**MACA minutes May 5, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim McCarty at 7pm.

**Police Report:** Officer Neack …May 6th is a seminar at Taft High School (Next to District 1) presented by Lt. Col. Whalen on Reducing Theft from Autos. It is for all 52 neighborhoods. This is a big problem throughout the city. The meeting starts at 6 pm. Go to the front door of Taft H.S. and you will be directed to the proper meeting place. It is hoped all neighborhoods will be represented. There was a Q and A covering…Parked cars that are hit and run victims. All that can be done is report it and call insurance. There are no police cameras on the Hill, there are some businesses with outdoor cameras. This is not just a Hill problem. Limo/busses with partiers…After much previous discussion with businesses, police safety, and MACA, the party busses are to pick up and drop off at Celestial by Rookwood. Thus no clogging of the business district dropping off and picking up at the designated area is more efficient.

**Minutes:** Approved as read online/or at the meeting. Moved by Reg Hahn…Seconded by Brian Frank

**President’s Report:** Jim wanted to praise Hixson (Wick Ach) for the landscaping and care around VanMeter and Wareham. Hixson not only takes care of their business, but extends care from Wareham to Elsinore and the ivy wall. It was mentioned that MABA in the next issue of the Grapevine has a hats off to Hixson. Also, Mike Ferguson maintains upper Elsinore and even cuts the grass with a lawn mower donated by MABA.Cameron Kitchin from the Art Museum will be a presenter at the September meeting tentatively.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning and Development:** Kurt Meier …Recently a proposal at Elsinore and Warehman (Top of the hill facing downtown) was given approval by Charles Graves to build 64 residences with 96 parking places. The committee went down to the city and was told the approval would be revoked. The proposal by Camden Land Development (Dutch Cambruzzi )dated back to 2007. Jim McCarty and Kurt went down with a letter citing 9 points of opposition to this plan. There was a meeting scheduled today but was cancelled. Apparently the drawings were incomplete and the development was way too intense. MACA is on record opposing the plan. Also another problem has arisen…Apparently there is not a legal definition of where Mt. Adams begins and Walnut Hills ends…Both communities have maps of their neighborhoods claiming the same areas. There is a meeting at 2 Centential Place, 7th floor to discuss this on May 6 at 4pm and May 15 at 9 am. The city has never had an official neighborhoods map. Question on the old problem of the Carney view corridor…No further action has been taken.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tom Abare is out of town. Jim reported that Cinema in the City is funded for this year and money collected… $15,000 is in a CD. And currently we have a total of $46,000

**MABA:**  Sue Zimmerman…The business pots were planted (18 pots and two troughs across from Pavilion) last Saturday with a great crew of workers. The new watering Gator is in action. The entry gardens are in great shape. Only 2 boxwoods went MIA over the winter and one other was replaced due to weather conditions ( Much better than last year when 14 had to be replaced due to weather). Next Meeting is May 12 6:30pm at Roots.

**Clean, Safe, and Attractive:** Jenny Ferneding…Nothing to report.

**Membership:** Jim Horrigan...Nothing to report…Two lifetime memberships signed up after meeting

**NSP:**  Terri Abare not in town. Nothing to report.

**Business Guild Report:** M’ellen Horrigan… Neil Quinn plans to be back to work in August. Red Bull Representative Peter Rogus spoke. Red Bull is Aug.29. 11am begins the day with viewing of the competitors’ cars…1pm the race begins…Event ends at 5pm. The route has not been established yet. Much of the planning is in the works stage. Applications to compete are due in by June 21st. Go to redbullsoapboxrace.com/ohio @redbullOHIO #soapbox for general information and applications. Also on Aug 29 are two weddings one at HCI in the morning and one at Seasongood in the evening… All this will be taken into consideration. Red Bull has offered the HCI bride a chance to travel in a soapbox. Shuttles to the Hill are being planned. Art Walk in April was very successful. Two women pitched a tent on Towne Offices grounds; they were planning to stay there the weekend. The squatters were told to leave. Also at Towne a group with bicycles came up and was using a roof to jump off with the bikes. They were also told to leave.

**Community Life:** Frank Oberrmeyer … The first Art Walk went extremely well. The Easter Egg hunt the Sunday after Easter was a hit. Game Night is May 20 6-8pm at Bow Tie. Community Life Meeting is May 27 6-7 pm and then Trivia at Next Chapter…Our Team is MACLife our code 1687. Please join the fun.

**CIP** (Civic Improvement Projects**):**  Russ Ferneding… Our first project was to fund the musicians for Art Walk. There is a project on the table to put flower boxes on the Ida Street Bridge proposed by Judi Cetel for $6,000. This is in the works the Trustees wanted more information. Judi is out of town this Thursday and will give more information at next month’s meeting. Brian Frank has proposed music boxes for the Hill. Russ asked for more proposals.

**Report on Ida Street Bridge:** Steve Gressel reported we are in the home stretch and the light at the end of the tunnel is not a train. The railings are up and the Styrofoam has been removed. The roadway is prepared for new concrete; the new masonry coating has been approved. Overlay is due next week. The hope is to have bridge open to traffic by Memorial Day and be totally finished in June.

**Art Walk:**  Marcey Bullerman was very happy with the April walk. More people than expected… The Passport system worked in spreading out the crowd to all venues. Next walk will have three tents… Next Walk is this Sat. May 9. Volunteers to set up needed at 11 am at Bow Tie. Volunteers needed to man the tents. There will be 6 acoustic musicians and a New Orleans jazz trio. Walk is 1pm to 6 pm.

**Clifton Market:** Brian Frank …The Clifton Market has been purchased. Fun Fest invites people to Clifton Market to hear Keith Wicks to discuss Phase II over dinner. Doors open at 6pm and dinner begins. 7pm presentation and update on the co-op.

**Cinema in the City:** Charlotte Hahn… This is the third and last year for the Baum Street gang to run Cinema. New people are needed for next year.

This year’s movies: June 25 Ghostbusters…July Grease…August Mrs. Doubtfire.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.