

# MT. LOOKOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 21, 2012 - 6:30 pm

Location: 927 Ellison Avenue (Cardinal Pacelli School Cafeteria)

## BOARD ATTENDANCE

<u>MLCC Board Members (2012)</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Attending (Y/N)</u>
John Brannock	President	YES
Eric Flamme	Vice President	YES
Matt Johnson	Treasurer	YES
Jeff Waltz	Secretary	YES
Cha Soutar	Marketing/PR	YES
Maryann Ries	Membership	YES
Andy Park	Director at Large	NO
Mark Costello	Director at Large	YES
Rick Hiatt	Director at Large	YES
Cara Godsey	Director at Large	YES
Brian Spittler	Director at Large	YES
Tracie Hoffman	Director at Large	YES

## MOTION ITEM (S):

<u>Motion Description</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Passage</u>
Approve minutes from the January 16, 2012 meeting	11	0	YES
Approve \$350 expenditure (advertising) for the 2012 Mt. Lookout Farmers' Market	11	0	YES

## Officer and Committee Reports:

### 1. **President – John Brannock**

- Tracie Hoffman was introduced and welcomed to the Mt. Lookout Community Council (MLCC) Board.
- Announced that Kim Rice, owner of Keepsake Photography, is the 2012 honoree for the Mt. Lookout “Citizen of the Year” award.
- John Brannock discussed 2012 Board responsibilities and, with the input and consent of the Board members, assigned MLCC members to specific areas of responsibilities and events.
- The bidding and contract process for landscaping services on and around Mt. Lookout Square was discussed. It was suggested that a landscape architect may be needed to better define the parameters, and the required budget, for the project. The committee asked for clarification about the budget before moving forward with recommendations.

- Brian Spitler introduced and explained a marketing plan and proposed budget for the 2012 Mt. Lookout Farmers' Market. To date, there are seven confirmed vendors, with a goal of having at least ten vendors. The market will operate from June 16 through the date of the Fall Festival. The Farmers' Market committee will be conducting a meeting with interested vendors on March 10, 2012. A draft contract will be distributed among the MLCC Board members for review and comments. The committee requested approval of an expenditure of \$350 for advertising to promote the market. A more formal report will be presented to the MLCC Board in March.

## 2. **Vice President – Eric Flamme**

- The 2012 Mt. Lookout community golf outing is confirmed for June 9, 2012 at California golf course. Rick Hiatt and Cara Godsey will assist Eric Flamme with the golf outing.

## 3. **Treasurer – Matt Johnson**

- The financial report was distributed, but comments were deferred until the public meeting.

## 4. **Marketing / PR – Cha Soutar**

- Pera Mediterranean and Tiny Needle Community Acupuncture will be the two Mt. Lookout businesses spotlighted in the next paper edition of *The Observer*.

## 5. **Membership – Maryann Ries**

- Reported that 2012 membership cards will be available and mailed within the next two weeks. Previous members that have not renewed their membership will be contacted and urged to renew their expired membership.

## **Public Meeting - 7:30 pm**

### **Fire Department Update**

- No report

### **Police Department Update**

- Officer Dwayne Dawson, District Two Liaison Officer, offered several crime prevention tips. He also asked that citizens report any suspicious activity, especially around Mt. Lookout Square, to the City of Cincinnati police non-emergency telephone number (765-1212). He explained that there were six crimes reported over the past month and the number of thefts from automobiles is down year over year.

## **Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Update**

- Julie Fatore, Service Area Coordinator for the CRC, distributed a copy of the monthly newsletter and highlighted a few of the upcoming events, which include zumba and karate classes and the upcoming Easter egg hunt at Kilgour School. Tax help will also be available on specific dates, but registration is required. Memberships (\$75 for a family) are now available on-line for the 2012 Cincinnati Recreation Commission pool season. Pool renovations are scheduled to occur after the 2013 season. For more information, visit [www.cincyrec.org](http://www.cincyrec.org).

## **MLCC President Update – John Brannock**

- Kim Rice of Keepsake Photography was presented with the 2012 “Mt. Lookout “Citizen of the Year” award. Kim has been an active member of the Mt Lookout community for over 20 years and has been a liaison between the MLCC, Mt. Lookout Business Association and the community. She also helps coordinate the luminaria and decoration efforts in the square for Light Up Mt. Lookout.
- John Brannock commented that one of the goals of the MLCC is to sponsor and promote more community centered events. Examples over the years have been the golf outing, the Farmers’ Market and the Fall Festival. Anyone interested in becoming involved should contact any of the MLCC Board members or leave a message at [info@mtlookout.org](mailto:info@mtlookout.org) or 723-5599.

## **Guest Speakers**

- Ted Bergh, Interim Executive Director, Kelly Kramer and several other members of the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) were present to explain and discuss the history of public housing and an overview of the CMHA. Current statistics were presented and the qualification and vetting processes were explained. It was noted that the CMHA purchases properties for the long haul and looks for “good value for the dollar.” The CMHA Board sets the policy, which is presently the deconcentration of housing opportunities for persons with lower incomes. The CMHA currently has 33 units in Mt. Lookout, which represents less than 2% of the total in the city of Cincinnati. Questions and comments can be forwarded to the CMHA on their website ([www.cintimha.com](http://www.cintimha.com)) or by calling 721-2642. A lively question and answer period followed the formal presentation.

## **MLCC Treasurer Update – Matt Johnson**

- Matt Johnson reported that 2011 revenues and expenses were \$25,927.89 and \$20,784.81, respectively. The current balance in the MLCC account is \$9,805.20.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm. The next public meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, April 16, 2012, at the Cardinal Pacelli School Cafeteria (927 Ellison Avenue).

Respectfully submitted,

**Jeffrey P. Waltz**  
**Secretary, MLCC**