**Mt. Adams Civic Association Minutes…Sept. 1. 2015**

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

**Police Report:** Officers Doug Neack and Tim Eppstein with Captain John. Officer Neack will be getting a promotion and moving to a new district. Neack thanked the group for working with him, and the group showed their appreciation with a standing ovation. Officer Tim Eppstein will be our new liaison officer. Officer Eppstein is a bicycle patrol cop who has been on the force for 15 years. Captain John praised Officer Neack and the community, Tavern Guild, and Business Guild for the concerted effort regarding the Saturday night problems. He also noted that crime up here is at a five year low point. He said the Saturday Night issues are not over but are still, and we have a good framework. The approach was less aggressive and made connections and opened a dialog. Residents, taxis, Ubers, and buses get through the street blockages. **The Hill will not be closed down for Fireworks on Sunday Oct.6.** Russ Ferneding thanked the CPD for all the work on Saturday Nights; Russ and other Trustees were up from midnight to 2 am and witnessed a professional, polite, firm police presence that kept the streets passable. Traffic control is the key. Kurt mentioned that MACA wants to have a “Steak Out” (BBQ) for District 1 in the near future to show our appreciation. Chuck Curran is going off the Trustees due to term limits. Judi Cettel has volunteered to fill the position; anyone else interested?

**Approval of Minutes-** Minutes as seen in the Grapevine and sent out online were approved moved by Chuck Curran and seconded by Jim Horrigan.

**President’s Report:**  Jim McCarty emphasized how much work the Executive Committee has done. It was great team work. They met every Monday as a group and representatives met with the police and Tavern Guild every Thursday. National Night was a huge success with attendance that included two fire engines, motorcycle patrol, police, great music, food, and beverages. Cinema in the City was another great success even though one was cancelled due to weather threats. Thanks to the Baum St. Gang (the Hahns, Morans, and Weinsteins). Frank Obermeyer and Pat Fehgali are in charge for next summer. He reports they are half way staffed and needs more volunteers. Bob Deck (4EG) will be hosting the Halloween Party for the kids. The Tavern Guild will be doing Oktoberfest September 11th. Next Chapter will have a German band.

**Vice-President:** Kurt Meier emphasized the amount of work by the Officers and Trustees. Kudos to all involved in making it work.

**Committee Reports:**

**P&D –** Kurt Meier said the development at Elsinore and Wareham is at a standstill. There hasn’t been any movement. We are prepared if it does get resurrection. We are in good shape. The committee is looking to reach out to other neighborhoods who are dealing with zoning problems and band together to share information and present a united presence in fighting development that goes against codes.

**Treasurer’s Report-** Tom Abare out of town… Membership in July $260, Grapevine invoice still out, Cinema profit $5,000, National Night out expenses $800. Mutt Mitts $987 semi-annual purchase, MACA made $550 donation to Art Walks Balance $36,000

**MABA-** Sue Zimmerman reported that the business pots and gardens are doing well. The group is busy watering and maintaining the gardens. We are still working on the flower boxes for Ida Street Bridge. There will be a Clean Up in October; the date hasn’t been set. The September 8 meeting will be at Sue Zimmerman’s house at 6:30 to demonstrate how the Tender Battery works for the Zoomin’ Bloomin’ Gator. We are waiting for approval from the city for the flower boxes.

**Clean, Safe, and Attractive-** Jenny Ferneding….Graffiti on the Ida Street bridge..Jenny will contact the correct department. Question about planned flower boxes on the Ida Bridge answer the city will approve and boxes will be bracketed to the bridge and will not be installed above any street.

**Membership-** Jim Horrigan two new lifetime memberships… A $400 donation… Annual $10 and lifetime is $100…Pay annual forward for 2016

**NSP-** Terri Abare out of town… A check for $4,800 should be forthcoming from the city.

**Business Guild Mtg -** M’ellen Horrigan Soapbox successful, but problems with no water and long lines for food. Teak and Bar and Grill were very busy. Red Bull will be coming back in 2017. On Wednesday there will be an alcohol server class. Learn all the Ohio laws; it is open to the public at Pavilion. The Guild is looking to install permanent lighting to replace the now temporary lighting for Saturday nights. Sad news Nate the bartender at Quincy’s died suddenly…fundraiser to happen.

**Grapevine-** M’ellen Horrigan and Sue Zimmerman… Copies of the Grapevine are on sale at Jo-Beth Books and 14 have been sold … Fall issue is out. Next Issue deadline is November 1.

**Community Life-** Frank Obermeyer…Thanks to all involved in National Night Out especially the volunteers, Towne Properties, the police and firemen, and the businesses who donated food, beverages, and supplies. Volunteers are needed to man the MACA tent at Art Walk Sept. 12. A sheet was passed around for sign ups. Contact Frank at frankobermeyer@yahoo.com The playhouse still needs the art survey responses. Please fill it out; each submitted survey shows community leaders who direct funding just how important the Playhouse is to Mt. Adams. [**https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/mtadamsarts**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/mtadamsarts)Sincere thanks to Jincey Yemaya and the CRC for the Pool building tour ; it is a nice building but needs a lot of work. Cinema in the City was another great year; Pat Feghali is forming a team for next year. She needs about six people, and she is halfway there. Email Frank if interested. The Cincinnati Park Board…Thanks to Steven Schuckman and Jim Burkhart. We will be looking for a list of the top 5 park improvements that we’d like to see in the city’s budget. The park board will help us navigate the process and maximize the odds for potential Eden Park projects. Some potential projects – refreshing the gardens, improve signage, benches, better use of the old waterworks building near the climbing wall, shade structures at playgrounds, spaces for “nature play,” volunteer projects, and green up days. Call Dave Boutelle (961-1800) if you see anything that’s already there but in need of repair. Note that Mirror Lake belongs to the Cincinnati Water Works and is still the roof of the city’s largest drinking water reservoir. **Upcoming Events:** Tavern Guild will again be sponsoring an **Oktoberfest party** in the lot across the street from The Pavilion. (Weds. Oct. 16… 5 to 9?) There will be a band, beer, and a food vendor with funnel cakes, brats etc. **Halloween** Bob Deck and 4EG has offered the Pavilion lot a bounce house for kids and cocktails for adults (more on this to come).  **Game Night** Looking for volunteers to help re-invent community game night to appeal to a larger audience.

**CIP -** Civic Development Projects …Russ Ferneding is looking for applications. Jim McCarty offered $1,000 for Business Guild project to help with barriers or permanent lighting.

**Outside Report -** Brian Frank…Clifton Market, 319 Ludlow….Lifetime membership is $200. Sept. 9 Los Portillas is donating 10% of proceeds to Clifton Market… Events 9/13 Market at Second Sunday’s on Main, 9/19 Back Lot Clean Up, 9/23 La Poste 10% for the Market, 9/25-27 Clifton Fest 9/26 Recycling Event under the Overhang 10/3 Neighborhood Yard Sale under the overhang. www.cliftonmarket.com

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:05** Moved by Larry Boberschmidt and seconded Chuck Curran