**MACA Minutes March 2, 2021**

The meeting was called to order on Zoom by President, Frank Obermeyer at 7 pm. Officers in attendance besides Frank were Tom Abare and Sue Zimmerman. Directors present included Judi Cettel, Nic Covey, Jenny Ferneding, and Dan Weinstein.

**Police Report:**  Officer Michelle Bockenstette reported that there were no crime reports for the month of February on the Hill. She updated us on the streetlights on Celestial and Pavilion. The work has been completed, and Duke can now connect them to the power source probably tomorrow. The city is going to stencil in yellow on Parkside’s pavement warning semitrucks not to go up the street. Hopefully, this will stop semis getting stuck on the Hill. With the closing of the Roebling Bridge for repairs and the Brent Spence for painting, Columbia Parkway will be getting more traffic. There was a question about street closings on Jerome and Celestial for Good Friday Praying of the Steps this year if it does happen. Officer Bockenstette said she would look into it. Another question was why there was so many police cars on the hill this afternoon. It was probably the police looking for a stolen car in the area. The car was found down near Columbia Parkway.

**Cincinnati Recreation Center:** Vanessa Henderson reported that they are still running enrichment for kids. Bush Recreations Center and Mt. Adams Pools as of now are not scheduled to open. There are nine that will be open. There is a severe shortage of lifeguards. You can call 513-352-4000 to get updates. If you know of lifeguards who need a job, let them know.

**Minutes**: The minutes were approved with corrections made via online.

**President’s Report:** Frank told of a new project for MACA; an electronic bulletin suggested by Ginny Corsini. It will be an electronic bulletin sent out periodically with important announcements and events information. Your email address on file with MACA will be added to the master list; however, if you don’t receive anything, email Ginny at [ginnycorsini@hotmail.com](mailto:ginnycorsini@hotmail.com). to get on the list. Sue Zimmerman and Ginny are in the process of loading the emails. Martin Drive ramp will be closed for repairs starting in May for 60 days. The good part of this is that it will stop semitrucks from coming up temporarily. Allison Conner who lives across from the HCI garage is looking into having a mural on the Fuller-facing part of the garage. She has reached out to Fr. Len and Art Works. She is asking for ideas. She said nothing can be painted until the weather stays consistently 50 degrees. Contact Allison at [allisonconner@gmail.com](mailto:allisonconner@gmail.com). Frank wants to get MACA back to having fun. With the warm weather, he is hoping that we can have safe outdoor events. If you have any ideas for events, contact Frank. He is also planning to have guest speakers at our meetings to give us updates such as the art museum, playhouse, park board.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Tom Abare said it was a slow month. One lifetime membership, $1,085 in ads from the Grapevine which pretty much pays for itself. We are awaiting the 2021 NSP money. Current balance is nearly $32,900.

**Committee Reports**

**Planning and Development:** Steve Vogel has nothing to report.

**MABA:** Judi Cettel said there will be no March meeting. Spring pansies will be put in the Ida Bridge planters. Spring Clean Up is Saturday, March 27th at 9:15 meet at the corner of St. Gregory and Pavilion to sign up for a street and get supplies. Lunch at 11:30. You can sign up early by contacting Dave Zimmerman at [zimmdave@aol.com](mailto:zimmdave@aol.com). by March 26. We need a Pick-up Truck; contact Dave if you have one.

**Clean, Safe, & Attractive:**  Jenny needs 5 volunteers to plant 2 boxes on the Bridge to be socially distanced. She is also looking for contractors for estimates to fix sidewalks.

**Membership:** Jim Horrigan Since the Grapevine came out, he has gotten two lifetime memberships, $100 donation, and two annuals.

**Community Life:** Margaret Mock - Art on the Hill is April 10; it will be an open air art show. Looking to National Night Out. Open to any ideas for events.

**Community Improvement Projects:**  Judi Cettel…On the Hill (OTH) has met with businesses, commercial concerns and residents about the vision for Mt. Adams They presented a power point to the Business Guild with their findings. In April they will present the power point to MACA. They are also working on the 800 surveys they got back from Playhouse subscribers.

**NSP:**  Julie Dietz. The paperwork for the NSP funds for 2021 has been approved. The delay is due to COVID. Marc Dietz is our representative on the Proposal Reviews for the neighborhoods. Every 4 or 5 years a neighborhood has to be on the committee. Thanks goes to Marc.

**Business Guild Meeting:** Mellen Horrigan. Art on the Hill April 10. The 10 minute signs haven’t been removed yet. St. Patrick’s Day will be different due to Covid. New people at the meeting. Lainie Smith Crowley’s manager is limited to 49 people and she tried to get more but an outdoor tent or street area wasn’t approved. Crowley’s will open at 8am to 2am. Steve Hromadka the owner of World Glass was there. Pat Sheppard wants the semis to stay away. A real problem is dog poop. More and more poop is not being cleaned up by dog owners. There is no opening date for Chapter or Rookwood.

**Grapevine:** Mellen Horrigan- The spring issue extras will be available soon. Next

**Mt. Adams Walking Tours:**  Tours will begin soon.

**Mt. Adams Yacht Club:** Maureen Webb - March 25 5:30-7:30 Virtual event. Guest Speaker, Lois Hofmann- award-winning author, sailing circumnavigator. Adventure stories Q & A. Guest are welcome. For sailing blog, photos, autographed nautical themed trilogy go to loisjoyhofmann.com RSVP for Zoom link- [events@mtadamsyachtclub.com](mailto:events@mtadamsyachtclub.com) Yacht Club will be at Clean Up March 27 and Art on the Hill April 10. April 21 5:30-7:30 -In Person Event. The Blind Lemon (936 Hatch) Outdoor garden area with heaters. Live Music, Light fare, Cash Bar. Members free/Guests $10.

**Cincinnati Art Club:**  Gary Eith -There is an online exhibit of Pastels go to Cincinnati Art Club website. One of the founders, Henry Sharp, had a Pastel sell recently for $4,100. April 8 there will be a Sketch Group show. The Art Club is in need of models. If you are interested; it pays $17.50 an hour. Contact Gary at [eithg@yahoo.com](mailto:eithg@yahoo.com).

**Pilgrim Chapel:** No report

An update was given by Shane Qualls on his group’s efforts to acquire and preserve the lot at the corner of Martin and Parkside that is being sold by the Art Club.

**HCI:**  Tina Russo said as of now, they are planning the Festival for Aug 6th and 7th.

**Meeting Adjourned 8 pm**

Green Space Update was given by Shane Qualls.

Submitted by

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