy.org](http://mtadamscincy.org/)  or .com.  Either will work. We will be the ones to maintain the site. It was suggested to have a slide show element.  Also the volunteer season is beginning. People will be needed at summer events.

Committee Reports

* **Planning and Development**:  Russ Ferneding…The cleared area at Wareham and Elsinore for high end apartments is in the process of geo testing.  There has been no plan presented to the city as of yet. There has been an agreement with Dutch Cambruzzi and Planning and Development.  The average height will be 50 feet. Judi Cettel will be working with the architect. Margaret Mock asked about the lighting of the building to be considered.
* **Treasurer’s Report**:  Tom Abare… We have gained 5 annual memberships and 1 lifetime.  Grapevine ad revenue was $1,545.
* **MABA**: Sue Zimmerman… Thanks to Tina Russo for clearing the greenery from the business pots. Clean Up is Saturday, April 8th. Meet at Bow Tie for sign up, supplies, coffee and donuts at 9:30. Lunch is being donated by Tavern on the Hill at noonish. Thanks to both Bow Tie and Tavern.  Remember there are prizes for the best found item and the story that goes with it.  The Zoomin’ Bloomin’ II will be back on the Hill the end of this month.  We have four orphan residential pots if anyone is interested.  Two pots have been claimed for the Cloisters.  We will be planting the business pots and the bridge on Saturday, May 6th at 9:30; meet at the Monk and bring garden tools if you have them. Next meeting is April 11th at 6:30 at Chapter.  Save your personal trash for the dumpster that will be available April 10-14 on Wareham during the Mt. Auburn/Mt. Adams Neighborhood blitz.  If that dumpster fills up, it will be replaced until.  The dumpster will be delivers April 10 at 10:00 am until April 14 at 10 am.
* **Clean, Safe, and Attractive**: Jenny Ferneding…For the Neighborhood Blitz April 10-14 send locations that need cleaning to Jenny.
* **Membership**: Jim Horrigan… We have 150 lifetime and 5 annual.
* **Neighborhood Support Program (NSP)**:  Terri Abare… Nothing to report
* **Business Guild Meeting**:  Janet Steiner… Of the two grants the Business Guild and MACA presented to the City, the one for flower baskets, tree guards, and banners was rejected.  The city said no even if we pay for the baskets, tree guards and banners.  The second proposal for rebranding and reviving the business district was accepted for the possible grant money.
* **Grapevine**: Maryellen Horrigan… Summer issue deadline is May 1.  The issue will be out June 1.  We need people to contact us and tell us of activities, changes to menus; let us know.  Terri Abare and Marilyn Ormsbee are now involved with the Grapevine.   We always can use articles.
* **Community Life**:  Pat Feghali…  Saturday, April 22 at noon will be the post-Easter Egg Hunt at the Magnolia garden by Krohn.  It’s BYO (bring your own eggs, food etc.) The Cinema in the City begins in June. Donations are welcomed and volunteers will be needed.
* **CIP/Civic Development**:  Russ Ferneding…Nothing to report

Other Reports:

* **MAYC**:  Maureen Webb… The Yacht club was in the Opening Day Parade on the Pedal Wagon.  Next event is April 20 at Monk’s for a luau 5:30-8:30… May 6th is the Derby Party at Bow Tie at 5:30.
* Margaret Mock … the Art Club is talking of moving and MACA would like them to stay. This Friday is an Open reception from 6-9 pm of the Sketch Group.  They will also be open Saturday and Sunday. Come and Check the place out.
* Studio 1222 April 13th 6-8pm featuring the Taylor Family  and art from students.
* Marcey Bullerman… Art Walks will be May 13th and June 10th 12-5pm.  Volunteers will be needed.
* Vanessa Henderson CRC…The Mt. Adams pool will be open this summer.
* Move to adjourn … Meeting adjourned at 8:10.
* After the meeting   two candidates were present for meet and greet.  Derek Bauman for City Council and Janet Everhard for U.S. Congress 2018

Submitted by Sue Zimmerman