



**MT. LOOKOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 15, 2011 - 6:30 pm**

**Location: Christ The King Church Parish Center (3223 Linwood Avenue)**

**BOARD ATTENDANCE**

<b>MLCC Board Members (2011)</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Attending (Y/N)</b>
John Brannock	President	YES
Eric Flamme	Vice President	YES
Matt Johnson	Treasurer	NO
Jeff Waltz	Secretary	YES
Cha Soutar	Marketing/PR	YES
Andy Park	Membership	NO
Brian Kierce	Director at Large	NO
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):**

<b>Motion Description</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Passage</b>
Approve minutes from the July 18, 2011 meeting	7	0	YES
Approve ~\$150 contract with Y.E.L.L. landscaping for additional work with trees around the square	7	0	YES

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

**1. President – John Brannock**

- The Mt. Lookout Community Council (MLCC) supports the Invest in Neighborhoods proposed recommendation to the City of Cincinnati to require additional time to review zoning notifications and that such notification be sent to the community councils in advance of final determinations by the city zoning department. It has been suggested that part of the filing requirements for zoning variances include a letter of recommendation from the local community council.
- The MLCC currently has no official position on the proposal to lengthen the term of a City of Cincinnati councilmember to four years from two years. As time allows, attendees at the public meeting will be asked to offer opinions.
- Responsibilities for the October 29, 2011 Fall Festival were assigned.

**2. Vice President – Eric Flamme**

- Reported that Matt Johnson is absent from the meeting due to his nuptials taking place in Michigan. The MLCC joined in wishing Matt and his bride a hearty congratulations and best wishes.

**3. Treasurer – Matt Johnson (absent)**

- No report.

**4. Marketing / PR – Cha Soutar**

- The paper edition of *The Observer* is on schedule for mailing in October. Articles and information is still needed and can be accepted until September 15, 2011.

**5. Membership – Maryann Ries**

- Membership currently stands at 56 individuals and the 2011 membership cards have been mailed to members.

**6. Miscellaneous**

- Cara Godsey noted that the Mt. Lookout Community Council Facebook site currently has 45 “LIKES.” She continues to explore ways to expand the council’s Facebook and social media presence and encouraged MLCC members to recommend friends to the Facebook page.

**Public Meeting - 7:30 pm**

**Fire Department Update**

- No report

**Police Department Update**

- Officer Dwayne Dawson, District Two Liaison officer, reported that there was only one crime (Zips Café) reported so far in August, while July was relatively crime free. Mt. Lookout enjoys one of the lowest crime rates in the area. Officer Dawson reminded everyone, however, to continue to be diligent and not leave house, garage and automobile doors and windows unlocked. He opined that the new City of Cincinnati police chief seems very community oriented.

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

- No report

### **Guest Speaker(s)**

- Bill Collins, a member of the Madisonville Community Council, led a discussion regarding the pending Red Bank Road upgrade. The goal of the Madisonville Community Council is not to take a position regarding the project, but would like to be able to offer input to assure that it is built in a “way that’s good” for the communities affected. The Madisonville Community Council has the support of the community councils of Hyde Park and Oakley and the village of Newtown and would like the support of the MLCC. This project has been on the drawing board since 2006, but has renewed vigor as additional state funds may become available to move the project forward. MLCC will take the proposal under consideration.
- Glenn Riefle, President of the Mt. Lookout Scholarship Fund, presented a brief history of the scholarship fund, which was started approximately 20 years ago. An annual scholarship is awarded for post-secondary education and candidates must meet eligibility requirements to be considered for the scholarship. Tori Kranz, from Summit Country Day School, was this year’s \$500 scholarship recipient. She will be attending Haverford College.

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

- Everyone was invited to the fourth annual Mt. Lookout Fall Festival, which is to be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 12-4 pm in the Cardinal Pacelli School parking lot. The festival will have a Halloween theme.
- Community residents are strongly encouraged to become members of the Mt. Lookout Community Council. Membership dues are a major source of revenue for the council and enable the MLCC to undertake projects (e.g., landscaping) and events (e.g., the Fall Festival) beneficial to the community.

### **MLCC Vice President Update – Eric Flamme**

- No report

### **MLCC Treasurer Update – Matt Johnson (absent)**

- No report

**Miscellaneous**

- It was announced that the Ault Park Advisory Council's "Big Birthday Bash" summer dance will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2011, from 6:00 to 10:30 pm in Ault Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm. The next public meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, October 17, 2011, at the Cincinnati Observatory Center (3489 Observatory Place).

Respectfully submitted,

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

**FALL FESTIVAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Matt Johnson – liquor (F-4?) license

Maryann Ries – cupcake walk

Cha Soutar – face painting

John Brannock – pig roast (National Trail)

Cara Godsey – business sponsorships

Jeff Waltz - grilling