

MACA Minutes March 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm in the HCI Community room by President Frank Obermeyer. Other officers in attendance Tom Abare, Sue Zimmerman. Directors present included Judi Cettel, Ginny Corsini, Nic Covey, Steve Vogel, and Dan Weinstein.

Police Report: One theft from auto and one personal/other theft for February,

Cincinnati Recreation Commission: Vanessa Henderson – The opening of city pools is still in the works. There will be training at Walnut Hills during the spring break for interested people. Vanessa asked if anyone knows teenagers who would be interested in becoming lifeguards for the summer. There is a special pay scale of \$16 an hour and a bonus at the end of the season. There are 15 pools that could be opened this summer if there are enough lifeguards. There are also non-lifeguard jobs available and open to anyone. Frank asked if there was a way MACA could help open the Mt. Adams pool. A question was asked. Could the small basketball court by the Playhouse be turned into a Pickleball court. It was suggested to call 352-4000 or email cincyrec.org and specify for the Mt. Adams location.

Minutes: The February 7, 2023 minutes were approved.

President's Report: Frank asked Nic Covey to give an update on the pedestrian bridge to Court Street. The bridge survey went well in that it chose the design selection we wanted. Thanks to the neighborhood for participating there were so many responses that the outcome is a perfect example of community involvement. It was impressive. In addition, the Pedestrian Bridge is going to be fast tracked with a completion date of 2025.

Frank reported that the Playhouse reopens on March 11 with a lot of special events. The Business Guild will erect a banner to celebrate the event. He reminded people to file police reports on the small problems. For example, if your car has been rifled but nothing was taken, or you see something that seems or looks suspicious; report it. Last meeting someone wondered why the snow removal/ salting was so bad. The answer was there is no change in how the area deals with weather, but the last snow caught everyone off guard and the city did the high priorities first. Frank also mentioned that this was the last week for Bunnies and Blooms at Krohn – a very successful exhibit. Butterflies will be the next exhibit. Remember if you see something that needs to be fixed its 311Cincy.com or call 311. Lastly Frank encouraged people to volunteer when we have events, etc.

Frank introduced Tristina Allen, Director of Community Growth and Outreach for Councilmember Seth Walsh. She introduced herself and explained she works for new councilmember Seth Walsh and wants to visit neighborhood associations. If we have questions or issues, she is available at tristina.allen@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Tax Abatement – The city is in the process of creating a new tax abatement for neighborhoods. The purpose of most abatements is to encourage development. The categories are Lift (the most abatement), Expand (2nd most), and Sustain (the least) Mt. Adams is in this category. The proposed abatement is 8 years for renovation and 5 years for new build. This is not the final.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Abare reported two new memberships and no expenses last month.

Community Life: Frank mentioned all of the events MACA does and the need of someone to be in charge of Community Life. Volunteers are always needed. Coming up are St. Patrick's Day and the Praying of the Steps. Ginny has the information in the Bulletin.

NSP: Julie Dietz No report

Business Guild: Judi Cettel – March 22 police will have Coffee with Cops in Café Urbana 9am to 10:30. The Dog Washing Machine has arrived. North Side Bank will have a Grill Out March 30 at 11am. Brochures/map handouts for Mt. Adams have been updated and printed.

Planning and Development: Steve Vogel mentioned that Leed has a tax abatement. It doesn't increase tax value with restorations.

MABA: Debbie Weinstein said the next meeting is Tuesday the 14th at her house on Baum at 6:30. Clean Up is April 1. Meet at the Monk Statue at 9:30. Planting of pansies will be soon. A Big Thank You to Steve Vogel who paid to have the invasive plants like the honeysuckle and more removed from Hill St. and Martin. There will be a replanting of beneficial plants.

Clean, Safe and Attractive: Jenny Ferneding/ Tina Russo No Report

Membership: John Corsini ... Two new memberships

Mt. Adams Yacht Club: St. Patrick's Day Party -Wednesday, March 15

5:30 to 8 pm at Crowley's. Free Appetizers/Cash Bar Best "Green" Dressed Contest! 958 Pavilion Street.

Pilgrim Chapel: Rev John Pohlman talked about Pilgrim's Spring Community Events. **Sunday, March 26 Cathedral Basilica tour and J.S. Bach Concert.** Tour will be led by Rev. John Pohlman. Meet at the Cathedral 1140 Madison Ave, Covington Ky 41011 at 1:30 pm for the tour; and 3 pm concert. **Maundy Thursday Dinner and Last Supper Worship April 6.** Mediterranean dinner 5:30 pm, Worship 7 pm. RSVP for dinner please call (513-381-7999 and leave a message. **Sunday Easter Service 10:30. CPR (non-certification) and AED class** April 16, 1 pm led by Dr. Jamie Jollis, cardiologist. **"My Near Death Experience"** Sunday, May 21 1pm. Led by UCC Minister and author Rev Howard Storm. **"How To Talk with Your Doctor"** including cancer issues and end of life discussions led by Dr. Peter Ruehlman, oncologist/ hematologist. Sunday June 25 1 pm.

Holy Cross Immaculta: Marylyn Ormsbee said that there is need for volunteers on Good Friday. There are signup sheets in the church.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55

Submitted by Sue Zimmerman