**MACA Minutes May 3, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Jim McCarty. Jim introduced the officers present…Kurt Meier, Tom Abare and Sue Zimmerman. Trustees present were Janet Steiner, Russ and Jenny Ferneding, and Frank Obermeyer.

## Police Report: Officer Tim Epstein left contact cards. He reported that there hasn’t been much crime on the Hill. Teak was broken into; someone left a door open. The homeless camps by the 471 off ramp have been removed and social services were involved. The Business Guild and he continue to work on the Good Neighborhood Agreement; progress is being made and Wednesday he has a meeting with city. A sticking point is the noise ordinance; right now the ordinance relies on decibels. The change being considered is distance from the source of noise which would be easier to determine and measure more effectively. Comments from the audience: what about the break-in through an open window on Fuller April 16? Officer Eppstein hadn’t been informed. Jim asked if you have a concern to email him before the meeting, and he would forward to it to Tim, so he can have the answers. Another comment was they found out the information on Next Door Mt. Adams.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved from email version and print copies on the tables.

**President’s Report:**  Jim McCarty said the trustees read the Good Neighborhood Agreement and after some research sent suggestions to Tim. Janet Steiner found that Chicago’s noise problems by distance rather than decibels, and Kurt researched the site. Jim made changes to paragraphs. The Business Guild is in discussion, and it is a work in progress.

**Vice- President:** Kurt Meier was at the Tavern Guild meeting this afternoon. We have a good working relation with many of the members. Our responsibility is to the neighborhood, but we don’t want to trample on the Tavern Guild. Longworth’s liquor license was transferred to Art Lykins, and he is trying to sell the property. United Neighborhood has a new member, East End Civic Association.

**Councilwoman: Amy Murray…** Murray introduced herself and her community outreach person, Laura O’Brian. She passed around a sign-up sheet to receive her monthly newsletter. Topics vary this month is on Water Works. Success on City Council includes: Balanced Budget, Pension problems solved,Transportation. City Council is trying to make the city user friendly. If you don’t get action from the current channels, call Murray’s office. She mentioned FixIt Cincy app which allows you to take a picture of a problem and has a GPS which will transmit your location. Be specific when explaining the problem. Within two hours you should get a response, and within days the problem should be solved. You will be notified when the problem is fixed. This is good for things like potholes, blight, graffiti, and garbage pick-up. In winter there will be an app that will show plowed routes in a snow situation. She is on the Planning Council and MACA is the ears and eyes for the community and Council wants to know. Jim McCarty gave her the background on our recent zoning situation on Elsinore. Questions from audience: Who is responsible for cleaning sidewalks like the 6th Street overpass? What about the situation of barriers on Eden Park Drive between the gazebo and Krohn? What about trash on the 471 exit ramp to Parkway and Martin Drive? She talked about working with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and was informed that MABA does two Clean Ups with KCB and this June MACA and MABA kicked in $1,000 to clean 5 of the major Mt. Adams steps. The broken barriers are being fixed as of last Friday. A question on vistas about the 25 story building going up neat the Purple People Bridge was posed. Murray said many adjustments and modifications have been made for example moving the building perpendicular to the river. The vote is due tomorrow.

**Events Center at the Monastery: Dan Goebel**, chairman of Receptions Inc. They have six locations is Cincinnati. The center is up market. The plan for this started three years ago. The capacity is about 290 people. The first wedding is May 7th. Ninety-four weddings are already booked. Much of the building has kept the original feel. The new courtyard is phenomenal. It has a full service kitchen and liquor license. Question from audience: what is the typical time for the end of a wedding? Usually midnight. They do not do rehearsal dinners, so this will likely create opportunities for businesses on the Hill. Jim commented on how this is a positive for the Hill.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tom Abare…April activity...Membership dues + $130…Grapevine ad receipts + $350…Invest in Neighborhoods deposit (City of Cincinnati) + $670…Payment for Cinema in the City poster design - $ 100…The annual Charitable Registration with Ohio Attorney General filed. Current balance is $38,000, with outstanding contracts to Mt. Adams step cleaning, Art Walk,  and pool furniture.
**MABA:**  Sue Zimmerman…Planting of business pots is May 7th at 9:30; meet at the Monk. May 16th the Ida Street Bridge flowers will be planted by WOW thanks to donation from the Sheppards. Garden Stroll Tickets are on sale in May for the pre-sale price of $25. You can email me (suejzimmerman@gmail.com) or stop by the house 1228 Ida. Online go to Mtadamstoday.com and go to the link. Or use mtadamssunsetgardenstroll.weebly.com. Tickets will also be on sale at the Art Walks. The price in June will be $30. June 11 MABA will have a mini-clean blitz before the stroll.

**Clean, Safe, and Attractive:** Jenny Ferneding… The five sets of steps will be cleaned the first week in June paid by MACA and MABA. Zan Walters has been the administrator of the Mutt Mitts for the last 10 years. Five volunteers stock the boxes. Zan places the orders 2 or 3 times a year. The volunteers fill the Mutt Mitt boxes. Contact Jenny if you are willing to fill the vacancy at jennyferneding@gmail.com

**Membership:** Jim Horrigan…Membership is rolling in.

**NSP…**Terri Abare…Nothing to report

**Business Guild:** M’ellen Horrigan… Business Guild is working on dress code and the Good Neighbor Agreement. They emphasized the need for residents to call 765-1212 when they see violations of noise, unruly behavior, etc. It is important to give your name with the report so that there is an official record rather than hearsay. They also toured the new Monastery Event Center… It’s absolutely fantastic.

**Grapevine:** M’ellen Horrigan and Sue Zimmerman… We are in deadline…We need to get to the printer by next Monday.

## Community Life: Frank Obermeyer…Cinema in the City…Extra activities for kids this year; we are working with Daunielle from the Playhouse on possibilities. *Sponsors*…We lost Huntington Bank, our headline sponsor from last year…Pavilion has taken over that role this year. Huge thanks to Bob Deck and Danny K and everyone at 4EG...Other major business sponsors include Jake Sweeney, Hixson, and Fifth Third along with several generous individual donors. We're about $1,600 short of last year, and still trying to close that gap. We would appreciate any help. You’ll be seeing a neat new poster soon. Cincinnati Neighborhood Games- 3 qualifiers down, one more to go…Next is 5/21 at 4:30 at Longworth's-Corn hole, giant Jenga, and Steinholding. We should have neighborhood reps for most events. For other events I've been telling Margaret Mock that we should consider moving from a volunteer army to a draft. With Jim and Janet Steiner on the Cincinnati Trivia team, I'm feeling particularly good about that event. Mt. Adams Art Walk -- The first Art Walk of the season will be May 14th.As with last year, the Civic Association will man an information tent at the corner of St. Gregory and Hatch. Volunteers will pass out bottled water, event maps, and collect completed passports for prizes. More volunteers are needed, so we can keep shifts to an hour, and so no one needs to work alone. Please stop and see me after the meeting if you're willing to volunteer.  You've been very generous in the past.

**CIP:** Russ Ferneding…MACA has spent some money -$6,000 Ida Street flower boxes… Art Walks musicians. Chairs and tables for the pool not to cost more than $5,000. More money is available send project ideas to Russ.

**P&D:** Kurt Meier… There was a variance request for a rear deck on Hill Street. The neighbors had no objections, so it was approved.

**Events etc:** Pavilion St. will be torn up for work on gas lines (Monastery too). MAYC has a Derby Party at Next Chapter 5:30 to 7:30; guests are welcome. There will be BowTie and Hat contests. See www. mtadamsyachtclub.com

Tohi Spa Tea Bar Boutique will be having an Open House on June 3rd 2016. We will have prizes, samples, and chair massage. Our guest speaker Dr. Hal Blatman will have an open round table discussion from 6-8pm.  The topic is "Demystifying Medicine.”  Bring your questions. Also, Tohi Smoothie Bar is open, and we have new summer hours.  We are now a Dock Discount for the Mt. Adams Yacht Club.   Please join us and see what Tohi Spa in Mt. Adams has to offer you.

**Mt. Adams Walks…**Guided Tours at 1pm the1st ,2nd,3rd, 4th Sundays of the month. Mtadamstoday.com Call 513-235-3957 or email jamessteiner@hotmail.com

 **Vanessa Henderson CRC:** no updates.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.