



MT. LOOKOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 20, 2009 - 6:30 pm

Location: 3223 Linwood Avenue (CTK Parish Center)

BOARD ATTENDANCE

MLCC Board Members (08-09)	Role	Attending (Y/N)
John Brannock	President	YES
Jennifer Fairbanks	Vice President	YES
Matt Johnson	Treasurer	YES
Jeff Waltz	Secretary	YES
Sean Foss	Marketing/PR	NO
Dave Beckett	Development	NO
Eric Flamme	Membership	YES
Andy Park	Director at Large	YES
Mike Hurst	Director at Large	YES
Brian Kierce	Director at Large	YES
Trent Douthett	Director at Large	NO
Dave Mason	Director at Large	NO
Betsy Sundermann	Director at Large	NO

MOTION ITEM (S):

Motion Description	Yea	Nay	Passage
Approve the minutes from the March 16, 2009 meeting	7	0	YES

Officer and Committee Reports:

1. President – John Brannock

- Announced, with regrets, the resignation of Board Member Dave Mason due to his increased work responsibilities and travel.
- MLCC has donated \$300 to the JuneFest (Christ the King Church) Committee and will have a booth for Saturday (June 6) and Sunday (June 7).
- There was no update regarding rezoning.
- June 27 and 28 (downtown at the corner of Third Street and Central Avenue) are the dates for the 2009 Cincinnati Soap Box Derby challenge. Andy Park explained that a second derby car could be entered for a net cost of \$500. MLCC will consider the proposition.

2. Vice President – Jennifer Fairbanks

- No report on the Hyde Park/Oakley/Mt. Lookout “Candidate’s Night” event.

3. Treasurer – Matt Johnson

- During the first quarter 2009, \$440 in revenue was received, while expenses totaled \$1,452. The current balance in the MLCC account is \$1,876.
- There was no “Merit Grant Proposal” draft letter for Board approval. Matt and Betsy Sundermann will work together to meet the deadline for submission.

4. Fundraising – Brian Kierce/Betsy Sunderman

- Brian Kierce continues to investigate the feasibility of a Mt. Lookout Farmers Market.

5. Marketing / PR – Sean Foss

- A speaker is needed for the June public meeting. Brad Wenstrup, founder of “Thank America First,” may be asked to speak in June.

6. Membership – Eric Flamme

- Entries for the May 30, 2009 golf outing are beginning to trickle in with at least 10 foursomes expressing interest. Four hole sponsors have been signed and other businesses and individuals will be approached with that opportunity.

7. Miscellaneous Topics

- Andy Park will follow up on the Fourth of July Ault Park Celebration.
- There was no report on the “Welcome to Mt. Lookout” project.
- There was also no City of Cincinnati recycling department update.
- Andy Park will follow up on the website development and maintenance.
- By-Laws were given to Jeff Waltz for distribution to the MLCC Board members.

Public Meeting - 7:30 pm

Fire Department Update

- Lt. Rob Thomas gave a brief update, mentioning the continuing work on area fire hydrants.

Police Department Update

- Officer Dwayne Dawson reported that crime in the Mt. Lookout area remains low. The primary criminal activity continues to be thief from autos and citizens were again encouraged to take appropriate preventative measures to discourage such crime. Officer Dawson may be reached at 513-979-4481.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Update

- No Report

MLCC President Update – John Brannock

- None

MLCC Vice President Update – Jennifer Fairbanks

- None

MLCC Treasurer Update – Matt Johnson

- None

MLCC Membership Update – Eric Flamme

- Benefits of belonging to the Mt. Lookout Community Council were explained, together with highlighting the various activities (e.g., Fall Festival, holiday lighting on the Square, landscaping maintenance, etc) funded by membership revenue. The annual membership period runs from January 1 through December 31. Membership forms can be printed, or memberships purchased on-line, at www.mtlookout.org.
- The Mt. Lookout Community Golf Scramble is May 30, 2009 at 1:30 pm at California golf course. Visit www.mtlookout.org to register on-line or to print a registration form. Questions can also be emailed to golf@mtlookout.org or a message left at 513-723-5599.

MLCC Miscellaneous topics

- Andy Park gave an update on the Mt. Lookout Square Revitalization Project and asked all in attendance to indicate their preference on the types of lighting and sidewalks under consideration. Pictures were available for viewing. MLCDC will be applying for another \$750,000 grant in June.

Guest Speakers

- Richard S. Rust, IV, Executive Director of the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), was the evening's speaker. Mr. Rust explained the history and role of CMHA and how it is regulated by HUD. HUD has evaluated CMHA as a "high performing" agency. Mr. Rust directed individuals to visit the CMHA website (www.cintimha.com) for additional information. Mr. Rust specifically addressed the February 4 purchase (still awaiting HUD approval) of the two 4 family apartments located at 3304 and 3308 Mowbray Avenue. CMHA purchased both buildings for \$675,000 and plans to invest another \$123,000 into the buildings for roofing, windows, landscaping, HVAC, etc. Mr. Rust explained

the rental rates, income eligibility levels and the applicant screening process. The CMHA chooses properties in Hamilton County and the city of Cincinnati based upon the level of public housing in each area. It was stressed that these units are considered a part of the low-income public housing program and are not part of the Section 8 housing program. CMHA is responsible for all aspects of these properties, including applicant background checks and the management and maintenance of the properties. CMHA maintains a telephone hotline (721-2642) to register complaints and concerns regarding properties.

Attendee Questions-Comments

- The overflow crowd of over 175 voiced many concerns and asked many questions (e.g., the impact on neighboring property values, occupancy and turnover rates, exemption from real estate property taxes, etc.). Mr. Rust addressed each question and remained after the meeting to allow additional time to address questions and concerns of those in attendance.
- Additional questions by residents should be sent to president@mtlookout.org. Those questions will be compiled and forwarded to Kelly Kramer at CMHA for their response. That information will be distributed to the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm. The next public meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, June 15, 2009, in the Christ The King Parish Center (3223 Linwood Avenue).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey P. Waltz
Secretary, MLCC