

MT. LOOKOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 17, 2011 - 6:30 pm

Location: 3489 Observatory Place (Cincinnati Observatory Center)

BOARD ATTENDANCE

MLCC Board Members (2011)	Role	Attending (Y/N)
John Brannock	President	YES
Eric Flamme	Vice President	NO
Matt Johnson	Treasurer	YES
Jeff Waltz	Secretary	YES
Cha Soutar	Marketing/PR	NO
Andy Park	Membership	YES
Brian Kierce	Director at Large (Resigned 09/11)	N/A
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):

Motion Description	Yea	Nay	Passage
Approve minutes from the September 19, 2011 meeting	8	0	YES

Officer and Committee Reports:

1. President – John Brannock

- Preparations and details for the Mt. Lookout Fall Festival (October 29, 2011) were discussed and finalized.
- There is an open Board position due to the resignation of Brian Kierce. Brain Spitler was introduced as an individual interested in joining the Mt. Lookout Community Council (MLCC).
- A discussion regarding the future of Mt. Lookout Farmers’ Market was deferred until the November meeting.

2. Vice President – Eric Flamme (absent)

- The organizing committee for Eastside Candidates’ Night, to be held on October 26, 2011 at Crossroads Church, is soliciting questions to ask the candidates. Volunteers from the various community councils are needed the night of the event. MLCC members submitted questions for the event.

3. **Treasurer – Matt Johnson**

- The financial report was deferred until the public meeting.
- Information and material for 2011 Luminaria was distributed to MLCC members. Pack Day is scheduled for December 3, 2011 and Burn Night is Sunday, December 11, 2011. All present were encouraged to identify and contact Street Captains as soon as possible.

4. **Marketing / PR – Cha Soutar (absent)**

- It was reported that the paper edition of *The Observer* has been mailed.

5. **Membership – Maryann Ries**

- It was suggested that an incentive, such as a free sandwich, could be offered at the Fall Festival for those joining or renewing their 2012 MLCC membership. A MLCC membership and information booth will be at the Fall Festival.

Public Meeting - 7:30 pm

Fire Department Update

- No report

Police Department Update

- Officer Dwayne Dawson, District Two Liaison Officer, reported that theft from automobiles had spiked upwards after a relatively quiet period. Year to date (through August) thefts have increased to 102 in 2011 from 47 for the same period in 2010. There has also been a recent rash of auto thefts in Ault Park.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Update

- Julie Fatora, Service Area Coordinator from the CRC, invited all to the Fall Festival to be held on October 22 at the Oakley Recreation Center. She also distributed a current copy of the Center's newsletter.

Guest Speaker(s)

- Lea Erikson, Budget Director of the City of Cincinnati, made a presentation regarding how the city budget process works and answered questions regarding the 2011/2012 biennial budget now being considered by the City Manager and Council.

- Individuals spoke regarding issues 32, 37 and 48 and Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge Matt Fellerhoff introduced himself.
- A representative of the City of Cincinnati Office of Environment Quality (OEQ) explained the Mayor's Recycling Challenge. It was noted that the Mt. Lookout community had the highest rate of participation (87%) in the city. The program begins on December 1, 2011.
- Bart Cosgrove, Assistant Ohio Attorney General, discussed consumer issues and explained the Attorney General's efforts to prosecute fraud.
- Cincinnati City Council member Laure Quinlivan promoted the Recycling Challenge program and also gave an update on the Wasson Way project.

MLCC President Update – John Brannock

- All were 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 and include games, food and family fun.
- Membership in the MLCC was discussed and promoted. The \$20 annual membership fee is an important source of revenue and is critically needed in light of city's neighborhood spending grants (NSP/NBDIP) which have reduced to approximately \$2,000 from \$14,000 over the past few years.

MLCC Treasurer Update – Matt Johnson

- The financial report was presented, noting the current balance in the MLCC account is \$9,288.73. Year to date revenue and expenses were \$13,862.78 and \$16,128.63, respectively.
- The upcoming Luminaria event was discussed, noting that the sale of the kits is the largest fundraiser for MLCC. Burn Night is scheduled for December 11, 2011 and may include parts of neighboring communities.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm. The next public meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, December 19, 2011, in the Christ The King Church Parish Center (3223 Linwood Avenue)

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey P. Waltz
Secretary, MLCC