

MT. LOOKOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 15, 2012 - 6:30 pm

Location: Cincinnati Observatory Center (3489 Observatory Place)

BOARD ATTENDANCE

MLCC Board Members (2012)	Role	Attending (Y/N)
John Brannock	President	YES
Eric Flamme	Vice President	NO
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	YES
Cara Godsey	Director at Large	NO
Brian Spittler	Director at Large	YES
Tracie Hoffman	Director at Large	NO

MOTION ITEM (S):

Motion Description	Yea	Nay	Passage
Approve minutes from the September 17, 2012 meeting	8	0	YES

Officer and Committee Reports:

1. President – John Brannock

- Introduced Isabelle Lafosse as a community resident expressing interest in possibly joining the Mt. Lookout Community Council (MLCC) Board.
- Final details regarding the Mt. Lookout Fall Festival were discussed. A ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the 2011-2012 square revitalization efforts is scheduled for 12:00 pm that day with officials from the city of Cincinnati and the community.

2. Vice President – Eric Flamme (absent)

- No report

3. Treasurer – Matt Johnson

- Reported that 2012 year-to-date revenue and expenses were \$14,050.36 and \$19,857.43, respectively. The current balance in the MLCC account is \$7,116.00.

- Reported that a Luminaria master list and zone spreadsheets for 2011 and 2012 will be emailed soon to Board members. It is suggested that by the end of October, all zone captains be identified and flyers and related information be in their possession. It is anticipated the two shuttles will operate from 6:30 to 8:30 pm the night of Luminaria (December 9, 2012). The final shuttle route between Mt. Lookout Square and the Cincinnati Observatory Center will be determined that night. Tracie Hoffman and Kim Rice (Mt. Lookout Business Association) will coordinate the business participation for Luminaria Burn-Night

4. **Farmers' Market – Mark Costello/Brian Spitler**

- There has been no response to a recent MLCC email blast asking for volunteers from the community to help with the 2013 Farmers' Market. The future of the Mt. Lookout Farmers' Market must be evaluated in light of waning vendor participation and lack of community involvement.

5. **Website – Brian Spitler**

- A *Google* calendar function is now being utilized.
- As previously reported, the migration to the new domain is complete.

6. **Marketing/PR – Cha Soutar**

- No report

7. **Membership – Jeff Waltz**

- MLCC membership currently stands at 63 members.

8. **Miscellaneous**

- Matt Johnson reported that the gateway marker at the north end of the square is currently under construction and that concrete wall will be ready for the Fall Festival. Signage identifying Mt. Lookout Square will follow soon.
- Hanging baskets have been installed on various utility poles and will be filled with mums before the Fall Festival.
- Andy Park introduced the “Adopt-A-Garden” program and explained the details. A liaison has been identified to help coordinate participation between the MLCC, Mt. Lookout Community Development Corporation and the public.

Public Meeting - 7:30 pm

Fire Department Update

- No report

Police Department Update

- Officer Dwayne Dawson, District Two Liaison Officer, reported that most categories of crime in Mt. Lookout are down in 2012 as compared to 2011. Crime continues to be light in Mt. Lookout. He reiterated that all suspicious activity be reported to the Cincinnati Police nonemergency telephone number (754-1212). Voice messages (non-emergency) may also be left on his direct telephone line (979-4481).

Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Update

- No report

Guest Speakers

- Craig Niemi from Cincinnati Observatory Center welcomed everyone to the Observatory and offered a view of the heavens from the center's telescope immediately following the MLCC meeting. More information regarding the observatory may be found at www.cincinnatiobservatory.org.
- Florence Parker of the OKI metropolitan planning organization explained that OKI is currently updating the strategic plan for the Tri-State region that was adopted in 2005. A survey was distributed to those present for community input. The survey is also available online at www.oki.org. More info can be found on that website or by calling 513-621-6300.
- A representative from the Hamilton County Mental Health levy (Issue 51) campaign discussed the uses of funds from the levy and stated that its passage will not raise taxes as it is a renewal levy.
- A Hamilton County Elderly Services levy (Issue 50) campaign representative explained the upcoming levy and the use of funds and services provided, also stating that it was a renewal levy and its passage would not raise taxes.

MLCC President Update – John Brannock

- Announced that the fifth annual Mt. Lookout Fall Festival will be held on October 27, 2012 from noon to 4:00 pm in the parking island. Children (and adults) are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes. There will be food, drinks, music and fun for everyone.
- Luminaria order forms are now available from street captains, Board members and on-line at www.mtlookout.org. The 37th Annual Festival of Lights is scheduled for Sunday, December 9, 2012 at 6:30 pm.
- Engraved paver bricks for the square for now available for \$75. Bricks can be ordered on-line. There are approximately 40 bricks currently installed around the square.
- 2013 MLCC memberships are now available and individuals joining during 2012 will also be considered members for 2013.

- 13 World Choir Games planting pots, originally located throughout downtown Cincinnati, were donated to Mt. Lookout and are now positioned around Mt. Lookout Square.

MLCC Treasurer Update – Matt Johnson

- Reported on the year to date revenues and expenses and gave the current MLCC balance. Matt Johnson emphasized that the MLCC lives within its budget.

MLCC Miscellaneous

- Andy Park introduced and explained the new Mt. Lookout “Adopt-a-Garden” program. He reported that with the square revitalization project almost complete, it was time to turn attention towards maintaining of the new and existing landscape. There has been lukewarm response from the community and businesses to help with the maintenance costs and efforts, so the “Adopt-A-Garden” program is being introduced. Green space plots around the square will be identified and individuals/businesses/groups can adopt a plot to maintain. This program will be launching soon and he encouraged all interested residents to become involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm. The next public meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, December 17, 2012, at the Christ The King Parish Center (3223 Linwood Avenue).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey P. Waltz
Secretary, MLCC