**MACA Minutes December 7, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Frank Obermeyer, President. Directors attending were Ginny Corsini, Steve Vogel, Tina Russo, Dan Weinstein. Officers in attendance were Frank Obermeyer, Tom Abare, and Sue Zimmerman.

**Police Report:** Sgt. Jordan and Officer Bockenstette were present. Officer Bockensette reported a theft from auto on Vanmeter – four tires were taken from a car. She also mentioned that package thieves were very busy on the Hill. Some have sent ring videos of thefts, but you also need to file a report to 763-1212 or email her at [michelle.bockenstette@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:michelle.bockenstette@cincinnati-oh.gov). On Nov. 21 at 6:15am a person left a car running and went back into the house and the car was taken. On Nov. 29 at 1012 Hatch at 2:55 am a man was in his car with the engine running when he noticed two people in his rear-view mirror. Two juveniles approached the car with guns. They demanded he get out of the car; he stepped on the gas, but the car was in Neutral. One of the juveniles fired a gun, and they ran. Fortunately, the driver was not harmed. The two suspects then went to Delhi and stole a car. At 5:50 am the two were back on the Hill at 969 Paradrome. They blocked a car that was pulling out of a driveway. Again, they approached the car and threatened the driver. The driver got out of the car, and the juveniles took the car. They drove to the westside and a high- speed chase ensued. The car was found still running, but no kids. The police have some Ring camera videos (They could use more if anyone has video from that night. Email them to Officer Bockenstette (Kleiner married name, but email is still Bockenstette). One suspect has been identified. Juvenile crime is currently up in the city, and they take no responsibility for their actions. Other things discussed included some streetlamps out. The locations were to be sent to Officer Bockenstette. It was suggested that people keep porch lights on overnight.

**Cincinnati Rec. Commission:** Vanessa Henderson sent this message. December is a busy month! I will be out of the office most of December. Here is information on what’s happening at Bush Recreation Center. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Smith at 513-281-1286. Happy holidays & be safe.

Bush Recreation Center needs your input! Ideas for Spring & Summer Programs. Please call or email with any ideas. Volunteers are welcome. Bush Center operation hours 11:00 am - 8:00 pm Monday – Friday. 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 CRC is collecting new coats – all sizes. Please drop coats off at any of our 23 Recreation Centers.

**PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS:**

Closing the Health Gap – Family raffle Monday, December 13th from 5:00p – 6:00p @ Bush Recreation Center. Parents & families are encouraged to attend.

Bethel Baptist Church – Toy Giveaway Friday, December 17th 5:00p – 7:00p @ Bethel Baptist Church 2712 Alms Place. Each child will receive a bag with a toy and winter items.

Equitas Health Care – TBA

**Center will be closed on** -   December 24th & December 31st – Happy Holidays from the staff of Bush Recreation Center.

**Minutes were approved as sent out via email.**

**President’s Report**: Frank reported that the current officers were re-elected by the directors. He introduced our new director, Tina Russo. Jenny Ferneding was term limited. Frank thanked her for all the work she did as head of Clean, Safe, and Attractive. He had a token of our appreciation that he will give to her. Jenny has said she is willing to still be involved in the committee. Frank thanked all those involved with National Night Out and El Barril for such a successful event. Larry Boberschmidt and Tom Abare received Grillmaster aprons. Thanks to Julie Dietz for dealing with all the paperwork to apply to Neighborhood Support Program funds. Julie said it is in the process and we should be getting $7,638. Kudos to Margaret Mock for a great Beaujolais Nouveau. The Coat Drive for St. Vincent DePaul was also a success. Frank reminded us of holiday events on the Hill -Khron Conservatory, A Christmas Carol, Reindog Parade Dec. 11, and Luminary Night Dec. 19th. Kits are available from Street Captains or at Bow Tie Café. The Green Space project still needs money for the project.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tom Abare reported payments for the Halloween event, the winter Grapevine, and a $1,000 to the art museum fund. Tom thanked The Adams Walks Tours for donating their fees and their tips to MACA -a total of $2,000. Current balance is $35,000.

**Committees:**

**Planning and Development:** Steve Vogel. There is a current variance request for 495 Baum St. We are opposing the set back and excavation. There is a zoning meeting on this property tomorrow on zoom. Typically, residents get a green card in the mail when they live near a proposed variance. It is important for residents show up for meetings to make an impression. Currently, there is an amendment being proposed to RMX (to change the density of people in multi- units). This should have little effect on Mt. Adams because only Parkside and part of Paradrome are involved.

**MABA:** Debbie Weinstein reported on MABA’s work at the Hill entry of Elsinore and Vanmeter. The overgrown bushes that prevented sight lines to traffic have been removed. They will be replaced with grass and low growing ground cover. Also, the overgrowth along the wall on Elsinore has been removed. The flower boxes on the bridge are decorated using the greenery cut out from Elsinore and Vanmeter. Last Saturday the group decorated the Monk statue. Luminary Night is December 19th. Frank explained that MABA is an arm of MACA, and MACA will pay the $2,018.98 that it cost to clear the bushes.

**Clean, Safe, and Attractive:**  The street cleaners are up on the Hill the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. On the 2ndTuesday one side of the street is done and on the 4th Tuesday the other side is cleaned. The problem is if there are parked cars the streets can’t be cleaned. We are going to look into this to see how it can be solved.

**Membership:**  Jim Horrigan reported one lifetime membership and a couple annual. The winter Grapevine explains that in the future membership money should be sent directly to Tom Abare. MACA does have a mailbox.

**Community Life:**  No Report

**NSP:** Julie Dietz commented on how efficient the NSP worked this time.

**Business Guild Meeting:** Maryellen Horrigan had raffle tickets to sell for the Reindog Parade. Tickets are available at the bank.

One ticket is $5, Three tickets $10, Seven tickets $20. There are great prizes. Also, Reindog Parade T-shirts are available at the North Side Bank.

The day of the parade with hotdogs and brats outside the bank, and they are looking to get a hot chocolate truck. The League for Animal Welfare will be getting the proceeds.

**Grapevine:** Maryellen Horrigan & Sue Zimmerman: The extra copies of the winter issue are available now. We missed some new additions to the mailing list, but we did add 73 new addresses. The Grapevine should be delivered to Resident since we have many apartments and people who move. Thus, the new people get the Grapevine without us having to change names.

**Mt. Adams Yacht Club:** Dave Zimmerman sent in a report. MAYC will have a float in the Mt. Adams Reindog Parade

Saturday, December 11, 2021. March in the Parade with the Mt. Adams Yacht Club Float! Meet at the Monastery Parking Lot at 1:30!

1055 St. Paul Pl., Cincinnati, OH. Bring your dogs! Thursday, December 16 (5:30-8:00) Mt. Adams Yacht Club Holiday Party at Rookwood Pottery Food & Beverage Company, 1077 Celestial St., Mt. Adams. No charge to members; Guest fee = $10,

The appetizers are the following: Cheesesteak Pizza, Pork Spring Rolls, Pork Rangoon, Pot Stickers, Vegetarian Hoagies, and Salad.

 As of this writing, the restaurant still does not have a liquor license, but you can BYOB.

**Art Club:** Gary Eith: **Holiday Art Sale is Sat 11th & Sun 12th 1-5pm** Cincinnati Art Club (corner of Martin Drive and 1021 Parkside Place. The Cincinnati Art Club is the nation’s second oldest continuously operating art club. Selected art from various members of the club will be exhibited for sale. There will be free refreshments. Adult visitors will receive one free ticket for a raffle basket -additional tickets may be purchased. Every visitor will receive a free poster depicting a portrait painted by Frank Duveneck and there will be a drawing for a free framed painting depicting an artist’s interpretation of the portrait on the poster.

**Pilgrim Chapel:** Rev. Bruce Ford sent in schedule of events. Sunday, Dec. 12, 10:30 Stephen Hinnenkamp performs Music for the season. Dec.19th 10:30 Music Sunday with CSO & CCM musicians performing Carols.

Christmas Eve Friday Dec. 24 7pm. Candlelight service with musicians from Broadway, CSO, &CCM

**Immaculata:** Tina Russo mentioned the possibility of HCI having some hard choices with the new grouping of churches. HCI will be working hard to keep Immaculata alive.

Jim Steiner told us that he has 90 copies of Mt. Adams History. It would make a great Christmas gift. Hillyes.org. All proceeds go to MACA.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Submitted by Sue Zimmerman