



MT. LOOKOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 18, 2011 - 6:30 pm

Location: 927 Ellison Avenue (Cardinal Pacelli Cafeteria)

BOARD ATTENDANCE

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

MOTION ITEM (S):

Motion Description	Yea	Nay	Passage
Approve minutes from the March 21, 2011 meeting	9	0	YES
Approve expenditure of \$50 for advertising on Facebook	9	0	YES
Approve \$300 expenditure for Christ The King Junefest sponsorship pending acceptable booth placement	9	0	YES

Officer and Committee Reports:

1. President – Eric Flamme on behalf of John Brannock (Absent)

- Mt. Lookout Square landscaping was discussed. Topics included the viability of outsourcing the work versus using volunteers and the timing of any landscaping efforts (i.e., wait until Phase II of the square revitalization is complete). Matt Johnson explained that up to \$2,000 of NSP/NBDIP funding had been allocated for landscaping.
- It was reported that the Kilgour Elementary School had solicited a donation towards the cost of fencing around a garden on the school grounds. It was suggested that John Brannock contact the school and indicate that the Mt. Lookout Community Council (MLCC) may be interested in forming a partnership with the school.
- Mark Costello and Brian Kierce continue to finalize printed material to promote the Mt. Lookout Farmer’s Market. Alternative venues for the market, for example Kilgour School or Ault Park, may be investigated. It was also thought that MLCC members may not need to be present at every Farmers’ Market. Area

schools will be contacted to determine if students would be interested in volunteering for the market or other community projects.

- The request from the Christ The King Junefest organizing committee for MLCC to again be a sponsor at the \$300 level was discussed. It was agreed that MLCC should be afforded a better booth placement.

2. Vice President – Eric Flamme

- Registration/Sponsor brochures for the June 11, 2011 Mt. Lookout Charity Golf Scramble were distributed, together with updated MLCC member assignments and a listing of sponsors to be contacted. Additional volunteers will be needed the day of the outing and to contact businesses and individuals for sponsorships.

3. Treasurer – Matt Johnson

- The current balance in the MLCC account is \$12,582.58. All required tax returns have been completed and filed for the Mt. Lookout Community Council, the Mt. Lookout Foundation and the Mt. Lookout Community Development Corporation.

4. Marketing / PR – Cha Soutar

- Reported that the paper edition of *The Observer* was in the final stages of printing and will be mailed soon.

5. Membership – Maryann Ries

- The 2011 MLCC membership cards have been printed and are now available from Maryann Ries. Cards will be sent to those that have already renewed their membership.

6. Miscellaneous

- Cara Godsey reported that the Mt. Lookout Community Council now has a page on Facebook and all members are encouraged to “Like” the page. The page will also be used to announce upcoming events. A short-term (48 hour) advertisement on Facebook costs \$50 and it was suggested that an advertisement be purchased.

Public Meeting - 7:30 pm

Fire Department Update

- No report

Police Department Update

- Cincinnati Police District Two Liaison Officer Dwayne Dawson presented the crime report for the month and explained the categories (burglary, breaking & entering and thefts) typically listed on the report. He stated that many crimes go unsolved as there are no witnesses and thieves are wearing gloves to resist detection. Theft from automobiles continues to “kill” the city. He strongly suggested that garages and exterior doors be locked at all times. Call 765-1212 for nonemergency matters requiring police attention.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Update

- No report

Guest Speaker(s)

- Eric Russo, Executive Director of Hillside Trust, which has been in existence for 35 years, described the vision and purpose of the organization as land conservation through the thoughtful preservation of hillsides. The Trust is attempting to gain support for a proposed public view corridor overlay district ordinance presently in front of Cincinnati City Council. The ordinance, which would apply to approximately 50 public overlooks and give guidance to the Cincinnati Planning Commission, needs one more vote from City Council to be approved and the MLCC was asked to endorse the ordinance and send a letter of support. All dues paying members in attendance voted a unanimous support of the ordinance.
- Jay Andress and his daughter reported on their efforts to gain awareness and support for a bike and hike trail extending 6.5 miles from Xavier University to the Little Miami bike trailhead in Newtown via the now abandoned Norfolk Southern rail lines. This project has been dubbed the Wasson Way Project. For additional information, send an email to wassonwayproject@gmail.com or “Like” the Facebook page *Wasson Way Project*. The MLCC was asked for its support and dues paying members in attendance voted a majority support of the project.
- Marvin Hawkins, from Council Member Laure Quinlivan’s office, reported on various initiatives and projects within her office. Of particular note is Councilmember Quinlivan’s plan, as chair of the Quality of Life committee, to explore more open space within the Mt. Lookout community for communal gathering spots. The area outside Lookout Joe’s was mentioned as a potential area. Mr. Hawkins can be reached directly at 352-5303 or email marvin.hawkins@cincinnati-oh.gov.
- Wayne Lippert, the newest City of Cincinnati Councilmember, introduced himself and addressed the current city budget. He stated that the city needed to get its fiscal house under control and suggested that the city appoint a fiscal commission, manned by experts, to take an outsider’s view of the city budget. He answered questions from those in attendance and agreed that yard waste collection seems to be a hot topic among many city residents, including those in Mt. Lookout.

MLCC President Update – John Brannock (absent)

- On behalf of President Brannock, it was reported that the MLCC is addressing landscaping initiatives on and around Mt. Lookout Square.

MLCC Vice President Update – Eric Flamme

- Encouraged everyone to become involved as a participant, sponsor and/or supporter of the upcoming Mt. Lookout Charity Golf Scramble on June 11, 2011.
- Announced that the MLCC now has a Facebook page.

MLCC Treasurer Update – Matt Johnson

- Reported that year to date revenue and expenses were \$835 and \$727, respectively, and the current MLCC account balance in \$12,582.58.

MLCC Membership – Maryann Ries

- All present were encouraged to join, or renew their membership in, the MLCC and to also encourage their friends to do the same. Annual membership costs \$20. The reverse of the membership card contains discounts to many of the neighborhood businesses.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm. The next public meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, June 20, 2011, in the Christ The King Church Parish Center (3223 Linwood Avenue).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey P. Waltz
Secretary, MLCC