**MACA Minutes February 2, 2021**

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7pm.Twenty-four people were online including Officers Frank Obermeyer, Tom Abare and Sue Zimmerman. Directors attending were Nic Covey, Judi Cettel, Jenny Ferneding, Steve Vogel, and Dan Weinstein.,

**Police Report:**Officer Michelle Bockenstette reported that January was a pretty uneventful time on the Hill. There was one theft from an unlocked auto on Fuller a pair of sunglasses was taken on Jan.3. Two cases of criminal damaging. Rocks were thrown and car windows broken Jan. 14 and Jan 27. The Street lights on St. Gregory are not working. Work is being done to switch out the taxi stand signs, since they are not needed, and change 10 minute parking to one hour Some issues were brought up about large rocks being pushed out from street gardens (Hill/Martin garden and Rookwood Monastery/Ida). Semi-trucks are still coming up Parkside and getting stuck. The problem is being worked on, but if you see a large truck that can’t move and is blocking traffic, call 911. The report helps to legitimize the problem. These trucks are getting directions that detour them up here. Officer Bockenstette will check on the situation.

**Cincinnati Rec. Commission:** Vanessa Henderson – no report

**Minutes:**The minutes were sent out with the Zoom message and approved by those attending.

**President’s Report:** Frank Obermeyer thanked all the volunteers on the Hill who make Mt. Adams such a great neighborhood. No matter what the weather; they show up when needed. 5G poles are going up all over the Hill. Residents should be getting a green postcard announcing an installation if it is within 200 feet of their properties. 5G requires a lot of poles closer together.  If the utilities on your street are underground, 5G will be underground. But if the street has above ground utilities, the 5G will be above ground.  When, and if you get a green card you might want to call the number if the pole will be in an awkward spot.  Good news - the Cincinnati Ballet will perform at Seasongood Pavilion in May.

**Treasurer’s Report:**Tom Abare reported 5 new lifetime memberships and 3 annual memberships. $770 came in from Grapevine ads. The 2020 NSP funds came in $6,000. Some people on the Hill thought they had to subscribe to get the Grapevine and when Tom told them the Grapevine is free to addresses in the 45202 zip code. (People who live off the Hill need to subscribe - $10 a year).  Those new members told Tom to keep the money. We donated $500 to the Hillside Trust. $800 of the NSP funds will go to MABA for flowers. Current Balance close to $32,000.

**Committee Reports**

**Planning and Development:** Steve Vogel reported than nothing is currently pending.

**MABA:** Mary-Margaret Kindel announced that there would be no February meeting.  The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 9 at the HCI parish room at 6:30.  Spring Clean Up is March 27th (the Saturday before Good Friday). Dave Zimmerman is in charge and more information will be forthcoming.

**Clean, Safe, and Attractive:** Jenny Ferneding has started on a new project -Sidewalks.  We all know how bad and dangerous some of our sidewalks are. Jenny plans to explore contractors and explore estimates for the costs. Chuck Curran mentioned how bad Celestial was. Property owners are responsible for paying for sidewalk repairs.

**Membership:**Jim Horrigan said that we received one more new membership this month. He reminded us that annual memberships are due now.

**Community Life:**Margaret Mock – no report

**Community Improvement Projects:** Judi Cettel - On the Hill is under the umbrella of MACA.  The group has been working since Feb. 2020. The main goal is to get businesses established. The group has several divisions. Vision – This group has done resident and business surveys. They are creating a power point presentation to explain what they have found. They want to get more business up here. Parking and Transportation- They have sought to find all parking possibilities. They have put up signage to help direct cars to parking. They are exploring the possibility of valet service or shuttle to make parking easier. Finance and Government – This group is reviving MACRUC a 501c3 organization that was active several years ago on the Hill. They are talking to other neighborhoods for ideas and projects that may be good for us. The Marketing Group created the power point and plans to show it to MACA at the March meeting.  Maryam Hallas suggested that one of the empty locations could be a set up an office space for rent for those who are now working at home. They could rent a space by the hour. Julie Dietz said she knows some people who might be a good resource for On the Hill.  Judi will get back to Maryam and Julie.

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**NSP:** Julie Dietz says she has complied the annual report and necessary documents for 2021 NSP grant which should be $8,000 to be received by June.

**Business Guild Meeting:** Maryellen Horrigan reported that the liquor licenses that were on the Hill; one may be sold and the other one is placed away for safe keeping.  The Chapter will become a Mexican restaurant, El Barril, opening April 1.   Rookwood has all the necessary permits and looks to open April 1.  Laine Smith is the new manager of Crowley’s.

**Grapevine:** Maryellen Horrigan/Sue Zimmerman - Maryellen reported that the spring issue it in the works and should be out March 1. We have two new ads - Adam’s Edge and Red Whale.

**Walking Tours:** Margaret Mock - no report

**Mt. Adams Yacht Club**:  Maureen Webb Feb.28 there will be a Zoom meeting with a guest speaker. March will be a Zoom meeting with members sharing their adventures at the many yacht clubs they have visited. April 21 will be an in-person event at the outdoor part of the Blind Lemon 5:30 – 7:30.

**Cincinnati Art Club:** Gary Eith announced a Critic show  Feb. 5-20 on the website only.  They are starting an Artist Assistance Fund. Several donations have been received.  Artists can fill out grant applications. Any artist can apply. Go to the website for more information.

**Pilgrim Chapel:**no repot

**Holy Cross-Immaculata:**no report

**New Business:**Jim Steiner (the author) said the book sales of*Mt. Adams: A History*have been going well.  The book can be purchased at Jo-Beth, The Bookshelf, North Side Bank, Bow Tie, and more.  The profits from the book go to MACA.

Also, Jack Snodgrass will be performing his comedy show at World Glass Feb. 25.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50

After the meeting there was an Update about the greenspace at the bottom of Parkside led by Shane Qualls and Joyce Miller.  There is a pending offer for the space, but if that falls through the group has a viable offer for the space. If that happens the Park Board is willing to maintain the space.