**MACA Minutes for January 5, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 7pm in HCI community room by President Jim McCarty.

**Police Report**: Officer Tim Eppstein says crime on the Hill is low, but 1107 Wareham has been broken into for the purpose of stealing packages. One time the door was smashed with a rock. Another time a resident held the door open for the thief thinking it was a fellow resident. The staff has sent out warnings to tenants and fixed broken lock. New parking restriction laws for blocking parking in front of houses for moving or special event. You must get a permit for no parking or for closing the street for bands, party…There is a fee generally $25 for official signs. If there is a homemade or date changed sign call the police. Signs should give notice 14 to 24 hours before the event. Some cars were moved recently due to sewer break. They were moved so repairs could be made. The other issue was what to do eight wheelers trying to go up the hill and getting stuck and creating traffic nightmares. What can be done? It seems that GPS guides trucks to Pavilion when someone types in Newport Pavilion. Also GPS confuses and people take the Martin Dr. exit when they should take the next one down to Riverside Dr. Signage a possibility but creates problems. Putting up advisory signs at the gateway entrance will be looked into.

**Minutes:**  Were approved as moved by Chuck Curran and seconded by Janet Steiner

**President’s Report:**  Jim said he was pleased to have Vice Mayor David Mann who wanted to come to a MACA meeting to see how things were going on the Hill. Russ Ferneding gave the background of our current situation on the zoning. About 2and a half years ago the summer of ’13 the city came out with a new zoning plan. Russ and Tina Russo went over the proposed plan and found in it allowed an 85 height for development, car washes, gas station, etc. Next MACA Zoning Committee met several times. We created a petition to keep the 35’ for single residences and 50’ for residential mix and to have a definite way to measure height. We worked with Warden and Peppers from the city and a professor at DAPP to propose zoning for the Hill. The committee wrote a suggested plan for the Overlay District in Mt. Adams and sent the proposal to the city. The committee is not against development; it wants to work with the developers. The goal is to find common ground. Depak Singh representative for Camden (Dutch Cambruzzi) said they want to work with the community. He mentioned that Dutch Cambruzzi is a resident of Mt. Adams. The development will be economically good for Mt. Adams. He mentioned the Mt. Adams Strategic Plan and that a large building would make the hillside more stable than 24 single family residences at that location.

Vice Mayor Mann who was at our press conference when we presented the petition for City Council described the process. He mentioned that the Land Development Code still has to be finalized. The Planned Development actually gives the community more input. Control of height and specific plan details are all written out. P.D. can be very specific. City Council will be sensitive to Mt. Adams. Reasonable people need to come together and meet reasonable decisions. Ending is a written document. The first meeting with Steve Briggs at City Hall was very contentious. It was decided that a small group will get together to find common ground and come to final document.

**Art Walks:** Marcy Bullerman introduced Jayne Utter from Summerfair. It is the 50th year for Summerfair and as a special event the second Saturday in September Mt. Adams will have a street art sale like the original Summerfair. See Summerfair.org for the activities through the year. Summer Fair sponsors murals, new artists, Art Walks and more. Marcy said there will be Art Walks again this year. Along with professional artists emerging artists will be featured. As always, Marcy will need volunteers when the time comes.

**CRC:** Vanessa Henderson introduced herself. She is our representative from CRC to keep us up to date with events. Frank Obermeyer mentioned that CIP and Community Life are working on getting more chairs for the pool this summer.

**Committee Reports:**

Treasurer: Tom Abare presented the numbers for 2015. We made $5,264.38 with Cinema in the City even though one movie was cancelled. Membership $2,990.00. Donations $1,801.80…Expenses included Art Walks $1,750.00….Mutt Mitts $2,963.78….Bottom Line we have $37,745.99

MABA: Sue Zimmerman- Thanks to Reg Hahn and Dan Weinstein for taking down the Christmas decorations around the Monk. Also, kudos to Lisa Massa and Ann Nicholas for a great Luminary Night. The trolley was a real hit! The Garden Stroll is June 14th, and the committee is working hard to make it a hit. Next meeting is Tues. Jan, 12 at 6:30 at Quincy’s.

Clean, Safe, and Attractive: Jenny Ferneding …Jenny submitted to the city a request for street cleaning since there are so many leaves all over the gutters.

Membership: Jim Horrigan… Annual membership is now due. Membership gives you voting rights. Annual is $10 and lifetime is $100.

NSP: Terri Abare… Thanked City Council for the raise in NSP to $6,800 our proposal has been accepted.

Business Guild : M’ellen Horrigan… Feb. 13th is the Undie Run(a fundraiser for Children’s Tumor research). Also Lady in Red is the 13th. March Madness will be at Tavern. Reindog had 451 dogs in the parade and made over $4,000 for the SPCA. Santa Con was a bit negative. Please sign petition to save the bank. It is important to have a bank especially for the businesses to have a neighborhood bank to drop off deposits. Because we have participated in the Great American Cleanup with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, we have an opportunity to apply to the **Safe and Clean Neighborhood Fund** for efforts to improve safety, eliminate blight, and increase livability. The fund provides for a onetime cost. **Applications are due by 5pm Feb. 5** via online application**.**  Funding can be up to $10,000 and must have matching funds in the form of cash, donated materials/professional services, and/or volunteer time (some form of cash match is strongly encouraged). This is a reimbursable grant (funds are not provided up front). Project must be within the city limits. Grant meeting is required to discuss idea with Marissa Reed prior to submittal. Marissa Reed is the director of Community Programming of Keep Cincinnati Beautiful… phone (513)352-4389...www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org. Anyone interested in a project contact Jim McCarty or Frank Obermeyer or the Business Guild. Discussion of possible projects included power washing the sidewalks with street sweeper, getting overgrown bushes, clean up the wall between Channel 9 and Hixson, trash on Columbia Parkway from ramp to stairs and underpass on the Martin exit ramp to Columbia Parkway.

Grapevine: M’ellen Horrigan and Sue Zimmerman: Please answer the grocery shopping survey and send to mellenvine65@gmail.com or suejzimmerman@gmail.com or drop off at 1228 Ida or 1027 Celestial. Deadline for spring edition is Feb. 1. We have add space; if anyone knows of someone who would like to advertise, please let us know.

Community Life: Frank Obermeyer… Frank reported that the third floor of HCI community building is an old gym with possibilities of being used by the community. It needs some code upgrades maybe, but the roof leak has been repaired. The committee will be looking into this.

Vice Mayor Mann recognized John Deatrick for all his work on the street car project and thanked him.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.