



MT. LOOKOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 21, 2011 - 6:30 pm

Location: 927 Ellison Avenue (Cardinal Pacelli School Cafeteria)

BOARD ATTENDANCE

MLCC Board Members (2011)	Role	Attending (Y/N)
John Brannock	President	YES
Eric Flamme	Vice President	YES
Matt Johnson	Treasurer	YES
Jeff Waltz	Secretary	YES
Cha Soutar	Marketing/PR	YES
Andy Park	Membership	YES
Brian Kierce	Director at Large	YES
Mark Costello	Director at Large	YES
Maryann Ries	Director at Large	NO
Rick Hiatt	Director at Large	YES
Cara Godsey	Director at Large	YES

MOTION ITEM (S):

Motion Description	Yea	Nay	Passage
Approve minutes from the January 17, 2011 meeting	8	0	YES
Accept presented nomination slate of Board members and officers to serve MLCC for 2011 and elect same for 2011	8	0	YES

Officer and Committee Reports:

1. President – John Brannock

- It was confirmed that all 2010 Mt. Lookout Community Council (MLCC) Board members, with the exception of Greg Delev, are willing to stand for election and all current officers will consent to continue in their respective positions if so elected. New members (Cara Godsey and Rick Hiatt) standing for election were introduced and thanked for their willingness to serve on the 2011 Board if so elected.
- MLCC Board members were assigned areas of responsibility for 2011 MLCC sponsored events. Mark Costello agreed to work closely with Brian Kierce on the Mt. Lookout Farmers' Market, while Cara Godsey offered to spearhead MLCC's social networking presence.
- Discussion ensued regarding the lack of cleanliness in Mt. Lookout Square, especially on the weekends. There have been many complaints of trash, bottles and cans, cigarette butts, etc. on and around the square. Suggestions to combat this include employing a clean-up crew or a special improvement district assessment on property owners. President Brannock offered to request Officer

Dwayne Dawson to contact the Mt. Lookout businesses to seek their help in maintaining cleanliness in the Square.

2. Vice President – Eric Flamme

- Report deferred

3. Treasurer – Matt Johnson

- Report deferred

4. Marketing / PR – Cha Soutar

- No report

5. Membership – Maryann Ries (absent)

- No report

Public Meeting - 7:30 pm

MLCC President Update – John Brannock

- The slate of 2011 MLCC Board members and their respective offices, where applicable, was presented by President Brannock. The slate was unanimously approved by all MLCC dues paying members in attendance.
- Announced that April 16, 2011 is the Cincinnati Great American Cleanup Day. Everyone was invited to participate and join the MLCC in the square at 8:00 am for the event. All material will be provided.

Fire Department Update

- No report

Police Department Update

- Officer Dwayne Dawson, District Two neighborhood liaison, provided the crime report update, noting that crime in the Mt. Lookout area is the lowest of the three contiguous neighborhoods of Mt. Lookout, Oakley and Hyde Park. Theft from automobiles continues as the largest category of crime in the eastern area of the city and everyone was again reminded to be sure nothing of value remains in sight within the automobile.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Update

- No report

Mt. Lookout “Citizen of the Year” – John Brannock and Eric Flamme

- John Brannock and Eric Flamme, on behalf of the MLCC, presented the Mt. Lookout “Citizen of the Year” to a distinguished member of the community – Tom Arnold. He, along with neighbors, was primarily responsible for sprucing up the traffic islands at Herschel and Hardisty Avenues. His actions, together with those of his neighbors, make a positive impact in the Mt. Lookout community. After his remarks, which included a history of the formation of the traffic islands over 10 years ago, he received a hearty round of applause by family and friends and was presented a memento from the MLCC.

MLCC Vice President Update – Eric Flamme

- June 11, 2011 is the date for the fourth annual Mt. Lookout Community Golf Outing to be held at California golf course. 1:30 pm will be the shotgun start and the entry fee remains at \$75 per golfer.

Guest Speakers

- Dusty Rhodes, Hamilton County Auditor, together with Terry Munz and Susan Silver of his department, gave an overview regarding the Hamilton County Auditor’s office, real estate property tax values, upcoming reappraisals and how to petition for lower values for both past valuations and future reappraisals. Property valuations are statistically updated every three years and every sixth year (2011) a full appraisal is made for every property in Hamilton County as a means to rebalance property values. New valuations will be sent to property owners this year in April and May and owners have the months of June and July to contest the valuation at one of several neighborhood conferences (e.g., Summit Country Day School). Valuations will be finalized after that process. Once finalized, property owners may petition the Board of Revision for a lower value based upon reliable data (e.g. recent property sales, independent third party appraisals, etc.). Homeowners in Hamilton County can review property values on the auditor’s website, www.hcauditor.org. There was also discussion regarding the Homestead Program, available to those at least age 65 or totally and permanently disabled and own and occupy the home. Property owners must proactively apply for the program. Individuals may call 946-4099 for more information. A question and answer session followed Dusty Rhodes’ remarks.

MLCC Treasurer Update – Matt Johnson

- It was announced that Reztark Design Studio was the winner of the recent Mt. Lookout Revitalization greenspace design competition.

- Through the efforts of Laure Quinlivan, City of Cincinnati councilmember, the remaining city funding needed to complete the square revitalization project in 2011 was approved. Previously, only approximately half of capital funds needed had been approved for 2011.

MLCC Membership Update – Maryann Ries (absent)

- No report

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm. The next public meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, April 18, 2011, in the Christ The King Church Parish Center (3223 Linwood Avenue).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey P. Waltz
Secretary, MLCC