

MT. LOOKOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 20, 2012 - 6:30 pm

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

BOARD ATTENDANCE

<u>MLCC Board Members (2012)</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Attending (Y/N)</u>
John Brannock	President	YES
Eric Flamme	Vice President	YES
Matt Johnson	Treasurer	YES
Jeff Waltz	Secretary/Membership	YES
Cha Soutar	Marketing/PR	YES
Maryann Ries	Director at Large	NO
Andy Park	Director at Large	YES
Mark Costello	Director at Large	YES
Rick Hiatt	Director at Large	NO
Cara Godsey	Director at Large	YES
Brian Spitler	Director at Large	YES
Tracie Hoffman	Director at Large	YES

MOTION ITEM (S):

<u>Motion Description</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Passage</u>
Approve minutes from the June 18, 2012 and July 16, 2012 meetings	10	0	YES
Approve expenditures to T & T Landscaping LLC for square watering/maintenance services	10	0	YES

Officer and Committee Reports:

1. **President – John Brannock**

- Updated the Mt. Lookout Community Council (MLCC) on the status of landscaping services. T & T Landscaping, after an affirmative email vote by MLCC Board members on August 1, 2012, has been engaged to provide needed services to the square and the surrounding area.
- Gregory Johnson, newly appointed Executive Director of the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) will be hosting a “coffee hour” meeting on October 10, 2012 from 3:30-4:30 pm in Mt. Lookout (location to be announced).
- Reported that the solar pay to park meter in the parking island has been out of order and the individual coin meters (120 minutes) have been reinstalled. This has caused much confusion for businesses and those parking in the island.

2. Vice President – Eric Flamme

- No report

3. Treasurer – Matt Johnson

- Reported that 2012 year-to-date revenue and expenses were \$13,992.58 and \$15,425.71, respectively. The current balance in the MLCC account is \$11,489.94.
- 2012 Fall Festival duties and responsibilities were reviewed, additional tasks assigned and logistics discussed.
- Last year's Luminaria street captains will be contacted early to ascertain their participation in the 2012 effort. This information should be available at the September meeting when the Luminaria information is distributed.

4. Farmers' Market – Mark Costello/Brian Spitler

- It was reported that vendors were being lost and new vendors need to be recruited, which is proving to be difficult. The remaining vendors, however, continue to be supportive of the market. Participating vendors need to be sure to have adequate product for sale. It was suggested that Cincinnati State Technical and Community College be approached to gauge interest in becoming involved with the Farmers' Market.

5. Website – Brian Spitler

- Reported that he had migrated web hosting, domain name and email services to a direct Go Daddy account.

6. Marketing/PR – Cha Soutar

- It is anticipated that the next paper issue of *The Observer* will be mailed before the Fall Festival. The Gift Box and Cha Cha's will be the businesses spotlighted in that issue.
- Cha Soutar is working with the City of Cincinnati to define residents' responsibilities regarding their own property and also abutting city property. She hopes to have the information available for an article in *The Observer*.

7. Membership – Jeff Waltz

- Current MLCC membership stands at 61 members.
- It was confirmed that individuals joining the MLCC in 2012 during the months of October, November and December also qualify as 2013 members.

8. Miscellaneous

- Matt Johnson met with city officials to mark locations for planters being donated from the recent World Choir Games. The planters should be delivered this week.
- Andy Park reported on the progress of finalizing Mt. Lookout Square gateway signage.

Public Meeting - 7:30 pm

Fire Department Update

- No report

Police Department Update

- Officer Dwayne Dawson, District Two Liaison Officer, reported that crimes in Mt. Lookout continue to be light. Theft from automobiles continues to be the main crime. He strongly suggested that personal items in autos be kept out of sight to help deter crime. Residents should also be aware of recent scams occurring. Report all suspicious activity to the Cincinnati Police nonemergency telephone number (754-1212)

Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Update

- No report

Guest Speakers

- Jon Childress, from the City of Cincinnati Traffic and Engineering Department, explained the proposed and upcoming changes to the Linwood Avenue corridor (between Mt. Lookout Square and Beechmont Avenue) to help alleviate some of the traffic issues. Among the suggested changes are the lowering of the speed limit to 30 mph from 35 mph, removing certain parking restrictions, installing new "I-71" signs to help redirect traffic and the elimination of a few bus stops. This will be an ongoing process. It is also anticipated that the pavement will receive special treatment (a tire grip coating) to help increase traction on slick roads.
- Julie Brook, spokeswoman for Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas Judge candidate Steve Black, alerted everyone to the multiple names appearing on the November ballot for the position of Judge. The ballot may be a bit confusing, so careful attention to the ballot instructions is recommended.

- Greg Landsman, executive director of Strive Partnership, discussed the mission and focus of the organization and asked that MLCC consider partnering with a school to help recruit tutors for lower performing schools (e.g., John P. Parker Elementary School). Visit www.strivetogether.org for more information. He also noted that the \$51.5 million levy renewal for the Cincinnati Public Schools will be on the November 6, 2012 ballot.

MLCC President Update – John Brannock

- Announced that the first batch of engraved pavers have been installed in the square.

MLCC Treasurer Update – Matt Johnson

- Reported on the year to date revenue and expense amounts and the current balance in the MLCC account.
- Announced that Mt Lookout Square will soon be receiving 12 fully planted flower pots that were previously located downtown for the World Choir Games. He also reported that new seasonal banners will be installed on light and utility poles, together with hanging plant baskets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next public meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, October 15, 2012, at Cincinnati Observatory Center (3489 Observatory Place).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey P. Waltz
Secretary, MLCC