

MACA Minutes February 6, 2024

Pizza from Your Mom's Pizza was served in the HCI community room at 6:30.

Meeting was called to order by President Frank Obermeyer at 7:00 PM.

Police Report – Captain Hennie – 513-497-5027 - reports that even though there have been problems downtown, the department is still focused on Mt. Adams (recently moved to the downtown district.) There was one stolen vehicle in the neighborhood, a shoplifting incident at UDF and juveniles loitering around UDF.

Questions/comments: Q. Jerry Ewers – building at Jerome and St. Gregory, anything done? A. Officer looked, didn't find anything. Q. Brian – Hill/Celestial gets large gathering when bars close, especially Friday and Saturday nights. C. Tina Russo. Thank you for the improvement in the traffic signs.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission – Vanessa Henderson. Bush Rec Ctr hours are 11:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday – Friday. Closed Feb. 19, President's Day. All pools should open this summer; lifeguards and other jobs need workers. Priority Summer Day Camp registration Feb 8-13; Valentines Day Party 2/14; adult pickle ball Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:30 am – 1:30 pm and Friday 6-8 pm; indoor walking M, W, F 11:30 a-1:30 p. CRC membership: seniors (50 plus) \$10; adults (25-49) \$25. Q. Debra R. Is space on 2nd floor of building at pool rentable? A. Frank O., it is not currently usable, needs a lot of work.

Minutes. Approved as written.

President's Report – Frank – thank you to all who are here tonight who have not come to previous meetings. We want all in the neighborhood to see what our meetings are like and know all are welcome and encouraged to participate. Annual dues are \$10 pp or \$100 lifetime per household. We purposely did not schedule a speaker tonight, normally do have one. Meetings are one hour, end by 8:00 pm. Mt. Adams is one of 52 neighborhoods in the City of Cincinnati, each has its own community council. **Why might you want to get more involved?** Sense of duty/responsibility; address a key issue/problem; have fun/meet new people; stay informed; pitch in and help without a long-term commitment; share your knowledge/experiences. **Some ways to help:** MACA officer; liaison/ambassador; project leader; event leader/volunteer; MACA committee member; Grapevine contributor; on-call volunteer. **Some past and present accomplishments of MACA:** Grapevine newsletter; monthly email bulletin; zoning and development input; events like Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out; Halloween; Beaujolais Nouveau; Luminaria; Mt. Adams Beautification Association (Garden Club); Walking Tours; Mutt Mitts; saving/supporting the pool; applying for and managing grant funds; coordinating community input as with the Pedestrian Bridge. **Examples of what might be possible:** roads, stairs, sidewalks; stronger engagement with City of Cincinnati Government; increased support of Playhouse, Art Museum, Ballet, parks; shuttle/parking solutions; coordination with Business Guild.

Treasurer's Report – Marilyn Ormsbee- bank balance is \$51, 598; it will be closer to \$45K after Grapevine expenses are paid.

Committee Reports

Planning and Development – Steve Vogel, no report, no current variance requests from the City. Q. Renovation of retaining wall on Oregon St? Steve: there was no request for variance; the owner has an obligation to maintain his property; the city is obliged to enforce the zoning code.

MABA - Margaret Hylton – Spring Cleanup is April 13; next meeting is 2/13 at Highland Towers Crown Room; March meeting will be in a members home. Bring \$25 dues to next meeting.

Clean, Safe & Attractive – Tian Russo. The FixItCincy app is now 311Cincy.

Membership – John Corisini. \$10 annual; \$100 lifetime memberships.

Community Life – support and introduce fun events.

Community Improvement Projects – Judi Cettel. Currently working on Gateway Signage; love to have your help, especially if interested in grant writing.

NSP (Neighborhood Support Program) – Julie Dietz. The money from this program pays for mutt mitts, supports MABA and the Grapevine.

Business Guild - Judi Cettel. Sandy Zimmerman has been instrumental in getting the Tavern cleaned up; there is some interest in it and Longworths.

Grapevine – Terri Abare notes she is always looking for volunteers, ideas for articles. She would like someone to write a column about young families that live on the Hill. The Grapevine email address is macagrapevine@gmail.

Walking Tours – Margaret Hylton. Tours start May 5, price increasing to \$15 per person.

Mt. Adams Yacht Club – Dave Zimmerman. You don't need to own a boat to belong; MAYC is a social club with monthly events. \$100 initiation fee; \$75 annual membership fee.

Cincinnati Art Club – Margaret Hylton. No report

Pilgrim Chapel – Rev John Pohlman not present. The manse attached to Pilgrim is for rent.

Holy Cross-Immaculata – Tina Russo. Ash Wednesday is February 14, start of busy season of Lent for the church.

Other

Jim Steiner introduced Bruce Cramer and Susan Silver, new Mt. Adams residents.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm