**MACA Minutes March 1, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at Bow Tie Café at 7 pm by Jim McCarty. Jim explained that the meeting was at Bow Tie due to the Lenten schedule at Immaculata. He thanked Bow Tie for its hospitality. The April meeting will be held in the HCI community room.

**Police Report:** Capt. Lisa Davis and Officer Tim Eppstein were present. Captain Davis said with the warm weather comes more street activity good and bad. There was an altercation at Longworth’s in February. She emphasized that there is a plan ready if there is need. There will be two additional police walking the streets 11 pm to 3 am on the weekends. If you see a problem call Officer Eppstein 352-4566 or email concerns to [Timothy.eppstein@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:Timothy.eppstein@cincinnati-oh.gov). There are no specific plans for St. Patrick’s Day, but on Good Friday Hill Street will be one way (Down) except for residents. This is due to the praying of the steps. A question was asked about construction on Fuller and Hatch. Tom Walter’s company is doing demolition and reconstruction of a new home there. If anyone has a problem with construction vehicles or other problems, Tom asked for individuals to call him at 791-0908.

**President’s Report:**  Jim reiterated the ongoing work that the business guild, MACA, and District 1 have done in light of last summer’s problems. We as residents must make the calls when problems arise and call when something doesn’t seem right. There is no reason why Mt. Adams can’t have a thriving entertainment district. We do not have speaker tonight, but if you have an informational speaker, contact Jim. Jim also expressed concern for the owners of Jack Casino who bought out Horseshoe. Will they be neighborly? Will the change affect Mt. Adams?

**Vice-President’s Report:**  Kurt Meier said that the United Neighbors met; nine communities came together and will support each other when needed. Many of the neighborhoods have the same concerns. There was talk of all the communities creating an art walk on the same day. All of neighborhoods have some type of community group like we do even though they are called by different names. Kurt we should be proud of our organization.

**P&D:** Kurt Meier updated the group. Members of the Planning and Development include: Kurt, Jim McCarty, Russ Ferneding, Judi Cettel, Steve Vogel and Bill Moran. There has been one meeting with Camden that went well. The second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday (March 2). Both sides have agreed to keep the content of meetings confidential. There was a variance meeting for 425 Oregon (the black house). It has been purchased and redone. It is now for sale. The committee approved the request. Jim reminded people that not all construction ask for a variance.

**MABA:** Sue Zimmerman… Clean Up March 19. Meet at Bow Tie Café between 9 to 9:30 to sign in, get materials, an area to clean also coffee and donuts. Clean Up is 9:30 to 11:30… Lunch is at noon provided by Pavilion…Thanks to Pavilion! Please bring brooms and dust pans and gloves. The Super Can is for yard waste and garbage. Tires can be piled up next to the Super Can. Residents can use the can AFTER the clean up. No construction material, appliances, or chemicals can go in the dumpster. There will be prizes for the most unusual finds with the best story. The flower boxes on the Ida Street Bridge will be installed in Mid-April; planting in May. MABA will be planting the business pots on May 7th. They will meet at the Monk at 9:30. There will be a pre-stroll clean up a blitz on June 11th at 9:30 there will be no dumpster. It is a final clean up before The Mt. Adams Garden Stroll on June 14th 5-9pm. Tickets for the Stroll will go on sale on May 1…Online sales will run the month of May or you may purchase in person at my house 1228 Ida. Online sales are considered pre-sale for $25…In person sales will be $25 May 1 to June 7th. After the 7th and the night of the Stroll tickets will be $30. There are 9 gardens on the tour with live music, lite bites, and drinks. There are also points of interests to see.

**Grapevine:** Sue Zimmerman -The Grapevine was in the mailboxes before March 1. Extra copies will be available in the churches, the bank, Bow Tie, Tavern, Pavilion etc. Next deadline is May 1. If you have an idea for an article or need an ad, contact [suejzimmerman@gmail.com](mailto:suejzimmerman@gmail.com) or [mellenvine65@gmail.com](mailto:mellenvine65@gmail.com).

**Clean, Safe and Attractive:** Russ Ferneding reported for Jenny Ferneding. Jenny is working on getting the trees planted. There is a new contact. We are looking to clean up the steps. Chuck Curran mentioned that the city has increased the budget for steps. John Deatrick gave the contact for that area (Richard Szekeresh). MACA will hire a firm to clean in the spring. It is hoped we can get the city to do it sometime in the summer.

**CIP** (Community Improvement Projects) Russ Ferneding reported that Frank Obermeyer is looking into several projects. MACA is looking for other projects…Contact Russ or Jim McCarty.

**Membership:** Jim Horrigan -not available

**NSP:** Terri Abare -no report. Jim mentioned that Terri does a great job that requires endless meetings and red tape to get neighborhood funds for Mt. Adams.

**Business Guild:** Jim McCarty said he knows the Business Guild is ready to handle problems that may arise. MACA donated $1,000 to help pay for the new permanent lighting for the business area.

**Community Life:**  Frank Obermeyer-They are looking into buying new and replacement furniture for the pool. Greg Tilsley has volunteered his expertise to see what can be done to the third floor of the Immaculata community building. Hopefully it will be a win-win situation. Cinema in the City is in the fundraising mode. Pat Feghali is in charge email is [p.feghali@gmail.com](mailto:p.feghali@gmail.com) or call or text 513-746-5520. Everyone who donates gets his/her name on a poster on display at the events. Levels of donations

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**The movies – Little Shop of Horrors –June 23…Back to the Future – July 28… Airborne – Aug. 19**

Andy Shank is working on getting a crosswalk at Martin and Eden Park Drive, and the planters filled near Seasongood. A query about the guardrails that are broken between the gazebo and Krohn. Andy will check on that too.

Margaret Mock presented information on the Cincinnati Neighborhood Games. This is an Olympic form competition between neighborhoods slated for July. There has been information sent via email to MACA members. Events range from Tennis, beer stein holding, trivia, etc. Contact Margaret Mock…mgmock59@gmail.com

**Upcoming Events:**

Cincinnati Art Club Associate Show… March 4-6… Friday 6-9…Sat/Sun 1-6pm

One more street car being delivered tomorrow (Weds.)

St. Patrick’s Day

March 18 Huntington Bank Closing

Clean up March 19

Good Friday March 25…Immaculata Fish Fry 4-7pm

Tina Russo suggested we have a get together to say goodbye to Huntington employees…Date is March 15 details to follow.

Meeting adjourned…Moved by Chuck Curran and seconded by Larry Boberschmidt at 7:55.