**MACA Minutes July 6, 2021**

The meeting was called to order in HCI community room at 7 pm by President Frank Obermeyer. Additional officers present Tom Abare and Sue Zimmerman. Directors present Judi Cettel, Nic Covey, Jenny Ferneding, Steve Vogel, and Dan Weinstein.

**Police Report:** Officer Bockenstette reported that last night there was a series of auto break-ins at 999 to 1107 Wareham 8 to 10 cars between 3 and 5:30 am. They have some video from Towne Properties. Windows were smashed but mostly change was taken. June 23rd a car was taken (key was found in the console) from 1283 Ida and later found in District 3 with the tires gone. Mention was made of the shut down of the bridge from 471 to Martin Dr. for the next 60 days. It was suggested that a detour sign be included to let people know how to avoid the problem. Judy Suddendorf brought up the problem of cars being towed when they are parked over 24 hours in the same place (it is the law). She had experienced this with her son’s car when they were away several days. Officer Bockensette said she gets all the Fixitcincy reports of cars that are parked illegally. She checks to see if it is a resident and contacts them etc. She isn’t looking to get cars towed. But, if the car has out of state plates, seems abandoned the car is towed. A discussion followed of the situation. Officer Bockenstette introduced Hank Ward’s replacement Sgt. George Jason (513-801-0351). She also reported that she is a newlywed, and her last name will be officially change to Kleiner.

**Cincinnati Rec. Com.**  Vanessa Henderson- There was no report.

**Guest Speaker:** Mark House from Krohn Conservatory. Mark has been with Krohn for 18 years and is the new Director. He reported that they were thrilled to be opened for the Butterfly show. When they opened on May 8, they required reservations, masks and took temperatures. Now, with vaccinations and new guidelines, they found out that reservations were a great idea. The system assigns times by the hour which created no lines and a better butterfly experience. A survey proved that 99% like the reservations, so future butterfly shows will use reservations. The show is open 10 am to 8 pm. Reservations are online and pay by credit card. The last day of the Butterfly show is Sept 6. Mark then gave the shows coming up. In fall Mounds of Mums Sept 18 to Oct 17. It features Checlostavakian gardens (small scale crevice gardens). Other events will include Bonsai mid-september, Fall Orchids October, and Holiday Show: A Cincinnati Holiday will include landmarks. January to March Firefly Fridays. Someone asked where do the butterflies come from. It turns out that this is a highly regulated by the USDA. There are butterfly farmers. It is extremely important that foreign butterflies do not get out of the Krohn which could cause environmental problems.

**Minutes: Approved as sent out via email.**

**President’s Report:** Frank thanked the people who put out the signs announcing the meetings. The mural that has been proposed for the back HCI’s garage is moving along residents who will see it all the time have approved and even donated some money. The cost is $5,000. More will be on the MACA Bulletin. The Save the Greenspace is still collecting money and taking donations. Tom Jones Common is set to open July 23with a ceremony. We need a new coordinator to organize and distribute Mutt Mitts. If you are interested contact Zan Walters. National Night Out is typically our Aug meeting, but due to Covid it has been moved to October. MACA will not be meeting at HCI on Aug 3 due to the HCI Festival. So, check the Bulletin for an update.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tom Abare reported received $2,800 for Grapevine ads. $500 donation for the Mural. All neighborhoods will be getting $10,000 from the government stimulus money. Current balance $40,000

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning and Development:** Steve Vogel – The Art Museum is developing a road to go to the front of the building. It will be accessed from Eden Park Drive before the Y split. It will be landscaped (the museum now has a full time landscaper) and in one direction. The current entrance and exit will still be used. There is a variance of a wall going up to the front of the museum. It will not affect any of the residences, and it will enhance the hill. Pictures of the project were available.

**MABA:**  Mary Moran reported that the flower box on the bridge has been reattached. We are heavily in watering season. MABA waters the pots, Ida Bridge, the Seasongood bus stop, and the flower baskets (along with Towne). MABA also handles the entry gardens. She asked that residents help us keep the sidewalks and street gutters in front of their places free of weeds to improve the Hill. There are times when we need help with the big gardens, and we sometimes need more volunteers. Next meeting is Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 the location TBA.

**Clean, Safe, and Attractive:** Jenny Ferneding said that the city has made all the repairs on the Ida Street Bridge and thanked Steve Gressel who kept her in the loop.

**Membership:** Jim Horrigan said there were 4 annual and one lifetime memberships.

**Community Life:**  Margaret Mock told us August 6th and 20th the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra will be performing at Seasongood Pavilion at 7pm a presentation and 8 pm the music. This is a ticketed event; and tickets may be purchased online ccocincinnati.org. There will be a community event for Halloween.

**Community Improvement Project:** Judi Cettel – No report

**Other Reports:**

**NSP:** There has been a change; the city will no longer run it. Invest in Neighborhoods will be in charge. We will be filling out forms etc. to be part of NIH.

**Business Guild Meeting:** M’ellen Horrigan -El Barril is waiting for approval for the size of its sign. Rookwood Pottery and Food Company is looking to September for opening. Art on the Hill will be the second Saturday in August, September, and October.

**Grapevine:** Mellen Horrigan/ Sue Zimmerman – Deadline for the fall issue is August 1. We now have Adobe to help produce the paper. YEAH!!

**Walking Tours:**  Margaret Mock – The tours are going well. Four tour guides rotate Sundays. You can order online or just show up at 1 pm. Cost is $10. Meet across from the Mt. Adams Bar and Grill. Go to mtadamscincy.org or call or text 513-403-1778. All proceeds go to MACA.

**Pilgrim Chapel:**  Rev. Dave Schwab reported he was happy to be back for in person services. There will be two concerts by Michael Delfin July16th 7 pm and July 18th 4 pm (a repeat of the 16th). August 22 a Show Worship service and at 1 pm a musical -Broadway Comes to Mt. Adams. On September 16th, the Community Book Club will be in person at 7pm. The book is Kristin Hannah’s **The Four Winds**. All are welcome to attend.

**Holy Cross Immaculata:** Amy Obermeyer informed us of new people: Fr Barry Windholtz, pastor of St Rose, will be the pastoral administrator, Fr Anthony Brausch, dean of the seminary will cover most of the 4:00 pm and 10:30 am Masses, with help from Fr Barry and other priests from the seminary
Fr Phil Seher will cover the 8:00 am Masses. Also Festival is on August 6th & 7th. Donations are needed as well as sponsors and volunteers.

**New Business:**  Nic Covey said on August 14 (the same day as Art on the Hill) neighbors will have an impromptu garage/street sale. No forms to fill out: just if you have something to sell, you can do it.

Adjourned at 8:20 pm Submitted by Sue Zimmerman