**MACA Minutes September 4, 2018**

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

Blake Robison, Artistic Director of Cincinnati Playhouse, joined by Buzz Ward and Kathy Neus, gave an update on the Playhouse revitalization. The Marx was built in 1968 needs work. It turns out a renovation would cost as much or more than a new build. Currently the playhouse is in the fund raising mode for the project. The Marx will remain open during the construction of the new theater which will be built to the north of the Marx. There will be easier access - less stairs to get into the theater. There will be a Fly Tower which allows for scenery changes from above. Of course, there will be many tech improvements. The design of the building will blend in with the environment taking full advantage of the park views and feel. The new theater will have a modified thrust stage, which will allow the playhouse to have a proscenium stage. The current theater has 626 seats; the new theater will seat 530. The balcony will be closer to the stage for better viewing. The Shelterhouse will get new seating with more leg and seat room. It is a 39 ½ million dollar project and is slated to be completed in late 2021. Blake showed plans of the design and answered questions.

**Police Report:**  Officers Jennifer Chilton and Hank Ward reported. It has been a good summer on the Hill with little crime activity. There were two thefts from auto one on Oregon and one on Hill. There was a break-in that appears to be an inside job since only certain items were taken. Hank Ward said that a CBD auto theft arrest might be related to the ones on the Hill. Over the weekend there were 6 overdoses in a short time probably a bad batch of heroin.

**MACA Revitalization Committee Update:** Chris Manning, President of Human Nature LLC, presented the addendum to the MACA Strategic Plan. Kurt introduced the committee: Frank Obermeyer, Judi Cettel, Teresa Liguzinski, Janet Steiner, Jenny Ferneding, Pat Sheppard, and Missy Fox. Chris explained that the 2009 Plan was still valid, so this committee worked on ideas to be added to it. There were handouts that outlined the goals, plans etc. Some key points were; improving connectivity between the art museum, playhouse, Krohn, neighborhoods, and Business district, improving all lighting on the stairways to Mt. Adams, a wedding walk from HCI to Event Center, and more. The key is to have Mt. Adams be a Cultural Center. Chris remarked that the cooperation among the players is heartening. For all the details go to the MACA website – mtadamscincy.org

**Vice- President Report:**  Frank Obermeyer We are beginning a fundraising committee for some of the proposed projects. Also the rain date for Cinema in the City is September 14 for Labyrinth, Music by Jake Speed and the Freddies, and food by Fireside pizza.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning and Development:** Steve Vogel – There is nothing currently on the agenda. Adams Edge has started, and we have a signed document that agrees to have viewing corridors on either side of the structure.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tom was out of town. Kurt reported that MACA has a balance of $24,273.00.

**MABA:** Barb Timmins- MABA currently has 58 members. Thanks to Pete D’juric and his volunteers for cleaning up the St. Vincent DePaul’s garden area. We continue to water business pots, the bridge, the Seasongood Pavilion bus stop, and Spike’s garden. Barb thanked Gail Seifert and a crew of volunteers for cleaning up the weeds along the wall that runs from Channel 9 up to Wareham. She encouraged people to stop by the entrance gardens that are maintained by MABA people; they are beautiful. Fall Clean up is October 20…Many volunteers are needed. The next MABA is Tuesday,September 11 at Judy Woods’ house at 6:30.

**Clean, Safe, and Attractive:**  Jenny Ferneding reminded the group clean up in spring had to be cancelled due to snow, so we could use a lot of people on October 20.

**Membership:** Jim Horrigan reported 4 new lifetime memberships. The best way to sign up for annual or lifetime membership is to use the form in the Grapevine or go to the website.

**Neighborhood Support Program (NSP):** Teri Abare- no report

**Business Guild:**  Maryellen Horrigan – Saturday is Art on the Hill 12-5pm, Red Bull Soapbox starts at 11 behind Krohn, and the Art Club will be open 6-9 on Friday and 1-4 Saturday and Sunday.

**Grapevine:** Maryellen Horrigan/ Sue Zimmerman- There are extra copies if you haven’t gotten the fall issue. The winter issue deadline is November 1st.

**Community Life:**  September 14th for Labyrinth Cinema in the City

**Community Improvement Projects:** Russ Ferneding… Nothing has been turned in- ideas are needed.

**Election Process Committee:** Members of the committee are Janet Steiner-Chair of nominating committee, Jim Horrigan-member, Terri Abare-member and legal counsel to committee. There are three openings for Directors. Interested? Contact any of the committee members.

**New Business:**

Danny K. proposed that the community (MACA etc) approach Artworks to do a mural on the side of Amigos that faces the parking lot. The response was positive, and Margaret Mock will be in charge of the next steps. Also Pavilion will be celebrating September 19 with an authentic German band.

Nouveau Beaujolais will be happening in November with an addition to the community plaque.

Maureen Webb MAYC: Thank you for support of the August 17 community celebration to welcome home Mt. Adams resident, Bryce Carlson, following his world-record-setting row across the North Atlantic Ocean.MAYC welcomes new Discount Dock, Amigos Bar & Patio, 950 Pavilion St. Upcoming events: Sept. 19- Celebrate Oktoberfest at Chapter (Clubhouse), 940 Pavilion St. 5:30-8p. Sept. 28- Final Friday Happy Hour at Chapter. 5:30-8p.October 20- Pedal Wagon! RSVP [www.mtadamsyachtclub.com](http://www.mtadamsyachtclub.com/)

Tina Russo thanked all who helped make the HCI festival a success despite weather challenged.

Vanessa Henderson- Busch Recreation Center- The center is now on its fall hours. Pickle ball is now a possibility and the person, who had expressed interest in this, please contact her. October 31 will be a Trunk and Treat 6-8 pm. If you want to come and distribute candy great, or you can donate candy to Vanessa, and she will take care of distributing. Last year’s Trunk and Treat was a huge success. Coming soon is chair volleyball.

Meeting Adjourned – Jim moved and Chuck seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15