



MT. LOOKOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 21, 2010 - 6:30 pm

Location: Christ The King Church Cafeteria (3223 Linwood Avenue).

BOARD ATTENDANCE

MLCC Board Members (2010)	Role	Attending (Y/N)
John Brannock	President	NO
Eric Flamme	Vice President	NO
Matt Johnson	Treasurer	YES
Jeff Waltz	Secretary	YES
Cha Soutar	Marketing/PR	YES
Jim Gaunt	Development	NO
Andy Park	Membership	YES
Brian Kierce	Director at Large	NO
Greg Delev	Director at Large	NO
Mark Costello	Director at Large	YES
Maryann Ries	Director at Large	YES

MOTION ITEM(S):

Motion Description	Yea	Nay	Passage
Approve banner(s) and other signs to place in square and storefronts regarding the Mt. Lookout Farmer's Market.	6	0	YES

Officer and Committee Reports:

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

- The feedback received on the Junefest MLCC booth participation was positive. Over 40 individuals pledged support to purchase pavers for the square project. It was discussed to possibly organize a MLCC gathering or party to garner more support for individuals to purchase pavers and sponsor other square improvements (e.g., benches/trees, etc.). Andy Park will investigate the feasibility of hosting a gathering at the Cincinnati Observatory for a “Walk of Fame” party to promote square funding opportunities.
- MLCC received information that volunteers are needed for the Ault Park Fourth of July party and fireworks.
- The Columbia Tusculum Community Council has suggested cross promoting the events and activities of all neighboring community councils on their respective web sites and communications. Cha Soutar will be the MLCC contact for any exchange of information among the neighboring community councils.
- Andy Park and Jim Gaunt continue to work on the MLCC by-law revision.

2. Vice President – Eric Flamme (absent)

- No Report

3. Treasurer – Matt Johnson

- The current balance in the MLCC account is \$6,822.48.

4. Development – Jim Gaunt (absent)

- No report

5. Marketing / PR – Cha Soutar

- Cha was complimented on the increased frequency and quality of email blasts and other communications that have occurred to disseminate information and promote events of interest. The next email blast will highlight and promote the upcoming Mt. Lookout Farmer’s Market.

6. Membership – Andy Park

- Membership stands currently at approximately 110 members, a 60% increase over 2009.

7. Miscellaneous Topics

- Maryann Ries will be lunching with Milton Dohoney, Cincinnati City Manager, in early July. At that time, she will ask him to speak at the MLCC August meeting, speaking on the theme “Vision of Cincinnati.”
- MLCC volunteers are needed to help with the Mt. Lookout Farmer’s Market. The first market is scheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2010. There will be a communication blitz to promote the market.
- The MLCC/MLBA website development project is going well. It was suggested that our webmaster could be recommended to other community councils for their website needs.
- Mark Costello reported on the Plan Cincinnati Fiscal Impact Committee. Additional members for that committee could always be used. Maryann Ries expressed an interest in being involved on that committee with Mark.

Public Meeting - 7:30 pm

Fire Department Update

- No Report

Police Department Update

- Officer Dwayne Dawson, District Two neighborhood liaison, provided a crime report update, noting that although crime in Mt. Lookout remains relatively low, thief does increase doing the summer months. Residents are encouraged to be sure both front and rear doors, including garage doors, are locked. Thieves also seem to be targeting cell towers in search of copper. Call 765-1212 to report suspicious activity.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Update

- Greg Pierson from the CRC invited everyone to attend the June 27, 2010 Family Fun Pool Day at the Oakley Recreation Center. Activities run from 2-6 pm. He also promoted the “Camp Commons; My First Summer Camp” to be held on June 21st-25th and July 12th-16th at the East Hyde Park Commons playground at 3357 Erie Avenue. Please call 321-9320 for more information.

Guest Speakers

- Michele Todd Ralston and Bruce Whiteberry, from the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW), spoke about the proposed transfer of the GCWW to a public regional water district structure. They are educating the public to what it means to allow the utility to expand further and bring in new customers to keep the rates low, promote economic growth and maintain local control. More information may be found at www.cincinnatiwater.org.
- Catherine Smith-Mills promoted the Ault Park Fourth of July celebration and explained the need for volunteers for the event. Individuals interested in volunteering may contact her at millsca@hotmail.com. Richard Industries and United Dairy Farmers are the main sponsors this year.
- Becky Geiger and her family spoke about the new Mt. Lookout Farmers Market to begin on June 26 in the parking lot of Cardinal Pacelli School. The market will operate from 10 to 1 pm on Saturdays through October 5. The 30 acre Geiger farm is located in Clermont County and specializes in berries.
- Julie Francis, owner and chef of Nectar Restaurant, spoke about her restaurant, open for dinner and Sunday brunch (10-2). The restaurant features a twice monthly Dinner Club, a 5 course meal with a specific food (e.g., summer greens) theme which she explains to the diners with each course. She frequents local farms to find seasonal items for the ever changing menu.

MLCC Treasurer Update – Matt Johnson

- Reported that the balance in the MLCC account is currently \$6,822.48, with expenses (\$7,862.63) exceeding revenue (\$6,561.06) for the most recent reporting period.

Miscellaneous Topics

- Andy Park, Mt. Lookout Community Development Corporation (MLCDC) President, reported on the current Mt. Lookout Square Revitalization project. R.A. Miller Construction Company began work on June 14, a week later than scheduled. The first phase involves the reconstruction of the sidewalks from Million's Cafe to the Dancing Wasabi restaurant. After that, the green space traffic islands will be addressed. The MLCDC will be selling brick pavers, together with tree and bench sponsorships, all in an effort to generate extra funds to enhance the project. Visit www.mtlookout.org for additional information and order forms.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next public meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, August 16, 2010, in the Christ The King Church Parish Center (3223 Linwood Avenue).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey P. Waltz
Secretary, MLCC