

MACA Minutes July 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7pm in the Towne Properties third floor Training Room. Officers present were Frank Obermeyer and Sue Zimmerman. Directors present included Judi Cettel, Nic Covey, Tina Russo, Steve Vogel, and Dan Weinstein.

Police Report: Officers Kleiner and Eubanks reported. There was minimal crime on the hill last month – one theft from auto and one B&E. Most problems are in Eden Park, and they involve non-residents of the Hill. The wolf statue in the park has been stolen. It is valued at \$5,000 and made of copper. It happened over night and if anyone saw something that night, please contact the police. A new problem has been reported with Kias newer than 2011 and Hundis newer than 2015. Someone has developed a mechanism that will open these cars without the key fob. It started in Minnesota and is spreading across the country. One suggestion was to use a device that locks the steering wheel. The police received a warning for the westside of Cincinnati. A discussion happened on problems with the lack of cars stopping for the Stop sign on Paradome and Wareham due to the blind spot, the semis getting stuck on the hill, and the merging traffic on the ramp to Columbia Parkway.

Cincinnati Rec. Vanessa Henderson reported. The Summer Day Camp program is going well. We are full. We are an ODJFS License facility 7a – 6p. The program includes STEM, Walnut Hills Gardening, special events and field trips. Friday, August 12th is the last day.

Upcoming events at Bush Recreation Center:

Collaborative Agreement Meeting July 20th 6:30 – 8:00p hosted by the City Manager's Office
Closing the Health Gap Information Session – July 21st 5:30 – 7:00p

Fall hours begin September 6th. Fall programs will include Before School/After School Programs at Bush and Spencer Center for the Gifted & Exceptional Students, Adult Volleyball & Basketball, and teen programs. We are looking for Recreation Leaders. Schedule Monday – Friday 7:00 – 9:00am and/or 1:00 – 8:00p. Please check out the CRC website. Cincyrec.org to apply.

CRC Center Membership Information: Seniors \$10, Adults \$25.00 (25 – 49 yrs.), Young Adults \$10.00 (18 – 24 yrs.) Junior \$2.00 (5 –17). Cards are valid at all CRC Recreation.

Discussion about the pools not being open and is there anything the Hill could do? It is the lifeguard problem. Only 8 out of 22 pools were opened.

Speaker Chris Ertel from the City Department of Transportation and Engineering. Chris explained the city process of selecting what streets get rehabilitation. There are three areas mapped out of the city and attention to each area is rotated in a three-year cycle. There are 940 miles of city streets. Streets are rated on a 0 to 100 points. The worst streets come first. Currently Mt Adams streets are on the list for rehab in 2025 (Ida, Monastery, Paradome, Pavilion, St. Gregory, and St. Paul Place) and 2028 (Belvedere, Carney, Fuller). It was asked why Mt. Adams hasn't had any work in 10 years. Perhaps not enough complaints, but more likely the Utilities work. Currently the Hill Has 80 to 90% watermains that are over 100 years old which makes them due for replacement. So, no rehabilitation of the street is feasible until Water Works replaces them. It makes no sense to rehab a street and then have Water Works come in and tear the street up to replace the mains. Only two streets (Hatch and Celestial) don't have water mains that need to be tended to. If there are spots on a street that need patching, you can report them to the department (chris.ertel@cincinnati-oh.gov). Other topics that were discussed. How long can a dumpster be on the street? Typically, a permit is for 90 days, but it can be renewed. However: the one that has been on the same street for over the year (on Fortview and another on Carney) shouldn't be there – call to complain to the Permit department.

President's Report: Frank suggested that since the presentation lasted long that the rest of the agenda should be condensed if all are okay with that. (All said Okay). Frank gave kudos to the Sunset Garden Stroll. Towne

Properties is fixing the wall on Monastery where it was bulging. National Night out is August 2 at El Barrel opening at 5:30 dinner will start at 6 pm.

Treasurer's Report: Tom is out of town. Frank said we had 1 annual membership, \$500 in ads for the Grapevine. Current balance is \$58,000.

Planning and Development: Steve Vogel had nothing to report.

Membership: John Corsini – no report

Community Life: Nic Covey updated people on the Pedestrian Bridge that goes over I-71 near the Hixson building. There is still time to answer the survey about the proposed location. ODOT prefers the location that comes out at down by Eggleston. The current location seems to be the one that people who actually use it prefer. (www.PublicInput.com/PedBridge). Crown Jewels of Jazz is at Seasongood July 6th, Sept. 11th the Business Guild has a concert at Seasongood, National Night out is August 2 at El Barrel starts at 5:30; dinner at 6pm. If you want to do a community event MACA has some money the help.

MABA: Judi Cettel thanked the community for their support helping to make the Garden Stroll such a success. Despite the hot weather it was a great success. The next MABA meeting is Tuesday, at 6:30 at the Monastery Event Garden.

NSP: No Report

Business Guild Meeting: Rookwood is permanently closed. Loca Bistro is waiting on permits. Mama's Pizza is waiting on equipment hoping to open in October.

Walking Tours: Numbers have been down recently; MACA is willing to pay for advertising.

Immaculata: Tina Russo reported that Father Adam Puntel has moved in. Father Roush will be doing Mass, Work on the repairs to the Community building will begin and electricity will be off for the entire campus Monday through Thursday while the rehabbing is going on. Volunteers are needed for the Festival August 5th and 6th. Sponsorship is needed as well as locations for yard signs.

Pilgrim: Lee Rasmussen noted that the manse is available to rent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Submitted by Sue Zimmerman