



MT. LOOKOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 19, 2011 - 6:30 pm

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

BOARD ATTENDANCE

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

MOTION ITEM (S):

Motion Description	Yea	Nay	Passage
Approve minutes from the November 21, 2011 meeting	8	0	YES
Approve the appointment of Brian Spitler and Tracie Hoffman to the Mt. Lookout Community Council board	8	0	YES
Approve allocation of NSP and NBDSF funds as recommended by Treasurer Johnson	8	0	YES

Officer and Committee Reports:

1. President – John Brannock

- All nominations for the Mt. Lookout “Citizen of the Year” award should be submitted to John Brannock before the January 2012 Mt. Lookout Community Council (MLCC) meeting. All nominations will be reviewed at that time and the award recipient feted at the February 2012 public meeting.
- Mark Costello’s report and recommendations regarding the Mt. Lookout Farmers’ Market will be deferred until the January meeting.
- It was announced that Brian Spitler and Tracie Hoffman have agreed to join the MLCC Board and, as such, their appointments have been approved by a majority of the Board. All current Board members acknowledged their willingness to remain on the Board in 2012 and the officers to serve again in their current position.

2. Vice President – Eric Flamme

- It was reported that the February public meeting will be held at the Christ The King Parish Center. An invitation will be extended to all newly-elected City of Cincinnati council members to attend that meeting for introductions and remarks.

3. Treasurer – Matt Johnson

- Year to date MLCC revenue and expenses are \$23,491.43 and \$20,784.81, respectively.
- Matt Johnson presented his recommendations as to the allocation of the \$5,000 NSP grant funds (\$2,000-golf outing, \$1,000-fall festival, \$1,650-luminari, \$250-public meetings expenses and \$100-Farmers' Market) and the \$5,000 NBDSF grant funds (\$5,000-landscaping of the Mt. Lookout Square).
There were 393 total orders (99 on-line) for the luminaria kits this year. This amount is down from 2010 orders of 550. The December 11 Luminaria Burn Night was very successful, with excellent weather and a new, improved bus route to the Cincinnati Observatory. It was suggested that the 2012 luminaria order form be modified to provide additional MLCC information, such as \$30 for membership and luminaria among other items.

4. Marketing / PR – Cha Soutar

- No report

5. Membership – Maryann Ries (absent)

- No report

Public Meeting - 6:45 pm

Fire Department Update

- No report

Police Department Update

- Officer Dwayne Dawson, District Two neighborhood liaison, presented the Mt. Lookout crime report, noting that crime remains relatively low in this area. He noted that theft from automobiles spiked in August, while theft of delivered (e.g., UPS and FedEx) packages is now on the rise. He also shared an anecdote that three individuals from Kentucky recently arrested in the Columbia Tusculum area

stated that they rather be arrested in Cincinnati as they would be quickly released from jail due to overcrowding.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Update

- Julie Fatora, Oakley center coordinator, discussed the activities being presented at the Oakley Recreation Center, including the winter break programs. She noted that the Cincinnati Chess Club now meets at the Center. 2012 memberships are now available at \$10 for children and \$25 for adults. There is a separate fee for use of the pool.

Guest Speakers

- Kristin Gundrum, owner of Tiny Needle Community Acupuncture, introduced herself and spoke about her new business located in Mt. Lookout square.
- Patricia Van Skaik, Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, reported on happenings at the library since the passage of the library levy in November 2009. The library has been named in the “Top 10” on three national rankings. Much new efficiency has been implemented, including floating collections, new online catalogues and e-books. For more information on the library and to access its many resources, visit www.cincinnati.library.org.

MLCC President Update – John Brannock

- All current and new Mt. Lookout Community Council Board members, and their position and responsibilities, were introduced by President Brannock.
- Small gifts were awarded throughout the evening as a “thank you” to the community. MLCC Board members were recognized for providing the gifts.
- 2012 MLCC memberships are now available for \$20. The cost of membership remains unchanged from prior years and the membership card provides discounts for businesses in the Mt. Lookout area. Membership revenue continues to be an important source of revenue for MLCC.
- Nominations are now being accepted for the 2012 Mt. Lookout “Citizen of the Year,” who will be honored at the February meeting.
- It was announced that the city of Cincinnati doubled the community grants to \$10,000 for 2012. These additional funds are earmarked for landscaping and maintenance of the square.
- President Brannock presented a “Year in Review,” highlighting many of the activities and accomplishments of the Mt. Lookout Community Council during 2011. Events included the community golf outing, the Farmer’s Market, the Fall Festival, Candidate’s Night, Luminaria and the revitalization efforts in the Square.

MLCC Treasurer Update – Matt Johnson

- Matt Johnson explained the genesis of the Mt. Lookout Community Development Corporation (MLCDC). The corporation was founded, in part, to steer the economic development of the Mt. Lookout community. The biggest challenge, with no easy solution, is the lack of parking in the square. An additional \$30,000 grant from the city of Cincinnati has been awarded and will be used for gateway signage and square branding. Fundraising efforts continue to enable the funding of additional square amenities. 500 engraved brick pavers are available for sale (\$75) and there are also opportunities for naming rights for benches (\$750) and trees (\$1,500).

Miscellaneous

- As has become a MLCC tradition, two special Christmas guests made an appearance, sharing cookies and holiday greetings with all present.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm. The next public meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, February 20, 2012, at the Christ The King Church Parish Center (3223 Linwood Avenue).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey P. Waltz
Secretary, MLCC