**MACA Minutes November 2, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Obermeyer at HCI Community Room at 7 pm. Directors in attendance: Judi Cettel, Ginny Corsini, Nic Covey, Jenny Ferending, Steve Vogel, and Dan Weinstein. Officers in attendance: Sue Zimmerman and Frank Obermeyer.

**Police Report:** Officer Michelle Kleiner reported 1 theft from auto on the Hill at 234 Elsinore at 12:30 pm. People were watching the car when the owner left the car. Unfortunately, she left her purse in the car. Two catalytic converters were taken on October 4 at 10am on VanMeter. These types of crime are prevalent in city and in the suburbs. Please be vigilant and make sure you lock your car and don’t leave anything of value in the car. Fortunately, someone’s Ring camera captured a picture of one of the auto thieves. If you see any suspicious, call the police. Beware of package thieves.

**Cincinnati Rec. Com:** Vanessa Henderson sent in the following:

Bush Recreation Center 2640 Kemper Lane – 281-1286

Bush Recreation Center needs your input! Ideas for Spring & Summer Programs. CRC is currently hiring for part time positions. Municipal Worker – duties include general cleaning and maintenance. Recreation Leader – After School programs for children & teens. Please visit our website cincyrec.org

**Bush hours** 11:00 am - 8:00 pm Monday – Friday.  Saturday 10am – 3:00pm (subject to change).

**Center will be closed** Veterans’ Day 11/11/2021, Thursday, November 25th – Thanksgiving and Friday, November 26th.  Have a safe Thanksgiving with your families.

**Canned Good Food Drive** November 1 – 19t. Donated goods will be given to neighborhood food pantries.

**CRC Toy Drive** November 1- December 3..  Please drop off new toys at any of the 23 CRC Community Centers.

Our Athletic Division is offering winter programs – Girls Volleyball – Saturdays 11/6/21, Youth Basketball – Tuesday & Wednesday 12/7/21 games begin at 4:00 pm and Saturday mornings 12/11/21. Adult basketball begins 1/5/22.  All games will be held at North Avondale Community Center located at 617 Clinton Springs Ave. Please contact staff 513-961-1584.

CRC – Bush Recreation Center has Senior Bingo on Tuesday & Thursday. Please contact Karen Smith for programs at 513-281-1286.

Pickleball program at various centers.  Please look on the website cincyrec.org

CRC Center Membership Information: Seniors $10.00 (50 plus), Adults $25.00 (25 – 49 yr.)

 Young Adults $10.00 (18 – 24 yr) Junior $2.00 (5 – 17 yr)

  Cards are valid at all CRC Recreation. Additional fees may apply for weight rooms.

**Minutes:** The September minutes were approved. The are no October minutes; it was National Night Out.

**President’s Report:** Frank thanked all the volunteers who helped with National Night Out. El Barril gave us a great deal. Thanks to the police and fire fighters who came. It was a great turnout. The Halloween celebration was a huge success. Hi Fi has opened at the former Hightail building. It is a vinyl bar. The Playhouse is back in business. Maureen Webb has volunteered to run the Mutt Mitts. Jenny Ferneding has been term limited as a director who headed up Clean, Safe, and Attractive. Jenny has done a marvelous job and made many connections with city departments. Jenny reminded people to be vigilant and use cincyfixit.com. So, today is election day for a new director. Tina Russo has volunteered to fill the position. Tina was elected unanimously.

**Guest Speaker:** Bret Michaud announced that the Rookwood Food and Beverage Company is open as of Nov.1. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. There is an abbreviated menu because getting food supplies is tenuous. Bret says they have the staff. Eventually there will be more Thai entrees added. There will be a bakery. There is a banquet room. They are still waiting for their liquor license. Current hours are 9am to 9pm which will eventually be expanded. Several people have already eaten there and were impressed.

**Treasurer’s Report:**  Tom Abare was working the polls, so he sent in this report.

**Revenues** - $5,559…2 Lifetime, 2 Annual Members $220…Grapevine Ads $3,885\*. Mural Project $1,454\*
**Expenses** - $7,460   Grapevine printing  $3,450\*…National Night Out  $1,200…Mural Project  $2,760\*
\*discussed below Ending cash on hand - $39,53 Notes from above.  The Grapevine YTD has $2,462 more in revenue than expenses. This will change in the next couple months with the next publication later in the year, but let it be said, The Grapevine is a winner for our community, no matter which way you look at it.

The Mural Project cost $5,520. A beautiful mural by Paul Homan. All the cost (plus more) was covered by individual contributions by our neighbors-YOU. Some minor financial reconciliation is under way, but there is no doubt that this project was a winner.

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

**NSP:** Julie Dietz reported she is in the process of applying for funding from the city’s Neighborhood Support Program who has budgeted $7,638 per neighborhood. MACA has planned to split the money up $1000 MABA, $4,000 Grapevine, $2,638 Mutt Mitts. The 33 attendees voted to approve the proposal. no one voted no.

**MABA:** Margaret Mock reminded us of the Sunset Garden Stroll is June 14, 2022. Committees and Sponsors are in order. Preview night will be June 13th for the garden owners and workers to see all the gardens ahead of time. The stroll was originally scheduled for 2019,and Covid and Cicadas are hopefully in our past.

**Clean, Safe, and Attractive:**  Jenny Ferneding reported that our contact with the city, Steve Gressel, has retired. Steve has been more than helpful, informative, and there for us during the Ida Street bridge, and other developments. He has given us our new contact information. Also, the Guido steps and the wall along the steps are in the process of being repaired. It turns out the wall is on private property, and it was also causing some slippage of the hill. Jenny told us she is more than happy to stay involved and help Tina.

**Membership:** Jim Horrigan reminded people of the two kinds of membership lifetime ($100) and annual ($10). He said over the years we have had 500 lifetime membership and typically 25 annual members.

**Community Life:** Margaret Mock reminded us Beaujolais Nouveau-Mt. Adams’ Wine Fest Is Thursday, November 18 starting at 5:30. Celebrate the French wine harvest and friendship. The march to the fountain begins at 938 Hatch Street. Music and sampling of Beaujolais Nouveau will follow at Philantropub.

**On the Hill Committee:** Judi Cettel said the goal of the committee is to promote growth of the businesses. New parking signs have been put up to make it easier for people to find parking. MACURC is up and running and has its non-profit status and can accept funding for projects that may be coming up.

**Business Guild Meeting:**  Maryellen Horrigan reported on the meeting. The Guild paid for the Halloween/fall paintings on the windows of Tavern on the Hill. They intend to change the pictures for Christmas/winter. Hi-Fi and all of 4EG is on the market. Amigos will transform itself into a pizza restaurant. Steve Hromadka intends to take the former Daveed’s/Mantra and turn it into a French restaurant. The Business Guild has a city fund like NSP and intends to use $3,500 for flowers for the baskets, $4,000 for a concert at Seasongood Pavilion on 9/11/2022 at 7pm. Also, they plan to have a Street Party for Crowley’s 85th anniversary in March. Missy Fox said Rookwood qualifies as a node business zone. Cameron Byer needs donations for the raffle prizes for the Reindog Raffle.

**Grapevine:** Maryellen Horrigan/ Sue Zimmerman: We are currently at deadline for the winter issue.

**Mt. Adams Walking Tours:** Margaret Mock said the tours are over for this season. It was a good year for the five guides. All tour money and tips go to MACA.

**Mt. Adams Yacht Club:** Dave Zimmerman sent the upcoming events: **Wednesday, Nov. 17th** = Annual Meeting followed by Social Hour at Philanthropub, **Thursday, Dec. 16th** = Holiday Party at Rookwood. Also, El Barril has been added as a MAYC dock. Members get $1 off on drinks.

**Pilgrim Chapel:** Bruce Ford gave dates. **Sunday, December 12th** Stephen Hinnenkamp will provide special music for our worship service. Much of the music that Stephen will play will be original composition or arrangements of music for the season.

**Sunday, December 19th** is Christmas Music Sunday.  Our CSO and CCM Artists in Residence will perform during the service.  We will also sing carols in expectation of Christmas!

**Friday, December 24th**  we will hold our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 PM.  Pastor Dave Schwab will lead worship.  Jacob Miller, Sphen Hinnenkamp, The Pilgrim Women’s Vocal Trio: Broadway’s Andrea Canny, and CCM Alumni: Kristin Suess, and Kerri Lee perform.  The service will also feature Stacey Woolley, violin from The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra will perform for this service.  For the Christmas Season a daily Message & Music For The 12 Days of Christmas will be uploaded to our Facebook and YouTube social media pages.

**St. Vincent de Paul Winter Coat Drive**

**MACA** is hosting a Winter Coat Drive for St. Vincent de Paul families in need as a community service project. Please donate new or gently used coats for children, men, and women. Drop off coats at Bow Tie Café (Look for the barrel at the back of the café.) November 1 - 19. Questions? Contact Ginny corsiniginny@gmail.com.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:51**

Submitted by Sue Zimmerman