**MACA Minutes September 5, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President, Kurt Meier, at HCI Community Room at 7 pm. Officers in attendance were Kurt Meier, Frank Oberrmeyer, and Sue Zimmerman. Directors present were Janet Steiner, Bill Moran, Jenny Ferneding, and Russ Ferneding.

**Police Report**: Officer Childers reported that the Fireworks night was very good on the hill. There have been a few auto break-ins. One was theft from an unlocked car, a Jeep was riffled through; nothing was taken. Another Jeep had its top slashed to get to an I-Pad. A robbery was reported in front of the bank at 4:30 am. The victim was shoved and had his cell phone and wallet taken. A rock was thrown at the front of Krohn. A car was taken from Oregon (The keys were left in it). The issue of encampments is a vicious cycle. It is a citywide concern. There are strict procedures which makes it a long process. Encampments under the Columbia Parkway are in ODOT’s domain. The guy camping out near Monastery needs help and has refused offers. It is hard to make contact with the people in the encampments. If you see an area with a person call the police immediately, so they can make contact.

Special Guests at the meeting were introduced: Yvette Simpson, Michelle Dillingham, Laure Quinvilan, Vanessa Henderson (CRC) and Christopher Burton (GCWW).

Minutes were amended to reflect the actual date of Octoberfest (Sept, 13) and move to approve by Rob Croskery and seconded by Jim Horrigan.

**President’s Report:** Yvette Simpson reported on the landside issue. The City had to make immediate repairs due to the instability of the situation. The City will be seeking monetary reimbursement from Metropolitan. There was a sewer line that needed immediate attention which Council is still waiting for confirmation of the repair being completed. The good thing about this situation is that an Extreme Weather Task Force has been formed by all parties dealing with these kinds of problems. The hope is that this group will avoid problems like this. Vanessa Henderson of Bush Recreation Center reported that the Mt. Adams pool had a successful season. Bush will have an after school program Monday- Friday from 2pm to 6pm which began August 16. The program includes arts & crafts, gym games, mini-trips, homework time, snack time and much more! The fees $35/week +$2 CRC membership. For more information call 513.281.1286. There was a question about the Mt. Adams pool closing early. Christopher Burton of Greater Cincinnati Water Works presented information on Lead removal in the water system. GCWW is responsible for the water mains; all public lines will be replaced in the next 15 years. Property owners will need to replace lead lines on their property as the new mains are installed. The cost involved to homeowners who have lead lines when the main gets is approximately $3,000. Water Works will share the homeowners’ cost (50% for low income seniors, 45% for lower income residents, 40% all others to a max of $1,500). The fee can be spread out over time when assessed to property tax. New- landlords are required to tell tenants if lead pipes are in the building. Currently, there are no projects planned in Mt. Adams. If there is a project, residents will be informed via mail. Want to know if you have lead? Go to Lead.myGCWW.org.

Volunteers of the month were recognized… A rose to Amy Obermeyer (NNO), a rose to Pat Feghali (Cinema in the City), and a can of Burger beer to Pete D’juric (Martin Garden). Reminder Cinema in the City Sept. 15 *Clue* is the movie and music will start at 6:30. Volunteers will be needed to help clean up the vista on Carney. New Chairperson of Planning and Zoning committee is Steve Vogel. The status of the Business District Revitalization project - Frank Obermeyer reported meeting with Chris Manning and Ryan and got some good feedback… emphasis on looking at the bigger picture for success. Currently on the Hill in the planning stages are the Art Museum entrance change, modernization of playhouse, and a refresh of Krohn. With a lot going on, it’s good to stop and compare. Mutt Mitts provided by MACA is very expensive ($3,000 a year); we need to campaign for the users of Mutt Mitts to be involved with MACA. National Night Out was a huge success with people from the neighborhood, art museum, playhouse, and event center in attendance. Elections will be in November. The nominating committee is Janet Steiner (chair), Jim Horrigan, and Margaret Mock.

**Planning and Development:** Steve Vogel reported on 375 Oregon’s request for variances. On August 4th the City denied all variance requested. This was after a hearing attended by many residents who objected to the variance requests. The thirty days to appeal the decision has passed. The variance on 399 Parkside was adjusted and approved. There has been a question to the top structure, and the city has been contacted. If you see a building problem, you can contact Skip Zimmer-building inspector for Mt. Adams- 513-615-8356. Adam’s Edge (the Dutch Cambruzzi project on Wareham and Elsinore) is in the rezoning stage. There will be easements on both sides of the structure. It is moving forward to a formal 55 unit with a focus on younger tenants. Stay tuned.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tom Abare sent in the following report …July/August 2017

**Membership**    (2 Lifetime)                                            +$200.00 **Misc.**     (HCI Fest Sponsor/Flowers for NQ funeral Octoberfest Liq Lic) ($500.)

**Grapevine**     (Ad Revenue)                                        +$900.00 **Cash on Hand $29,000 (does not include $6,800 receivable from NSP)**

**Cinema in the City**  Full Report on the season next month

**National Night Out**    (Food and License)                        ($306.00)

**Donation**      (Margaret Mock NNO Art Sales                  +$  35.00

**Mutt Mitt**      (20 boxes @2,000 mitts per)                     ($1,689.49)

**MABA:**  Sue Zimmerman… MABA continues to water the Ida St. Bridge flowers, the bus stop, and small garden by the ATM on M-W-F. The business pots, the flowers across from Pavilion and the new hanging baskets get watered on T-Th-Sat. Thanks to Charlotte Hahn for organizing the scheduling and to all who water. Fall Clean Up Day is October 21. Meet at Bow Tie at 9:30. More details to follow. National Night Out included the unveiling of the plaque on the north side of the bridge. It honors the history of the bridge, memorializes some residents, and lists donors to the project. We are still receiving donations to cover the planting. The Wamplers have volunteered their pick up; Russ Ferneding will drive.

**Clean, Safe, and Attractive:**  Jenny Ferneding expressed the problem of the encampments. The comment was made about the overgrown trees on Elsinore, Wareham, and Paradrome that make it hard to park and drive on the streets.

**Membership:** Jim Horrigan explained membership since we had a lot of new people at the meeting. Annual membership $10 and lifetime $100 for two people.

**NSP:** Terri Abare… No Report

**Business Guild Update:** Janet Steiner/Maryellen Horrigan. Janet reported that Longworth’s has been purchased by Towne. Neil Bortz told her it was in terrible shape and will take at least six months to clean it up. He is thinking of a medium priced upscale restaurant. It was suggested that the Hill should become a Music destination. Bret has bought back Teak restaurant. He wants to bring back the Teak to its former glory. It will take at least two months to clean up the place. Bub’s Pizza is not responsible for the garbage cans that have been left out in front of their place. Sandy Zimmerman will be out of the bank 8-12 weeks. Reindog is Dec. 9th. Bob and Maureen from 98.5 will be the Grand Marshalls. There will be a plaque honoring “Father” Neil Quinn at the Monk Fountain. They are planning to honor Jim McCarty in some manner.

**Grapevine:** M’ellen Horrigan/Sue Zimmerman… We are breaking even with our ads. This last issue was a challenge because we typically have MACA minutes for three meetings, and we had one. Next deadline is Nov. 1with the issue out December 1.

**Community Life:** Pat Feghali… Cinema in the City will be Sept. 15th. The movie is *Clue*; the music by The Mitchells starting at 6:30.

**CIP/Civic Development Projects:** Russ Ferneding… nothing to report.

**Outside Reports:**  Tina Russo thanked everyone who helped make HCI festival a success. Jim Steiner -Mt. Adams Walks will end Nov. 1. It has been a really busy season and having it on the website has helped. All money earned goes to MACA which is way ahead of last year. Maureen Webb thanked MAYC members who manned a booth at the festival. Sat. September 16 is a Pedal Wagon event. October 22 will be a bus trip to Keeneland. November 14 is the annual meeting. Go to MtAdamsYachtClub.com

The third Thursday in November is Beaujolais Nouveau ( November 16th).

Pilgrim Chapel’s Italian Dinner is October 8th 5-8pm.

Karoake at Quincey’s is a Pilgrim fundraiser for Washington UCC kids in Camp Washington.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.