

MACA Minutes October 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Obermeyer at Towne Properties 3rd floor training room. Other officers present were Tom Abare and Sue Zimmerman. Directors present Nic Covey, Tina Russo, Steve Vogel and Dan Weinstein.

Police Report: Officer Michelle Kleiner reported. There were two auto thefts- a Hyundai and a Kia due to the problem with the device that can start these cars. She recommended getting a steering wheel lock until the manufacturer finds a way to fix the problem. Two of the three people responsible for these thefts have been arrested. Thefts from autos happened at 966 Pavilion. Cameras showed two suspects smashing windows of six cars in less than a minute. None of these cars had anything in the cars to steal. Other cars were broken into on Paradrome, Hatch, and Belvedere. One 18-year-old has been arrested; the police have a good idea who the other offender is. Another issue was brought up for the need to have signage or some way to make the ramp onto Columbia Parkway from Martin Drive safer.

Cincinnati Rec. Commission -Vanessa Henderson – CRC is currently looking for part time staff members – Recreation Specialist for all community centers. Please apply at www.cincyrec.org.

Indoor Pickleball Tuesday and Thursday 11:30-1:30 at Bush Rec. Membership is required; bring you paddle and a friend. Drive- October 10 – Dec. 2nd. Toys or monetary donations will be accepted. Families must register on Rec Trac or contact CRC main office 513-352-4000. Blink at Hanna Park, Fri. Oct 14 7-9pm. Family fun, food trucks, and poll activities. Trunk or Treat is Sat. Oct 29 11am to 4 pm at Bush Rec. Decorate your car and pass out treats to the neighborhood “Ghouls.” If you cannot attend, please drop off your treats or candy at the center. Saturday, Oct. 29, 11am-12:30 pm. Closing the Health Gap will offer a special fitness program. Holiday Jingle Jam – 10:30 am to 2:30 pm at The Farm. Senior program – lunch buffet and special prizes. \$40 per person. For more information contact Karen Smith – 513-281-1286. Lastly, Bush Rec. Ctr. Is looking to improve their adult programs for winter 2023. Contact Vanessa Henderson 513-281-1286 or vanessa.henderson@cincinnati-oh.gov with your ideas.

Guest Speakers: Lee Taylor spoke about **Halloween on the Hill**. New this year is a House Decorating Contest. If you want to participate submit your name and address to halloweenonthehill22@gmail.com by Friday October 28th at Bow Tie. Halloween Night, Oct 31 5-6 pm will be Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra will perform at Bow Tie. The Halloween Costume Contest judging will be 5pm to 5:30. Winners will be announced for both contests 6 – 6:15. Regular Trick or Treating starts at 6 to 8 pm.

Matt Smith Cincinnati Water Works. Water Works replaces lead pipe for 31 miles a year. The presentation included the Mt. Adams project: The average water main age on the Hill is 88 years and is lead. Existing water mains are 6,8, or 10 inches; it is proposed to replace with 8- and 12-inches water main. The estimated cost is \$2.9 million. The streets effected are Art Museum, Ida Street, Carney, Belvedere, Fuller, Loudon, Wareham, Monastery, Paradrome, Parkside, St. Gregory, Pavilion, St. Paul, Jerome, Riverview, and Elgin. The anticipated schedule is 2022 RFP development, Jan. 2023 to June 2023 advertisement and Consultant Selection. July 2023 to June 2024 Engineering Design and Construction Bidding. July 2024- June 2025 Construction and Water Main Installation. People will be notified if they have lead pipes on the private side of the water system. There is no cost to owners to replace lead pipes. Questions? Contact Matt Smith at Matt.Smith@gcww.cincinnati-oh.gov.

Chris Ertel Transportation Department: Mr. Ertel gave an update on his July transportation report: 1110 Carney and 1043 St. Gregory have new asphalt. 1140 Fortview has sidewalk concerns. The procedure is send a letter, if no response, a certified letter is sent. After that there are fines. It was mentioned that on Fuller there has been a dumpster for 21/2 years that does not have a permit. Letters will be sent. Another problem was the lamp post that was run down on Pavilion.

President's Report: Frank explained that the present directors up for running for their second term are Ginny Corsini and Nic Covey. **Mt. Adams After Art** which follows **Art after Dark**. The idea from On the Hill group to remind people that the businesses on the Hill are open. Signs were posted all over the Art Museum parking lot. Frank also praised the events on the Hill – Rock the Hill. Crowley's Birthday event, and the Peace and Community concert that was moved to HCI. Fall Clean Up is Oct. 8 at 9:30. Meet at Bow Tie.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Abare gave a synopsis of the last 3 months. We received an additional \$2,844 from the city's Neighborhood Action Fund and spent, utilizing the NAF fund. \$2,500 for Rock the Hill, and \$4,982 to cover some MABA expenses for the Garden Stroll. We received \$230 for 2 lifetime and 3 annual memberships. There were Grapevine expenses \$3,917 and receipts of \$4,200. The Grapevine continues to pay for itself. Thank you Mellen and Sue. We spent \$2,000 for National Night Out, \$500 for HCI Festival, and \$2,800 for Mutt Mitts. Current cash on hand is approximately \$47,000.

Minutes Approval: The September 6, 2022, minutes were approved.

Planning and Development: Steve Vogel reported that there was nothing to report.

MABA: Margaret Mock: MABA is meeting next Tuesday at the Civic Garden Center of Cincinnati at 6:30. Mt. Adams Fall Clean Up on Saturday Oct. 8. Someone brought up an empty Mutt Mitts box. Lisa Massa is in charge Luminaria – All is Bright Sunday December 18 5:30. Street Captains will deliver order forms.

Community Life: Events coming up – Beaujolais Nouveau, Rein Dog, Egg Nog Jog and Luminaria.

Business Guild: Maryellen Horrigan - The former Teak is going to be a doggie car wash. The Crowley's event raised \$3,000 for charity. Rock the Hill didn't make money but will be happening again. Luca Bistro is having a soft opening. Beaujolais is Nov.11. Mobile Mammogram at St. James Street will be here on Nov.18. Hilltop has been sold and there are plans for an opening there.

Art Club: Margaret Mock said that there will be an exhibit of associate members starting on Oct.14th 6-9 pm. Saturday and Sunday hours are 1-4pm.

Pilgrim Chapel: Charlotte Hahn – PACK THE PICKUP - Drop off October 22 9am to 12 at the Monastery Event Center on St. Paul or in front of Pilgrim Chapel. Items will go to Matthew 25 Ministries. Personal care products, Paper Products, First Aid Items, Clothing New/used, Linens, Baby and Infant supplies, New stuffed toys.

HCI- Tina reported that the construction is going well. There will be a St. Vincent DePaul Coat drive again this year.

New Business: Tina Russo Said the Winton Terrace Elementary needs reading tutors. If you are interested contact her.

Meeting Adjourned at 8 pm.

Submitted by Sue Zimmerman