**MACA Minutes April 5, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7pm at the Towne Properties 3rd floor Training Room by President Frank Obermeyer. Other officers present were Tom Abare and Sue Zimmerman. Directors present were Judi Cettel, Ginny Corsini, Nic Covey, Tina Russo, Steve Vogel, and Dan Weinstein.

**Police Report:** Officer Michelle Kleiner reported that the past month was low on crime on the Hill. There was one theft of auto when it happened is unclear because the owner left it for a month on the street. Another auto theft occurred because a key fob was accidently left in the car. This car was returned to the owner after it was found in OTR. She also mentioned that the Hill is not experiencing broken windows etc. Some problems were brought up especially speeding.

**Guest Speakers:**  Blake Robison gave an update on the Playhouse. The huge structure should be done in 11 ½ months. The temporary stairs will be removed on May 23. The garage and parking lot will be closed May 30. Access to the playground and pool will be only around the circle and up the steps by the pool. The Marx theater will be demolished by July 1. The offices will be moved temporarily to a former bank in Bellevue. What was the Marx will become the new lobby. The project is slated to be completed March 1, 2023.

**Cincinnati Rec. Com.** Vanessa Henderson reported there is a dire need for lifeguards if all the pools will be open for summer. She asked that we encourage teens, young adults (and even people at the meeting) to apply. Pre-Lifeguarding classes are Monday – Thursday 7pm to 9pm at Mt. Auburn (2034 Young Street, 45219). Lifeguard Swim testing is scheduled for 4/21/22,

Bush Community Center is seeking new partnerships for programs. If you have any programming ideas, please contact Vanessa at 513-281-1288 or vanessa.henderson@cincinnati-oh.gov . CRC is currently hiring for part time positions. Visit the website cincyrec.org.

To celebrate Easter, Bush is having an Easter Egg Hunt for their campers inside the community center. On Friday April 15th. Each age group will be given an opportunity to find eggs and a special “Golden Egg.” Candy and goodies for all.

**Eating on a Healthy Budget** – Food Demo on Thursday, April 28. Register at <http://bit.ly./eatrightbush0422>. Or call 513-585-9879

**Summer Day Camp** - Bush is a license facility for childcare. ODJFS vouchers are accepted. School age children 5-12 yrs. Ten weeks June 8- August 12 Monday-Friday 7am to 6pm. Breakfast, snack, and dinner are provided. There will be fieldtrips, STEM projects, swim lessons, and crafts.

**Towne Properties -** Chad Munitz updated MACA on their plans. First Chad explained that the training room was originally the private chapel for the monks. Towne is working on a project for St. Gregory. There are plans to take the old Hertzel house (1133),1135, 1137 to build multi -family apartments with the ground floor for retail/commerce. Also, Longworth’s will be demolished, and apartment and ground retail will be constructed. Each site will have 20-22 apartments. The new buildings will pay homage to the style of the street. The site has many challenges. It is a tight site for construction, most of the ground is stable, utilities will be problematic. The plan is to do both sites at the same time. The sites will include parking for residents. MACA and Towne are waiting on grant response to for this project. There was also a discussion on the wall going up Monastery that needs repair before it collapses. Towne must get the city to provide a temporary walkway which will take away parking while repairs are underway.

**Pedestrian Bridge-** Director Nic Covey informed the group that the historic walk bridge that goes over 71 to Court St from VanMeter by the Hixson building must be rebuilt. It is crumbling, not handicapped accessible, and it is not tall enough for some semis to pass under. This is a main bridge for walkers getting to downtown. The city/ ODOT have an alternative plan for the bridge further down which will send people down to the parking lots near Eggleston. Nic needs feedback/ opinions from residents who use the bridge.

**Minutes for the March meeting were approved as emailed.**

**President’s Report:**  Frank said that MABA sent a thank you note to MACA covering the cost of fixing the VanMeter/Elsinore entry garden. The garden bushes were overgrown and a traffic hazard.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tom Abare reported the expenses of printing the spring Grapevine and Mutt Mitts. We had 4 annual and 2 lifetime memberships. A $100 donation and the Steiners sent $2,500 from profits of Jim’s *A History of Mt. Adams* which brings the total to $10,000 so far.

**Planning** and **Development:**  Steve Vogel reported that the 4 empty lots for sale on Ida Street has a proposal to be converted into 3 lots. There is a Zoom meeting on April 15th. If anyone has a problem with that, they should contact him and he will give the information. Also 495 Baum – the city granted permission for a variance, but the Baum group hired an attorney and are going forward to appeal the decision.

**MABA:** Margaret Mock explained that MABA is doing Build a Box for the Garden Stroll. MABA is asking for wine donations for the gardens. You can bring a bottle to the next meeting or drop one off at her house 1033 Monastery. The Sunset Garden Stroll is June 14th. There will be 7 gardens with lite bites, wine, and beer and live music. Also, there will be points of interest around the Hill. Spring Clean Up is Saturday; meet at Bow Tie at 9. The next MABA meeting is April 12 at 6:30 at Rookwood’s lower level.

**Membership:** Jim Horrigan agreed with Tom’s report.

**Community Life:** Walking Tours begin May 1 at 1pm in front of the Bar and Grill. More information- mtadamscincy.org

**NSP: no report**

**Business Guild:** Maryellen Horrigan … On May 14 and May 21 there will be tests of using a shuttle to get people around the Hill. On May 21 the Hill event is Rock the Block. June 14th is the Sunset Garden Stroll. Save the date Sept. 11 for Jazz Event at Seasongood. The Guild would like to get input of shutting down the street for events. There is a problem with the Hookah Lounge people bringing in liquor. Michael Twombly wants to have a block party on May 21st with a vintage vibe.

**Grapevine:** Maryellen Horrigan and Sue Zimmerman - Deadline for the summer issue is May 1. The summer issue comes out on June1. We are always open to articles. Everyone who lives on the Hill should be getting the newsletter in the mail. If you aren’t let us know

**Mt. Adams Yacht Club:**  Thursday is Spring Garden Party at the Blind Lemon 5:30 – 8 pm. Free appetizers, cash bar. Member free guests $10. …MAYC will be on the pedal wagon in the Reds Parade 11-3. RSVP if you want to pedal or walk alongside call or text 513-885-2837.

**Cincinnati Art Club**: Gary Eith – Special event **Cincinnati Masters: Then and Now -** April 28-May1 2022. An Exhibit of rarely seen treasures, and nationally recognized current-day Cincinnati Art Club Masters. There will be demonstrations and presentations open to the public, but registration is required. Go to http:// cincinnatiartclub.org/founders-week/. The Gallery will be open to the public Thursday & Friday 12:00-5pm, Saturday 1-7pm, Sunday 1-4 pm.

**Pilgrim Chapel:**  Barb Whitworth reported the retirement of Paster Dave Schwab and Bruce Ford both due to health problems. This Sunday Rev. John Pohlman will be our minister for Palm Sunday. You are welcome to come service 10:30.

**Holy Cross Immaculata:** Tina Russo- Holy Week the church will be open to 6pm. On Thursday night at midnight the blessing of the steps and after begins the praying of the steps. There will be no Fish Fry because the church couldn’t get fish. There is need to repair the school building that will be quite expensive. The Festival will be August 5th and 6th

**New Business:** None

**Meeting adjourned at 8:09**

Submitted by Sue Zimmerman