**HOLIDAY BEST WISHES**

May you enjoy a blessed and joyous holiday season with your family and friends. With your spirit of volunteerism to The Hill, we can be assured that our community will continue to grow and prosper.  Thanks to each of you for your kind service throughout 2017.

**MOUNT ADAMS VISION**

The major stakeholders in the Mount Adams/Eden Park venue have had an historic first meeting at the Cincinnati Art Museum in mid-December to plan a strategy for undertaking a unified approach for major development in the above geographic area.  The entities at the meeting were:

* Cincinnati Art Museum
* Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park
* Cincinnati Parks Board
* Mount Adams Civic Association
* Walnut Hills Community Council
* Towne Properties
* Human Nature, Inc.

This was a special historic meeting in that all major organization representatives met to discuss the betterment of greater Mount Adams/Eden Park/Walnut Hills.  This major effort will be led by Chris Manning and his staff at Human Nature.

In order to facilitate the Mount Adams portion of renovation that will occur on St. Gregory Street, Pavilion Street and elsewhere, the MACA Board of Directors have authorized and made the following expenditure of funds:

* $1,800.- Randy Mazzola/graphic design
* $6,000 - Human Nature, Inc.- urban planning

The Mazzola graphic designs are concept renderings and will be considered among other concepts.

Chris Manning and his staff will work with MACA's community-based committee to work on a final design for Mount Adams.

MACA will also continue to work with the City's DoTE in the planning phase (no cost) and will also apply for a City block grant to assist MACA with development.

Our planning committee consisting of MACA's President, Vice President, a Director, MABA leaders, a Business Guild member and a NBD member, will meet twice a month for the foreseeable future with coordination of Human Nature Principal and staff.  This will assure that our end plan for Mount Adams will be historic, precise and be the very best ever.

**MACA COMMITTEES WORK**

Our community is gifted with Committee Chairs who work tirelessly on their respective areas of responsibility.  Mount Adams has enjoyed a successful year of efforts and achievements from each and every Committee.  We have contended with hillside slides, commotion from rental tenants, homeless issues, crazy home site designs and the like.  We've enjoyed a huge party on the Ida Street Bridge, Christmas caroling, dogs in dresses, people running around in undies, drinking so-so wine with a toast from an honest-to-God French restauranteur (do we ever love Jean Robert) and everything else that no other community in this part of the world gets to laugh about.  'We're all here because we're not all there' certainly comes to mind. All of this effort and care makes us unique and fun.

**WE CAN DO BETTER!**

There is a place in Mount Adams for everyone who wants to volunteer to do so.  Just ask a Director or Officer of MACA.  Mount Adams welcomes everyone.  We relish divergency and share different points of view.  Out of all of this comes a community friendship that is a rare gift.  Keep it up.

Best wishes to all of you,

Kurt Meier

President, Mount Adams Civic Association