

MACA Minutes May 2, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Obermeyer at HCI community room at 7 pm. Directors present – Judi Cettel, Ginny Corsini, Nic Covey, Tina Russo, Steve Vogel, and Dan Weinstein. Also, officers Tom Abare, Marilyn Ormsbee, and Sue Zimmerman

Police Report: Sgt. George Jason and Officer Amanda Johnson reported a rise in crime – 6 thefts from auto, 2 personal/other theft, 1 auto. The rise is attributed to the warmer weather and people leaving visible items in cars. Even something like sunglasses, a few coins are targets for theft. Compared to last year, at this time the thefts are less. Remember to clear out possessions. Questions that came up a stop sign needed at Paradrome and Pavilion, parking problems on Hatch, and better signage to prevent cars going up Paradrome from Martin. Someone brought up the case of a possible scammer going door to door. A new camera installed on Hatch and Loudon has been useful. Also, the private Ring cameras are very helpful.

Fire Department: The firefighters came to remind us about grilling season. Make sure you are at least 10 feet from the house and look above you. One grill fire on the Hill had a balcony above that caught fire. Be careful with propane tanks. Also watch out for children and pets. Another caution is the use of extension cords which in our old houses are often used. Remember to check smoke detectors. Question of parking near hydrants. They need a 4 feet area all around the hydrant for the five-inch hose to be able to move in any direction. The biggest problem the department has is at Monastery and St. Gregory. They must be able to make the turn onto St. Gregory, so no one should be parked in front of Upper Eden or the left side of UDF. It was suggested that maybe yellow slanted should be painted on the part of the street.

Cincinnati Rec. Comm: Vanessa Henderson sent in a report. Bush summer hours are 7am -7pm Monday – Friday. Upcoming programs: Parent Community Engagement – food, dunk booth, inflatables, and music. Friday May 19th 4 to 7pm. Free and open to the public. Summer Day Camp is filled with 45 campers. SAS Shoe Drive – please donate new or used shoes at Bush Rec.Center Monday – Friday 11am- 7:45. Website www.soles4souls.org

Minutes: The April minutes were approved at sent out.

President's Report: Frank thanked everyone for coming to our meetings. He reminded everyone that the Flying Pig is this weekend. The Playhouse is having a Community Open House May 13th 10 am to Noon. In the upcoming Grapevine will be an article on the areas we need volunteers. Some ideas for speakers at our meetings. One idea was to bring someone from the city to show us the most effective way to get action from the city. An example perhaps who to contact about sidewalk problems.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Abare reported 1 annual and 1 lifetime memberships. Grapevine ads \$815. Expenses Attorney Gen. \$50 and \$40 to the IRS, Balance \$53,000. Tom is retiring and Marilyn Ormsbee was elected by the Directors to fill the vacancy.

Planning and Development: Steve Vogel reported that the house on 1036 St. Gregory is going to be demolished and a new house will be built. He is concerned that the neighbors haven't received notification of the zoning meeting of the variance. Specifically, no report of how the retaining wall may be constructed and if the adjacent foundations will be affected. At zoning meetings, it is essential that neighbors show up and state their concerns. There needs to be geotech reports. So be on the lookout for a mailed card.

MABA: Margaret Mock said the next MABA meeting is May 9 at 6:30 at Jean Sepate and Pete D'Juric house on Hill Street. The Zoomin' Bloomin' II is back and ready to water. Next week the pansies will be removed, and the petunias will be planted on the Ida Street Bridge. Pots and the other gardens will be planted later. Visit our website for more information: mtadamscincy.org

Clean, Safe, and Attractive: It was brought up that vacant buildings need to be cleaned up. For example, clean windows and trash gone from the fronts, etc.

Membership: John Corsini – 1 annual and 1 lifetime memberships

Community Life: We need a person to help lead the Fun -raising (not fundraising) in the community.

Business Guild: Frank attended the meeting; Your Mom's Pizza is open. World Glass- Amber is the new manager and looks for consistent hours.

Grapevine: Maryellen Horrigan and Sue Zimmerman We are in deadline for the summer issue; which will be out June 1. This will be the last issue Mellen and Sue will be producing. Terri Abare will be taking on the newsletter.

Walking Tours: Margaret Mock said this Sunday the tours begin. Chuck will be the guide and be waiting for people to show up at 1pm in front of the Bar and Grill. \$10.00 a person. All proceeds go to MACA.

Art Club: Spring Signature Show - Friday May 12th at 6 pm opening night. Saturday and Sunday 1-4 pm. They are also having a Capital Fund Drive to renovate the exterior of the club.

Pilgrim Chapel: Pastor John Pohlman reported that the CPR class was successful. May 21 there will be a program at 1 pm called "Near Death Experience;" Other events are in the works.

Holy Cross Immaculata: It was a great Easter season. There were 8,000 people who prayed the steps. June 17th is HCI Golf Outing at California golf course. Contact Jim Horrigan jhorrigan@cinci.rr.com or call HCI office 513-721-6544. The Festival is August 4th and 5th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Submitted by Sue Zimmerman