**MACA Minutes - January 4, 2022**

The meeting, held at HCI Parish Center, was called to order by President Frank Obermeyer at 7:00 PM

**Police Report:**Officer Michelle Kleiner reports that on December 9th, three people were arrested for the incidents including the carjackings on Mt. Adams.  2 juveniles and one 18 year old were charged with many aggravated offenses.

Also in the month of December, 2 thefts from autos and 1 package theft on Baum Street.

There are many homeless now, all over the city; the City offers to pay for hotel lodging for them but many refuse or don’t stay because they must work with Talbert House.

She urges:  If you see something that just doesn’t feel right, please notify the police!

**Recreation Commission:**No report. (After the meeting, Sue received a message from Vanessa that the is positive for Covid 19, would not attend the meeting.)

**Minutes of December meeting:**no corrections or omissions noted, therefore approved.

**President’s Report:**Frank notes he has a lot of good news to report:

Holiday Events were very successful!  Thanks to Lisa Massa for heading the Luminary; thanks to Sandy Zimmerman for a successful Reindog Parade.

Thanks to Jim Steiner for his donation of $7,500, the profits from his book, *Mt. Adams: A History.*Jim Steiner commented that the book and its sale was a community project - local businesses promoted and sold it; Pete Djuric took photos; Dave Gilb provided historical information; Amy and Frank Obermeyer created the website; Peggy Dunn proofread it.

Amigos is rebooted as the Hilltop;  Hookah Corner manager is here tonight, happy to talk to anyone after the meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:**Frank reporting for Tom Abare.

We have received the NSP funds, we’ve received the previous mention of $7,500 from Jim Steiner; we received a $10,000 Neighborhood Activation Grant from the federal government to revitalize the community, post COVID.  If you are interested in brainstorming ways to effectively use that $10,000, please let Frank or Sue Zimmerman know.

**Planning and Development:**Steve Vogel

The project at 495 Baum Street had a hearing last week, no residents attended.  It is oversize, but will most likely be approved.  If no neighbors who are close enough to be notified show up, the City assumes it is because a lack of interest.  Please, it is important to have your voice heard at these hearings.  The city has become quite lax in enforcing set backs and other code restrictions, and not hearing any objections from neighbors has made that easier for them to do.  Just MACA showing up is not as effective as having neighbors also present.

**MABA:**Debbie Weinstein for Mary Margaret Kindel

Thank you to Lisa Massa for her leadership and having a very successful Luminary event.  This Saturday is a tour of the Reds Hall of Fame; Garden Stroll is scheduled for June.  Judi Cettel recognizes Tina and Shari Torbek for the beautiful holiday decorations on the bridge and the boxes on Pavilion Street; and thank you to Debbie and Dan Weinstein and Charlotte and Reg Hahn for putting up, decorating and taking down the trees at the monk fountain

**Clean, Safe and Attractive:**No report

**Community Life:**  No report.  This committee needs a chair, please contact Frank if interested or suggestions.

**Community Improvement Projects:** Judi Cettel.  As previously mentioned, Amigos is rebranding as Hilltop.  The owner is open to comments, and wants it to be a “community hangout”.

Judi and Tina want to form a brainstorming group to discuss ways to productively use the Neighborhood Activation Grant $10,000.  Please contact them if you are willing to be part of the brainstorming or if you have ideas.

**NSP**:  Thank you to Julie Dietz, we received that funding.

**Business Guild:** Frank reports they also received the $10,000 Neighborhood Activation Grant, and will use it for concerts in Seasongood Pavilion and to defray some of the costs of Reindog.

**Walking Tours:**Chuck Curran reports they begin May 1.

**Grapevine:**Neither Sue nor M’Ellen present but Frank reports they always need articles.

**Yacht Club**: Next event is the Super Bowl Party at El Barril.  Check their website for other news.

**Art Club:**  No report.

**Pilgrim Chapel**: No report.

**HCI:**Tina reports “Beacons of Light” program includes HCI.  Local group is putting together information to present to the ‘family of parishes’, including the ways in which the church is important to the whole Mt. Adams community, not only those catholics who attend services.

Chuck noted that the weddings at HCI are a boost for both the Monastery Event Center and The View.

**Comments:**

Pete Prokof notes the garbage around the Hill is unacceptable, would signs “Keep Mt. Adams Beautiful” help?  Recently, he was met with foul language and obnoxious behavior when he asked a man to pick up his pet’s mess!

Larry Boberschmidt thanks Frank for doing such a good job as MACA President.

Chuck Curran notes the City needs to repair the hand rails on the Guido steps.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:54.**

Submitted by Janet Steiner