**MACA Minutes February 6, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Kurt Meier, President, in HCI Community room at 7 pm. Officers in attendance were Frank Obermeyer, Tom Abare and Sue Zimmerman. Director in attendance was Janet Steiner.

**Police Report:** Officer Jennifer Chilton, Sgt. Hank Ward, and Captain Davis were present. Officer Chilton reported that January had more car thefts, but it was five in one night in the parking lot by Seasongood. Windows were smashed, but nothing was taken. A scam occurred when a person received notification that he/she had won money in a lottery and needed to send a check to claim the prize. The person lost the money/check. A question about aggressive panhandlers on Reading and Elsinore was brought up. Sgt. Ward suggested if the panhandler comes up to your car and pounds on the window, call the police. Also, if panhandlers are walking between cars in traffic call the police. It is against the law to touch the cars and to walk in traffic. Captain Davis reported that there is a type of panhandling mafia that has caused fights and extortion over where people are begging. Another suggestion if you feel the panhandler is threatening, is take a picture with your phone and send it to the police.

**President’s Report:** Kurt reminded the group that it has been a year since Jim McCarty’s passing and what a legacy he left us.Kurt honored Judi Cettel and Tom Abare as volunteers of the month. Judi has worked diligently with the Adam’s Edge development (Elsinore and Wareham) with the developers to insure view corridors and aesthetic design over the last two years. Tom worked on getting notification of variances for construction to be sent via email to MACA. This has been a problem since there is usually a ten day delay of notification of variance requests. We now get the notification with plans by email much faster which allows MACA more time to inform residents and have meetings to hear concerns. District 1 has a yearly review of the year; Kurt and Jenny Ferneding will be attending the meeting bringing up some issues on the Hill. One problem is the trash on the ramp from 471 to Martin Drive. Kurt explained that the Revitalization Committee of Mt. Adams is the MACA executive board committee that meets two times a month with Chris Manning of Human Nature and is looking at immediate action. The Mt. Adams Vision Committee is a larger group with a wider scope including the Art Museum, Playhouse, Towne Properties, East Walnut Hills, the Park Board, Chris Manning et.al; it meets once a month and is looking at long range planning. The Revitalization committee has been meeting with DoTE, and other city departments. Kurt believes that the tone is positive at the now conceptual stages. Many ideas seem to have a positive tone.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes are sent via email and copies are available at the meeting. Tom Abare move to approve the minutes and Chuck Curran seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Vice-President’s Report:** Frank Obermeyer agreed with Kurt about the plans, but would rather take a more conservative view. He mentioned that a rubber trolley to shuttle from the Baldwin building parking lot to the hill during big events could be tried out during some of the Hill’s bigger events like the Butterfly Show at Krohn or the Spring Event at the Art Museum. The tram idea is a cool idea, but way out there at this point. He encourages people to keep abreast of events on mtadamscincy.org website or on Facebook or Twitter.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning and Development:** Steve Vogel was not in town. Kurt updated the variance request for a new condo on Baum between Monastery and the park land. A meeting was held at Bow Tie with concerned residents and the potential owner and architect. After the presentation, the committee disapproved the variance request until it can be confirmed that the structure will not take away view with the back of the structure’s design. If this is confirmed the opposition will be withdrawn.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tom Abare reported one new lifetime membership, payment for a Grapevine ad came in, one payment to Human Nature. Balance is $34,000.

**MABA:**  Margaret Mock (Vice President) reported for Barb Timmins our new President. MABA will meet Feb.13th at 6:30 at Highland Towers Crown Room on the 9th floor. Clean Up is Saturday, March 24th; meet at Bow Tie at 9:30 to sign up Lunch will follow at a restaurant TBA. Debbie Weinstein is our new treasurer and is taking membership fees of $25 for the year which pays for MABA activities.

**Clean, Safe,** **and Attractive:**  Jenny Ferneding was not at the meeting. Jenny is planning to bring up the trash issue with the city at the District 1 Review meeting. Mellen Horrigan brought up the problem of the overgrown bushes on the Elsinore and VanMeter triangle which make it difficult to see cars. Kurt said he would talk to Officer Chliton about that. Dan Weinstein asked about the project he made about the conditions of the stairs and sidewalks. Kurt said DoTE has sidewalks on the calendar for 2020. Immediate problems should probably be sent to fixitcincy app. Also noted was the lack of salt on stairways to downtown and other steps.

**Membership:**  Jim Horrigan reported now is the time to renew annual membership for $10 or join lifetime for $100. A new type of membership has been created. Corporate membership at $200 has been created for businesses on the Hill. This membership will not have voting privileges but will create more connections and conversations within the Hill community. North Side Bank had requested to join MACA.

**NSP**: Terri Abare… Nothing to report.

**Business Guild:** Janet Steiner reported that Reindog Parade netted $2,000 from the Business Guild which is good considering the weather that day and the shift in sponsors. Approximately 300 dogs were in the parade. The SPCA made an additional $3,400 that day. Thursday night seems to be the night for vandalism, so it behooves us to be vigilant. The Art Museum is partnering with Art Walks this year. The walks will be the second Saturday of May, June, September, and October. NSP money for the Business Guild will go to ad in local business magazine, updated brochures, and website maintenance. As an aside Janet reported future speakers to MACA meeting will be Denise Driehaus (County Commissioner) in March, Councilman Pastor (in charge of neighborhoods)in April, A representative of Citizens Compliant Authority in May and Capt. Davis in June. Pat Sheppard is on the Revitalization Committee and plans and progress behind the scenes is very impressive.

**Grapevine:** M’ellen Horrigan and Sue Zimmerman - M’ellen mentioned that Amigos will open in the next couple of months where Calle was. The Grapevine is near ready for the printer despite the fact that her computer has decided to be very difficult and refuses to follow commands. The hope is to get the paper to the printer this week after Sue gets tonight’s meeting minutes written. We have also updated the mailing list.

**Community Life:** Margaret Mock reported on Cinema in the City now on Friday nights. June 8- Movie- Sandlots; Music Comet Bluegrass All-Stars. July 13- Movie-Elf; Music- Sound Body Jazz Orchestra. August 10- Movie – Labyrinth; Music Jake Speed and the Freddies. Also Cincinnati Neighborhood Games returns. The Opening Ceremony and Parade of Neighborhoods is July 21 at Washington Park. CNG events will be around the city July 22-28. Saturday the 28th events will be at Yeatman’s Cove. Last time Mt. Adams did very well in Trivia, Chess, and Stein Holding. There are 11 other events too.

**CIP:** Russ Ferneding…No Report. Dan Weinstein asked about his proposal on improving sidewalks. Kurt said it turns out that sidewalks are on the schedule for 2020.

**New Business**: Maureen Webb reported that MAYC has a new discount dock – Hightail. Super Bowl Party was at Chapter. St. Patrick’s Day celebration will be at Pavilion. Check the Website for all the events. Jim Steiner reported that Mt. Adams walks is in hibernation until the first Sunday in May 1 pm in front of the Bar and Grill. They are training another guide which will bring them up to five. Margaret Mock reported that the Art Club is having a show this Friday 6-9pm and Sat. and Sun.1-4 pm. Vanessa Henderson from CRC is looking for some ideas for spring programs. If you have any ideas please contact her at 281-1286 or her cell 725-5465. Sue Zimmerman reported that Pilgrim Chapel has a new minister, Dr. David Schwab. She invited people to come to a service at 10:30 and explained the procedure for getting a new minister.

**Adjourn:**  Jim Horrigan moved to adjourn Chuck Curran seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Submitted by Sue Zimmerman