**MACA Meeting April 6, 2021…Zoom Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Frank Obermeyer, President. Officers in attendance beside Frank were Tom Abare and Sue Zimmerman. Directors online were Judi Cettel, Ginny Corsini, Nic Covey, Steve Vogel, and Dan Weinstein.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as sent out.

**Police Report:** Officer Michelle Bockenstette reported on the cell phone going up at the playhouse. Actually, the connection will be on the current tower and the rest of the connection will be underground. Across the city there has been a rash of car break-ins. The Hill has been hit hard. Most of the break-ins have been to non-residents. The cars broken into had visible items inside. Thus, they were crimes of opportunity. Good news is that some of the thieves have been apprehended. The homeless camp on Monastery has been cleared. The new sign to be on the street painted to warn semis is in the works. Dan Weinstein mentioned a homeless camp on Elsinore. Zand Walters asked about the lampposts on St. Gregory still not being lit. Officer Bockenstette said the fix was done, and supposed to be ready to go. At the end of this is a list of the streets and times of the theft from cars.

**Cincinnati Parks:** Steve Schuckman gave an update on Tom Jones Commons. The commons should be ready some time in June. Some sort of dedication event will happen. The walking loop, one shelter, board walk at the wetlands are done. To come is a welcome kiosk with 4 panels - maps, a history of Eden park, a history of waterworks, and flora and fauna. Later there will be a natural playscape. Swings for all ages will be constructed. There will be stairs leading from the commons up to mirror lake. Questions were posed and the answers were- Landscaping will include pollinator plants, no fish in wetlands, benches will be added, some tables, and

**On The Hill Campaign:**Nic Covey spoke on behalf of the On the Hill campaign team, chaired by Judi Cettel and Tina Russo, to share the research and visioning work that has been done for the Mt. Adams business district revitalization over the past year.  The summary presentation was designed by Lee Taylor using the vision developed by Judi, Tina and a broad group of neighborhood volunteers and the work highlights our neighborhood's assets, shared aspirations for the business district and potential next steps in order to support the emerging momentum in the revitalization of our business district.  To learn more or receive a copy of the materials, please reach out to Nic at niccovey@gmail.com

**Questions on reports submitted in advance:** No comments were fielded.

**Business Guild: Mellen Horrigan -** Verizon claims there will be no new 5G tower. Rather, the present structure on the northeast corner of the parking garage will be tapped and a line run underground to the business district.

 Betsy Sunderman was present at the meeting and brought forth many issues. Such as: The city has $290 million to spend in incentive money, which the Council lost no time in allotting. Mt Adams needs to put forth a claim on its need for parking. In addition, $50 million is to be drawn from Public Services: trash pickup, snow removal, Police and Fire. The money is to go toward affordable housing. This $50 million has no set rules or guidelines as to who judges affordable and where. An affordable house in Indian Hill would be quite different from one in OTR. This will appear on the ballot as issue #3. Two new amendments are before what is left of the City Council: 1. Any Council Member under indictment will continue to be paid, but theyCANNOT VOTE on city issues. 2. A new Ethics Training program is to be mandatory of all Council members so no one can claim ignorance of the rules of conduct.

 Much discussion ensued regarding the formation and licensing of a Dora District for Mt Adams. A Dora District is an outdoor licensed “bar” enclosed in a public area not ordinarily used for such. Discussion then moved to Mt Adams forming a CDC: Community Development Committee. The purpose would be to pursue funding for public needs such as parking for the Hill. The $290 million mentioned above is a case in point. El Barril…accent on the last syllable is due to open soon…perhaps as early as July. The owners of Rookwood have not been contacted, though their HVAC has disappeared from the parking lot. This indicates permits have be forthcoming.

**Other Business:**  None

**Meeting Adjourned 8 p.m.**

**MACA Advance Reports April 6, 2021 Meeting**

**Cincinnati Rec. Ctr:** Vanessa Henderson: -CRC is currently hiring for part time positions. Recreation Leader – will work directly with children during the summer – 40 hours a week. Municipal Worker – indoor and outdoor maintenance. Please visit our website cincyrec.org

Effective April 5, 2021 - Bush hours will be 10:00 am - 7:00 pm. Weight room & gym are open by appointment only. Weight room appointments 7am – 6:30 pm – The last appointment is taken at 5:30 for the day.

Friday – Open Volleyball!!!!! 5:00pm – 7:00pm. We are still looking for ideas for Spring & Summer adult programs. Please let us know how we can enhance your CRC experiences.

We will continue to partner with St. Ursula – Bulldog Buddies, Envision Children – tutoring, Cincinnati State – youth special programs

CRC is currently taking applications for After School Day Camp. We will pick up from Douglass & Spencer Center. Deviated transportation forms may be needed for other neighborhood schools to drop children off at Bush Center. To register, visit our website cincyrec.org or you can use your RecTrac account. Registration for Summer Day Camp – please pass information to families who need childcare this summer. Bush is a license facility! ODJFS vouchers are accepted.

CRC made the announcement of the pools that will open summer 2021- Bush & Mt Adams pool is not included yet. Aquatics needs more lifeguards to open more pools, please call 352-4000. Due to social distancing, the classes sizes are much smaller.

CRC Center Membership Information: Seniors $10.00 (50 plus)… Adults $25.00 (25 – 49 yr old)…Young Adults $ 10.00 (18 – 25 yr old)…Junior/teen $ 2.00 (5 – 17 yr old) Must have a valid CRC membership to enter programs. Cards are valid at all CRC facilities. Additional fees may apply to fitness/weight rooms.

**President’s Report: Frank Obermeyer:**

* Because we anticipated that our meeting on April 6th would be almost entirely consumed by two special presentations (updates from the Parks and the On the Hill Campaign), we asked for monthly reports in advance.
* A big “thank you” goes to Dave Zimmerman, MABA, and all the volunteers who made the March 27th clean-up day such a success. THANK YOU!
* Thanks also to Ginny Corsini for getting MACA’s new email bulletin off the ground. We expect about one issue a month, timed to help fill the gap between regularly scheduled MACA meetings. If you have news to share, you may email Ginny at ginnycorsini@hotmail.com. Please keep in mind that the bulletin is intended to be very brief, and does not replace the more extensive communication of our quarterly Grapevine newsletter.
* We hope to return to in-person meetings at some point over the next several months. We continue to monitor guidance from the State of Ohio on in person gatherings in light of COVID-19.
* Our next meeting, scheduled for May the 4th (Star Wars Day!), will included an Art Museum update from CAM Director Cameron Kitchin.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tom Abare

Revenues - $11,682

 $7,987. 2021 NSP Funding. for 2021 the City advanced the funds based on our application. We just have to spend the money as we indicated- see below, we’re on our way

$ 300. Membership dues

$ 2,375. Grapevine Ads.

$1,000 Grant from the McGreevey Murphy Family Fund in honor of Janet and Jim Steiner. Someone thinks as highly of the Steiner's as we do!

Expenses - $7,110.

$3,500 Spring Grapevine

$2,430 Mutt Mitt dispenser (Adams Edge) and bags

$1,000 MABA Spring flowers - NSP funded

$ 181 MACA Bulletin Annual Fee

Ending Balance 03/31 $37,545

Committee Reports

**Planning and Development:** Steve Vogel - No Planning and Development report for April.

**MABA**  Mary Margaret Kindel Cleanup was a great success. Thanks to Chairman Dave Zimmerman and all the volunteers. We have planted the pansies on the bridge and will plant the pots mid May. The April MABA meeting will be 6:30pm Tuesday April 13 at the parish center of HCI

**Membership:** Jim Horrigan: Two lifetime members and 3 Annual. We also had a$100 donation. Maybe we should encourage more donations.

**Community Improvement Projects:** Judi Cettel- The OTH Group is continuing to meet with property and business owners to share our work and to discover what they need and how we can be of help. In addition, we have met with, and are checking out various marketing and branding consultants that might help us jump start our Business District.

We’ve completed our visioning work for the Business District and have created a Power Point Presentation that we have shared with Towne Properties, and The Business Guild. We will be sharing it with the MACA members at the April meeting.

**Grapevine:** Sue Zimmerman/Maryellen Horrigan- The summer issue deadline is May 1. We need pictures for Pat Barry event April 1. We can use articles, ads etc. Summer issue will be in mailboxes June 1. If you do not receive the Grapevine at your residence, please contact us.

**Walking Tours:** Margaret Mock: The Mount Adams Tours season kicks of the first Sunday in May. Every Sunday through October 31, a walking guided tour begins at 1:00, outside the Mt. Adams Bar & Grill. At $10 per guest, the proceeds are all donated to MACA. I thank our guides for their incredible knowledge of historic Mt. Adams and for this voluntary support of this great neighborhood. Reservations for a tour can be made at www.mtadamscincy.org.

**Mt Adams Yacht Club:** Maureen Webb- Wednesday April 21 The Blind Lemon <In-Person> Happy Hour 5:30-7:30 p.m. Outdoor garden with heaters. Live music. Light fare from Bar & Grill. Cash bar. Guests are welcome. See you soon! Members- Free. Guests- $10.

**Cincinnati Art Club:** Gary Eith - The Cincinnati Art Club (CAC) will again participate and support the Mt. Adams Art Walk scheduled for April 10, 1-6 PM with a booth on St. Gregory's St. Besides showing and selling works from several artists, the CAC will have a free poster give-away to every visitor to the booth, and brochures on membership to the CAC. The CAC's Sketch Group Exhibit will run from April 8-23, online. Simply go to the Cincinnati Art Club website. The club actually started as a sketch group...artists paint and draw from live models or still life. The club meets twice a week for sketch group.

 (They continue to look for models, and you do not need to be a professional model, and they pay an hourly wage, and models pose for 20-30 minutes with a break before starting again).

The Founder's Week Celebration actually is a live show at the Wessel Gallery at the CAC on Park Side Place. It's the first live show (following state pandemic guidelines) of the year for the club. It starts on the weekend of April 10 and 11. April 9 is a fundraiser. It resumes on Tuesday April 13 and runs through April 18, It is open10 am - 5 pm. The show depicts artist's works of historical scenes and figures and interpretations thereof, from the Cincinnati region in the late 19th century around the time period of the founding of the CAC. The art will be for sale. More info can be found on the CAC's website.

**Art on the Hill – History of Mt. Adams** My new book, Mount Adams: A History will be available for purchase at Art On The Hill, April 10 from 1 to 6. Janet, my wife, and me will be manning a booth across the street from the old public school on Saint Gregory Street. Stop by, meet the author, purchase a book and have it signed and personalized. The book would make a great gift for a birthday, Mothers or Fathers Day or for you. Can’t make the April 10 gathering? Purchase on line at hillyes.org or at the Book Shelf in Madeira, Joseph-Beth Booksellers in the Rookwood Mall, Roebling Point Books in Covington and the Ohio Book Store downtown. Crowley’s, Bow Tie Café and North Side Bank on the Hill also have the book.

The photo, from 1969, is the second and last Mount Adams Festival. It was renamed Summerfair and moved to Eden Park in 1970. Today, its evolved into a juried art event held at Coney Island. The intersection in the photo is Saint Gregory and Pavilion. Both were two-way. That’s a telephone booth along the left border of the image. Learn why the Mount Adams Festival was moved in my new book. Jim Steiner

**Late addition:**

GREEN SPACE from Joyce Miller

Shane has been working directly with Don of the art club and the current family making the offer.We do not, as yet, have a 501C3 serving as a vehicle for our donations. Because the art club (owing to restrictions on building on the land) and the family making the offer on the property have changed the original parameters, the situation is more fluid and we may have an opportunity to purchase. Shane has suggested, and I agree, that we allow the two parties to continue their negotiations. Don has our offer for the entire green space.  Our hope has always been to keep the entire space green in accordance with the original gift to the parks as open space. We would prefer to see no development there. The single-family residence now being negotiated with no parking for the art club is something we are currently following. With this option, should the two parties reach an agreement, a large horizontal green strip below the barn reaching end to end from Paradrome to Parkside would remain owing to restrictions on development of those parcels, we feel.  This, too, is a decent compromise.Cincinnati Parks is ready to accept all the land, any part of it,  though we know it may take time and funds to get the transfer completed.  This is still our hope.

 Let me know if you have further questions.

**The theft from autos** this month for residents to check their ring cameras for any of the following possibly captured on video.  They can upload directly to the link I sent you.  We appreciate any efforts the community has so we can solve these cases and get these suspects charged appropriately.

 943 Monastery St   3/10/21 12:30 pm-1:30 pm

1128 Belvedere St 3/15/21 5pm-6:30 am …1106 Belvedere St   3/12/21 12:30 am-9:18 am

1138 Fuller St    3/11/21 10:30 am…3/12/21 2:30 pm

1005 Parkside Pl   3/31/21 12:30 am

953 Eden Park Dr 3/21/21 2:30pm-5:00 pm …911 Eden Park Dr 3/24/21… 9:00am-10:00 am

1205 Eden Park Dr  3/22/21 7:15 pm-8:30 pm…953 Eden Park Dr 3/21/21 5:00 pm…

1206 Eden Park 3/12/21 6:006:15pm

1560 Art Museum Dr  3/12/21 12:00 am-9:00 am 1752 Art Museum Dr  3/12/21 6:30 pm-6:50 pm