**MACA Minutes June 4, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President, Frank Obermeyer at 7pm. Directors in attendance included Judi Cettel, Jenny Ferneding, Russ Ferneding, and Bryan Mock. Officers present included Frank Obermeyer, Tom Abare, and Sue Zimmerman.

**Police Report:** No report, but Frank reminded the group that Safety Sector meetings are the third Thursday of the month at Chapter at 6 pm.

**Cincinnati Art Museum:** Andrew Palamara talked about the new Docent Class at the museum. Volunteers are needed to be docents. They are recruiting this summer with an Aug. 30 deadline. Classes will start Jan. 2020 and run through Sept. Classes meet once a week either on Tues. 10 to noon or Thurs. 6-8 p.m. June 19th at LeBlond Rec. Ctr. will be a detailed presentation on becoming a docent. Information is also available on the Art Museum website.

**Approval of the minutes:** Maryellen moved to approve and Tom Abare seconded.

**President’s Report:** Frank reported that zoning issues have been prevalent recently for new builds, the 1237 Ida Street situation etc. Cinema in the City starts June 6. Sponsors need to be appreciated more. Anyone interested in helping or working on this next year, please contact Margaret Mock or Frank. Frank also passed around the latest plans for the new Playhouse.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tom Abare said it was a quiet month. Hixson helped to sponsor Cinema in the City for $1,000. There were two new lifetime memberships. Balance is $34,000.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning & Development:** Steve Vogel reported the 1251 Elsinore application is in revision. MACA sent two letters to the Zoning Commission and was present at the meeting last month. The applicant is to look into MACA concerns and will get back to us. The 1237 Ida Street’s partial tear down- according to the city if nothing been done by the owner, by June 15th the city will demolish the remaining structure.

**MABA:** Barb Timmins said that MABA has been busy planting the pots, bridge boxes, and working on the big public gardens. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful with FCC donated gold and blue flowers to neighborhoods to celebrate being in the MLS. We are in watering mode for the season. The next Garden Stroll is June 16, 2020. MABA’s next meeting is at the Blind Lemon at 6:30 on June 11.

**Clean, Safe, and Attractive:** Jenny Ferneding reported that they had to remove graffiti on Elsinore- the stonewall, the stop sign and some guard rails. Rather than call the city which will paint over graffiti, she and volunteers removed the paint to keep the integrity of the wall. If you see graffiti contact Jenny.

**Membership:**  Jim Horrigan said the Grapevine is out and the application for membership is on the last page.

**Community Life:**  Margaret Mock reminded people the Zoo’s Pollinator Challenge is still ongoing. She provided handouts that tell how to include pollination friendly plants and bushes in our gardens or flowering pots. She encouraged people to register to help make the zoo’s goal of identifying pollinator friendly gardens. Cinema in the City’s first movie of the season –Mama Mia! sing along is Thursday, June 6. At 7pm the live music will be Real Live Humans. The movie starts at dusk, and a food truck will be on the grounds.

**Community Improvement Projects:** Judi Cettel nothing to report

**Other Reports:**

**NSP:**  Julie Dietz nothing to report. Frank mentioned that a version of the city budget came out with no NSP funding, but it was quickly changed to have NSP funds back in the budget.

**Business Guild:**  Maryellen Horrigan reported the restaurants are still in the plans. There have been some plumbing and sewer problems at the former Longworth’s. The old Teak location also has some issues, but will re-open as **1194** (the name is the date the original Teak opened).Quincy’s will be changing. Watering of the baskets and pots needs to be worked out between the two teams. Playhouse and the Art Musuem is bridging to East Walnut Hills for discount tickets typically offered with subscriptions.

**Grapevine:**  Maryellen Horrigan/Sue Zimmerman. Next deadline for the fall issue is August 1. We are always interested in having people write a column. We could use articles on the kids or young professional on the Hill.

**Walking Tours:** Janet Steiner reported that the tours had the best May ever!

**Cincinnati Recreation Commission:** Vanessa Henderson reported on the Business Plan Findings and Recommendations. She gave the background on the research and surveys for the Business Plan Process. She reminded us that CRC includes 23 Rec.Ctrs., 24 Aquatic pools and facilities, 6 golf courses, 85 tennis courts, 954 acres, and 5 community gardens. The survey cited the strengths as dedicated staff, number of facilities, over 1,500 programs that serve youth and seniors, two time Gold award and certification winner with the National Recreation and Park Association, and the first large urban rec.dep in Ohio to receive accreditation by the National Commission on Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies. The mission is to embrace the spirit of the Cincinnati community by creating a culture of lifelong personal growth supported through reliable and sustainable funding sources that will move us from good to great. The key points to consider include: CRC is overextended based on the current allocated resources, to provide more relevant programming, there is a need and a desire for increased financial sustainability, and it is critical to improve technology for better decision making.

**Mt. Adams Yacht Club:** no report

**Cincinnati Art Club:** no report

**Pilgrim Chapel:** David Schwab announced that Baseball Sunday will be July 14. Reds’ historian Perry Thacker will be the guest speaker. After the service there will be a picnic. All are welcome to come.

**Holy Cross- Immaculata:** Jim Horrigan HCI Golfing outing is a week from Saturday, June 15. More dealers are needed for the casino at the festival in August 2nd and 3rd. So, June 29th will be a warm up night; we will teach people how to deal etc.

**New Business:** none

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45**

Submitted by Sue Zimmerman