



MT. LOOKOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 15, 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	NO
Jennifer Fairbanks	Vice President	YES
Matt Johnson	Treasurer	YES
Jeff Waltz	Secretary	NO
Sean Foss	Marketing/PR	NO
Dave Beckett	Development	YES
Eric Flamme	Membership	YES
Andy Park	Director at Large	YES
Mike Hurst	Director at Large	YES
Brian Kierce	Director at Large	NO
Trent Douthett	Director at Large	NO
Betsy Sundermann	Director at Large	YES

MOTION ITEM (S):

Motion Description	Yea	Nay	Passage
Approve the minutes from the May 18, 2009 meeting	7	0	Yes

Officer and Committee Reports:

1. President – Matt Johnson (on behalf of John Brannock)

- During a recap of MLCC booth at Christ the King JuneFest it was suggested that next year the booth be located in a better location with lighting. It was also suggested MLCC participate on Friday evening (adults only) and attempt to attract more visibility by sponsoring a game or “split the pot” activity.
- Hunter Park will be driving the Mt Lookout entry on June 28 for the 2009 Cincinnati Soap Box Derby challenge (downtown at the corner of Third Street and Central Avenue). The June 27 date is for the more extravagant cars and the Mayor’s Cup is on June 28.
- It was determined that MLCC should re-bid the landscaping services currently contracted with ORP. Previous issues have been discussed and resolved. *The Eastern Hills Journal*, among other outlets, can be used to advertise the bid.
- Jennifer Fairbanks will Chair the Mt. Lookout Fall Festival (November 1 – 1:00 to 4:00 pm). Additional volunteers are needed. There should be a charge for food and beer. Mt. Carmel Brewing and Budweiser Beer will be a mainstay again,

together with the bouncy castle from last year. Andy Park will obtain the beer (less expensive than a full liquor) permit.

2. Vice President – Jennifer Fairbanks

- No Report

3. Treasurer – Matt Johnson

- The current balance in the MLCC account is \$1,462.92.
- No “Merit Grant” funds were granted to MLCC as the applications were extremely competitive (25 requests) and only 7 grants were awarded. There are still “Asset Forfeiture Grant” monies available and MLCC will apply for those funds.

4. Fundraising – Brian Kierce/Betsy Sunderman

- Brian Kierce is continuing to investigate the feasibility of a Mt. Lookout Farmers Market. He is having difficulty determining how to organize the initial setup of the venture, but will continue his research and report at the next meeting.

5. Marketing / PR – Sean Foss

- Kim Fender, Director of the Public Library, is scheduled as an August speaker.
- Sean Foss is working with the individuals involved in *The Oakley Voice* publication to gather ideas for *The Observer*.

6. Membership – Eric Flamme

- Membership for 2009 stands at 39. One new member joined at the golf outing.

7. Miscellaneous Topics

- There has been no contact from the organizers of the Fourth of July Ault Park Celebration. It was surmised that Give Back Cincinnati has taken control of the event and will not need the support of MLCC.

Public Meeting - 7:30 pm

Fire Department Update

- There were 61 runs last month, 10 of which involved a fire.
- 479 fire hydrant inspections were performed last month.

Police Department Update

- Officer Dawson reported there were 14 offenses and 2 burglaries last month. Theft from automobiles continues to be the most common offense. 513-979-4481 is the telephone number that can be used to report tips regarding crimes, while 513-765-1212 is the non-emergency police dispatch telephone number.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Update

- It was reported that self-defense and fitness classes were beginning and open for registration. The Community Swim Night was a success.
- The Oakley Recreation Center master plan upgrade to the community center, including the new walking trail, will be completed by the end of the summer.

Mt Lookout Scholarship Fund

- Awards of the Mt. Lookout Scholarship funds were presented to Collin Quin and Stephen Brinkman.

MLCC President Update – Matt Johnson (on behalf of John Brannock)

- The dates and times of the City of Cincinnati budget hearings were announced.
- Safety construction changes on Principio are to begin in July 2009 and should be completed by the end of summer.
- Give Back Cincinnati is to organize and host the Ault Park Fourth of July celebration.
- Thursday, June 18, is the first of four summer dance nights (6:00 to 10:30 pm) in Ault Park. The other nights are July 16, August 13 and August 27.

MLCC Miscellaneous topics

- Andy Park presented an update on the Mt. Lookout Square project. It is fiscally responsible to combine both phases into one. The public has decided the lighting and sidewalk designs. The Metropolitan Sewer District has approached Mt. Lookout about making the center parking island a “rain garden” to help irrigate the square. Design plans are currently out for bidding and include new benches, tree replacement, extra parking spaces, new traffic lights, green space, etc. The MLDC needs to make up the difference in project cost and city funding. Suggestions to raise needed funds include pavers and benches with contributor’s names and other naming opportunities.

Guest Speaker(s)

- City Council member Greg Harris was the featured speaker. He updated MLCC with the current issues within the City of Cincinnati and offered his support to the MLCC.

The next public meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, August 17, 2009, in the Christ The King Parish Center (3223 Linwood Avenue).

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Fairbanks
Secretary Pro Tem, MLCC