**MACA Minutes June 1, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Frank Obermeyer at the Cincinnati Playhouse. Officers in attendance Frank Obermeyer, Tom Abare, and Sue Zimmerman. Directors in attendance Judi Cettel, Ginny Corsini, Nic Covey, Jenny Ferneding, and Dan Weinstein.

**Police Report:**  Officer Michelle Bockenstette informed us that the new signage has been given a work order. This is the painted sign on the street warning semis not to go up Parkside. Also, a one way sign was added to Carney and Hatch. There were three thefts from auto… two in Eden Park- items left in plain sight. On Elsinore a catalytic converter stolen. A break-in attempt occurred at Crowley’s on May 21, fortunately, they did not get in but did damage to the door. A lot of crimes are of opportunity. This is happening across the city; there is a special team working on the break-ins. Some arrests have been made. If you have security cameras that record something suspicious, send it to the police.

**Cincinnati Rec. Commission:**  Vanessa Henderson said they were gearing up for summer camps beginning June 7. Family Fun Yoga will happen Saturday 10 am-11am June 12 and June 26. It is a way for family bonding and to increase physical activity. Bush Rec. Ctr is at 2640 Kemper Lane. Discussion concerning the Mt. Adams pool, one of the 8 pools not opening this year. Small pools and pools with tight quarters didn’t open this year. Nine pools are open. Getting lifeguards is one of the problems. Vanessa was sure that next year all the pools will be open. Preventive maintenance is still happening on the unopened pools.

**Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park:** Blake Robinson gave an update. There is one more musical presentation in the Marx - An Evening with The Bengsons June 25, 26. October will open the new season opens at the Marx - West End set in 1941 Cincinnati and at the Shelterhouse will be Need Your Love, the story of Little Willy John.

Regarding the new construction, Blake and Phil Rundel (Captial Project manager) gave status report. The ground breaking for the new theater is this Saturday. A sound issue due to the AC chillers is going to monitored and a consultant will be taking measurements on Ida Street. The excavation for the new building will take place late this week or early next week. The hillside is tough to work on and has little to no storage space. Pier drilling and foundation work is next. There will be a lot of truck traffic; it will enter the Hill from Gilbert and use the circle around the playhouse. The traffic will not go through residential streets. At times the circle will be closeto regular traffic. This should be happening until mid-August. Next the steel will go up for the building. The end of summer should have the decking going up and the structure enclosed before bad weather hits. One year from now the Marx and the main lobby will be demolished. The new building should be 80% completed at that time. Road closures during this whole project may be occur due to construction hours 7am to 4pm. The completion target is the middle of 2022 season, but it’s a moving target which could go to the end of 2022. There will be a lot of final landscaping and an addition to the art walk which will lead to Paradrome. The north stairs to the playhouse will be closed, but a temporary stairway will be available. The same company, Human Nature, who did the Art Climb will be doing the art walk extension. There will be an outdoor play area with a small stage for kids.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the May meeting were approved as sent out via email.

**President’s Report:** We have purchased new signs to go on the Mutt Mitts boxes to remind pet owners to take care of the dog waste properly. Carla LaRosa will be stepping down from coordinating the Mutt Mitt distribution and storage of the Mutt Mitts at the end of the summer. Anyone interested in doing this, please contact Frank Obermeyer. Next month’s meeting will at the HCI parish room unless you are notified otherwise. Keep an eye on the MACA Bulletin and thanks to Genny Corsini for creating and taking this on.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tom Abare reported that he paid for the printing and mailing of the Summer Grapevine and the purchase of the new Mutt Mitt signs. The insurance forms have been completed and because we are part of Invest In Neighborhoods, they cover the cost. Current balance is $36,000.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning and Development:** Steve Vogel – no report

**MABA:**  Judi Cettel – The next meeting will be at Roberta Teran’s house on June 8th at 6:30.

**Clean, Safe, and Attractive:** Jenny Ferneding - The missing planter on the Ida Bridge is safe and will return after some bridge repairs are completed. The Grapevine has information on repairing sidewalks. If you have any questions, contact Jenny.

**Membership:**  Jim Horrigan – no report

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

**Community Improvement Projects:**  Judi Cettel - On The Hill has looked at the available properties on the hill to see their potential for development. Karen Blatt, owner of The Symphony in OTR has helped the committee with her experience and has set up a meeting with a consultant. MACURC now has 501C status and is revising its regulations.

**Other Reports:**

**NSP:** Julie Dietz – no report

**Business Guild:**  Maryellen Horrigan – reported to Frank that the two new restaurants El Berril and Rookwood should be opening soon. New parking signs are coming soon.

**Grapevine:** Maryellen Horrigan/ Sue Zimmerman - Sue reported that the summer issue is out. Extra copies will be available soon at the Bank, Bow Tie, and the churches etc. If you have articles, or ads please contact them. The fall issue deadline is August 1.

**Walking Tours:** Chuck Curran reported that so far it has been busy except for the one rainout Sunday.

**M**t. **Adams Yacht Club:**  Dave Zimmerman reported that the Blessing of the Fleet will be this Sunday at 12:15 with a get together at the Hill and Celestial Street garden and then Mimosas at Mary Baskett’s house. The June anniversary party will be at The Monastery Event Center courtyard. In July the group will be at Riverside Marina and in August Pirate’s Cove.

**Cincinnati Art Club:** Gary Eith- no report

**Pilgrim Chapel:** no report

**Holy Cross Immaculata:** Tina Russo reported that as of now, the Festival will be an in person event. There will still be a raffle and the silent auction. Save the date Aug. 6 & 7. Volunteers will be needed.

**New Business:**  Joyce Miller gave an update on Save the Green Space. It is now possible to donate to the fund. There is an article in the Grapevine on how to donate to the cause and an explanation of where the money will go. Shane Qualls hopes to have the funding completed by July 3rd.

**Adjournment:**  Meeting was adjourned at 7:55.