**MACA Minutes May 4, 2021 Zoom**

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Obermeyer at 7 pm. Officers and directors in attendance included Frank Obermeyer, Sue Zimmerman, Judi Cettel, Ginny Corsini, Nic Covey, Jenny Ferneding, Steve Vogel, and Dan Weinstein.

**Police Report:** Officer Bockenstette said crime was down from last month. Four vehicles had windows broken out. Two of the vehicles were on Wareham, one on Oregon and one on Eden Park Dr. during the day while the owner was taking a picture. She had left her purse on the front seat. One overnight auto theft happened on Belvedere keys left in the car; the vehicle was recovered in District 4. Officer Bockenstette asked for people who hear or see something suspicious to call 911. We are not the only neighborhood that is experiencing these break-ins. She is still waiting for signage on Louden and Hatch. She will again see why the lights on St. Gregory have not been connected; she has been told they are waiting for Duke Energy. Joyce Miller asked about more signage at the bottom of Paradrome because it is almost a daily occurrence of cars coming up the wrong way on the street.

**Cincinnati Art Museum:**  Cameron Kitchin showed a short video of people and changes to the Art Museum. The Art Museum has activities for all ages. He explained that there is no back side to the building. They plan to use the hillside to augment the museum. With the Art Climb more outside art will be installed. A new one-way entrance from Eden Park Drive to the front of the building is coming. The entrance across from Seasongood Pavilion will be both an entrance and an exit. There are plans to make lateral walkways to the entrance so that there will be no steps to navigate to get in the building. The ramp to the entrance has been completed and one of the lateral walks from Art Climb is done. A new sculpture will be facing the playhouse. More and more people say they feel the Art Museum is authentic, a national treasure, and a community value. Big exhibitions are coming. Currently one must make a reservation to get in the museum. Go to the website to make a reservation. Masks are required. The café is open. Judi Cettel said that MACA would like to be involved when the time comes to celebrate the changes/improvements.

**Cincinnati Rec. Commission:** Vanessa Henderson sent in this report. 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

IDEAS!!! We are requesting ideas for the Walnut Hills Service area. Your input is important for the programs offered at our ball fields and greenspace. We have space at Ashland Field, Carmalt Recreation Area, DeHart Area, Mt. Adams Recreation Area, Park & Myrtle, Schwarz Recreation Area, and Bush Recreation Area.

Senior Programs on Tuesday & Thursday – for more information, please contact Ms. Karen at 281-1286.

Upcoming events: Partnership with Closing the Health Gap – to offer yoga & mindful sessions for the family. More information to follow.

SDC – Bush Center will offer SDC June 7 - August 13 – please call 281-1286 or register on Cincyrec.org

CRC Center Membership Information: All memberships have been extended: Seniors $10.00 (50 plus) Adults $25 (24-49yr.) Young Adults $10.00 (Junior $2.00 (5 –17yr). Cards are valid at all CRC Recreation. Additional fees may apply.

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

**President’s Report**: Frank mentioned that last month’s guest speakers on Tom Jones Common (Steve Schuckman) and On the Hill (Nic Covey) were great. And Cameron Kitchin’s video and power point were outstanding. Next month Blake Robison will present an update on the Playhouse. MACA will be soliciting volunteers for upcoming events. Let Frank or Sue know if you have any ideas for MACA activities or involvement. A lot of talk has been going around about the city’s stimulus Julie and Marc Dietz have been keeping track of surveys being sent out and with the Invest in Neighborhood group. New Bike Racks are going to be installed on the Hill; they are free. If you have an idea for where one should be placed contact Frank. Allison Conner is working on a possible mural on the back of the HCI structure that faces Pavilion.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tom Abare sent in his report. Administration was slated for April – Paid for and submitted the Annual Charitable registration with the Ohio Attorney General ($50). Filed the IRS Form 990-N, Annual Filing requirement for small exempt Organizations, and paid the yearly fee for the PO Box ($134). Received the Annnual lnterest Grant (AIG) from City Invest in Neighborhood ($911). Additionally, 4 new lifetime members, 5 annual ($450). Received $100 donation from Monastery Event Center (Doug Betz). Grapevine ads $500. Cash on hand $39,200.

**Planning and Development:** Steve Vogel met with his committee about 1106 Fuller Street’s renovation. The plan is to convert the two family to a one family with minor alterations. MACA has no objections to the changes.

**MABA:** Mary Margaret Kindel reported that the flower box at the south end of the bridge has been removed so that city can do repairs to the bridge. We will be planting the bridge for summer on May 13. The Pots will be planted shortly after that. Next MABA meeting in May 11 at 6:30 at Philanthropub. Lite bites and beverages will be available. At our April meeting Philanthro Pub presented a check for $2,500. MABA was selected as the February charity. Thanks to all who voted for us.

**Clean, Safe, and Attractive:** Jenn**y** Ferneding reported that Steve Gressel had repairs done to the Ida Bridge column. More graffiti was reported underneath the bridge, and the city came and repainted the next day. Fixitcincy.com works! Jenny also researched sidewalk repairs in the neighbor hood because residents have voiced an interest in repairing our crumbling and dangerous sidewalks. She wanted to see if we could get deal if there were a lot of people interested. That did not work. Residents must use a contractor approved by the city. In the June Grapevine there will be more information and a list of approved contractors.

**Community Life:** Margaret Mock – Walking tours started last week with 13 guests. All profits and tips go to MACA. This Sunday Chuck Curran will be outside the Bar and Grill at 1pm. To reserve a spot, go to the Mt. Adams website or just show up on Sunday with $10. May 8th Art on the Hill is from 1-6 pm. Also, June 12th Art on the Hill will be happening. The Butterfly show at Krohn opens May 8th through September. Art Club will be opening this weekend.

**Community Improvement Projects:** Judi Cettel - Sandy Zimmerman and Dave Zimmerman have been cataloging available parking. More signs are coming to direct people to parking. There will be an article about this in the Grapevine and a chance for people to make suggestions on signage. The committee is also connecting with other neighborhoods to find out how they fund their projects. Also, they are looking for summer events and regular events like a food truck outdoor dining or pop-up restaurants. Contact Judi Cettel, Tina Russo, or Frank Obermeyer.

**NSP:** Julie and Marc Dietz are staying on top of Invest in Neighborhood events and meeting. Thank You!

**Business Guild:**  They are working on signs to remind people to clean up after their pets. Suggestions where to put them were given – the big gardens, by the Mutt Mitt boxes, churches, etc.

**Art Club:** Gary Eith said despite the pouring rain, people came to last month’s Art on the Hill. They gave out 100 free posters. This weekend marks the Spring Signature Show – Top Notch club artists will be showing their work. The weekend will be in the Club and shift to virtual until May 21. The sale of the Green Space is under contract with Shane Qualls’ group. Joyce Miller added the group has $122,000 in commitments. There will be a letter in the Grapevine to explain how to contribute to this project. Chuck Curran brought up the fact that Ruthven’s grandsons are looking for a place to display his artwork. Would it behoove the Art Club to look into that? Gary said Ruthven was a member of the club – so maybe.

**Holy Cross Immaculata:** Tina Russo the Festival is August 5th and 6th. The decision to make it an outdoor event will be decided at the end of this month. The Silent Auction and Raffle will happen no matter what is decided.

**Adjourn:** Chuck Currran moved to adjourn. Meeting ended at 8:10

Submitted by

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