**Mt. Adams Civic Association (MACA) Minutes of September 7, 2021**

Meeting, held at Philanthro Pub, was called to order by President Frank Obermeyer at 7:00 PM.

**Police Report:** Officer Michelle Bockenstette Kleiner reports that several incidents took place on August 1. Several theft from autos, windows broken, valuables visible. Arrests have been made from downtown incidents and there may be a relationship to the Mt. Adams thefts. Frank O. requests cameras be installed at Van Meter and Monastery Streets since there seem to be problems in that area. Tina R. noted there were four police cars on Monastery; officer Kleiner noted that was an alarm, no criminal behavior.

**Minutes** of the August meeting were approved as written.

**President’s Report:** Frank thanked Philanthro Pub for hosting tonight’s meeting. Philanthhro Pub’s manager, Michael Twombly presented a $156 check to MACA, stated he is happy to host all sorts of meetings and supports all activities on The Hill. Frank introduced Paul Homan, the artist who designed and is installing the mural on the back of the HCI garage on Pavilion St. Paul will be selling “swag” at this Saturday’s Art on the Hill. Frank also thanked Towne Properties for hosting our August meeting.

In October, we will celebrate National Night Out, an event to show support to our police and fire fighters. It will possibly/probably be held at El Barril, Mt. Adams’ newest restaurant.

Frank reminded us that at the December, 2019, Neil Bortz came to the MACA meeting and asked what we want Mt. Adams to become. Since then, Towne Properties has been working on several new projects and wishes to present them to us in the not distant future. Communication about this special meeting will come when dates are decided; it will not be at a regular MACA meeting since our meetings are limited to one hour. In November, the membership will elect a new MACA Director to replace Jenny Ferneding who is term limited. Frank hopes someone will step forward who will be interested in chairing the Community Life committee, and have ideas for new, fun events. Tricia Smaracko is forming a group interested in learning and/or playing bridge. For information contact her at 859-466-8034 or [smaracko@bidittle.com](about:blank). Vaccinated players only.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tom Abare reports we have two new lifetime members. The mural is supported in full. We have $38,000 in the bank account.

**Planning & Development:** Steve Vogel not present, no report

**MABA**: No formal report but there will be an October clean up. Thank you to Pete Prokop for cleaning up areas with a weed whacker. MABA needs people to help with gardens, we turned care of the Hill Street Garden back to the Parks Department since we don’t have the (wo)manpower to manage it.

Steve Nickolas said he is frustrated by the homes that are poorly kept and have overgrown vegetation, wondered if we could fine them. Several people chimed in, noting the overgrowth behind the wall on the Carney Curve. Frank noted that we do not have any authority to levy fines.

After considerable discussion, most agree that better communication is needed to let residents know that the sidewalk in front of their property is their responsibility, including snow removal, significant crack repair. If the city repairs the sidewalk, the homeowner will get billed, probably as an addition to their taxes.

**Community Improvement Projects:**  Tina Russo reports that the OTH campaign want a shuttle for transportation between Playhouse in the Park and Mt. Adams business district on weekends. This Fall would be a trial period and then an assessment of success/need. PIP would like assistance from Mt. Adams residents to help with housing for four to six interns for 6-10 months. Possible scenarios: stay in homes in Mt. Adams; stay in not-too-expensive apartments in Mt. Adams. Any ideas, contact Tina or Judi Cettel.PIP is not having Sunday evening shows this year, but willcontinue the Sunday matinees. We need events in Mt. Adams to attract matinee attendees after the show. If interested in being part of a group to come up with events that will create a “buzz”, contact Tina or Judi. Tina reports that MACURC has been revived, has a seven member board. Bylaws are being reviewed and updated.

**NSP:** No formal report but noted we will have an increase in funding to $10,000 and Business Guild should also get $10,000. This is not part of NSP funds.

**Business Guild:** M’Ellen not present, no report.

**Walking Tours:** Chuck reports tours will continue through October, meet Sundays at 1:00 in front of the Mt. Adams Bar & Grill, $10 per person.

**Mt. Adams Yacht Club:** Next meeting September 21.

**Cincinnati Art Club:** Gary Eith reports the club is again open for live events, a show September 10-12. There will be a national show with 53 artists from around the country from September 18-October 18. It will take place at 2124 Madison Rd.

**Pilgrim Chapel:** Rev. David Schwab reports that this Sunday, September 12, will be Baseball Sunday at Pilgrim Chapel. Author Jeff Suess will speak about the Negro Leagues in Cincinnati. On September 26, Bluegrass Music will be performed at the 10:30 service. All are welcome.

**HCI:**  Tina Russo thanks all for the community support for the Holy Cross-Immaculata Parish Festival

**New Business:** Joyce announced that the money raised for the Green Space, corner of Martin Drive and Parkside, is now up to $75,000. City Councilwoman Jan Michelle Lemon Kearney is sponsoring a motion for the city to grant $40,000 toward the purchase of the property.

**Studio K,** a new salon in the formerly As You Like It salon is now open by owners Chris and Kay White.

**Michael Twombly** said he will have a new business called Hi Fi, a vinyl record bar in the former HighTail space.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10.**

***Note:*** *After the meeting, I received a report from* ***Vanessa Henderson****, CRC, as follows:*

*Bush Center will change to Fall hours September 6, 2021.*

*Mon – Fri 11:00 am – 8:00 pm and Saturdays 10:00 am - 3:00 pm*

*Chair volleyball, pickle ball, chess, weight room and meditation are a few of the programs we will offer.*

*We are currently taking applications for ASDC at Bush and Before/After School Care at Spender Center.*

*Bush Center will offer Trunk or Treat on October 31st, in parking lot at 2640 Kemper Lane. All are welcome to decorate your car and pass out candy or donate candy.*

*If you have ideas for Winter adult programs please call Bush Recreation Center at 513-281-1286 or email me at* [*Vanessa.henderson@cincinnati-oh.gov*](mailto:Vanessa.henderson@cincinnati-oh.gov).

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