



**MT. LOOKOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 20, 2010 - 6:00 pm**

**Location: 3223 Linwood Avenue (CTK Parish Center)**

**BOARD ATTENDANCE**

| <b>MLCC Board Members (2010)</b> | <b>Role</b>       | <b>Attending (Y/N)</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| John Brannock                    | President         | YES                    |
| Eric Flamme                      | Vice President    | YES                    |
| Matt Johnson                     | Treasurer         | YES                    |
| Jeff Waltz                       | Secretary         | YES                    |
| Cha Soutar                       | Marketing/PR      | YES                    |
| Jim Gaunt                        | Development       | NO                     |
| Andy Park                        | Membership        | YES                    |
| Brian Kierce                     | Director at Large | NO                     |
| Greg Delev                       | Director at Large | NO                     |
| Mark Costello                    | Director at Large | YES                    |
| Maryann Ries                     | Director at Large | YES                    |

**MOTION ITEM (S):**

| <b>Motion Description</b>                           | <b>Yea</b> | <b>Nay</b> | <b>Passage</b> |
|---|------------|------------|----------------|
| Approve minutes from the November 15, 2010 meeting  | 8          | 0          | YES            |
| Approve revisions to MLCC By-Laws (10-18-10)        | 7          | 1          | YES            |
| Approve NSP/NBDIP as presented by Treasurer Johnson | 8          | 0          | YES            |

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

**1. President – John Brannock**

- Individuals interested in joining the 2011 Mt. Lookout Community Council (MLCC) Board will be invited to the January 17, 2011 meeting. Elections for 2011 MLCC Board members and officers will occur during the February public meeting.
- President Brannock announced that Jim Gaunt resigned from the MLCC Board effective immediately. He was recognized and thanked for his service to the community and MLCC.
- 2011 chairpersons are requested for the various MLCC sponsored events. Respond to President Brannock if interested in a specific event or area of interest. 2011 event chairpersons may also be from the Mt. Lookout community and need not be a MLCC Board member.
- A discussion ensued regarding the focus of MLCC. With the limited number of Board members and the variety of events, the Board risks burnout as there is little outside (non Board) involvement with events. It was questioned whether there are too many events for present resources. It was agreed that most events are handled adequately, but not all are presented extremely well. It was also agreed

that additional volunteers are needed to help with events, especially the Luminaria event and neighborhood landscaping and beautification.

- Proposed revisions to the recently approved (October 2010) MLCC By-Laws were reviewed and discussed. The revisions are mostly clarifications to existing provisions and the addition of a web policy (labeled as Exhibit E).

## **2. Vice President – Eric Flamme**

- No report

## **3. Treasurer – Matt Johnson**

- The current balance in the MLCC account is \$13,229.27.
- The 2011 NSP (Neighborhood Support Program) and NBDIP (Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program) funding proposals was presented. It was proposed that the \$2,000 NSP grant be split equally between the Fall Festival and golf outing, while the \$5,000 NBDIP grant be allocated \$2,000 towards landscaping services, \$2,000 for Luminaria supplies and \$1,000 for newsletters.

## **4. Marketing / PR – Cha Soutar**

- No report

## **5. Membership – Andy Park**

- No report

### **Public Meeting - 6:45 pm**

#### **Fire Department Update**

- No report

#### **Police Department Update**

- Detective Kelly Macbeth presented an area crime update, noting that there were seven crimes in Mt. Lookout during the most recent reporting period. Most crimes occur during the day when residents are away. Individuals are strongly encouraged to activate an alarm system if the house and/or car are so equipped. She also advised not to confront a burglar in your house, but instead call 911 for assistance from a safe place. Police use the tagline “keep your junk in the trunk” to remind everyone to keep packages and property out of sight. Detective Macbeth offered kudos to Jill Schramm, the detective assigned to the Mt. Lookout area.

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

- Greg Pierson from the CRC suggested that everyone contact Cincinnati city officials (mayor, city manager, city council, etc.) to ask that the Oakley Recreation Center be spared from budget cuts. He also thanked everyone for their support over the past year. There are challenges ahead, but he remains positive.

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

- Announced that 2011 MLCC Board elections will occur at the February 21, 2011 public meeting. Anyone interested in joining the Board should send a statement of interest to [info@mtlookout.org](mailto:info@mtlookout.org) by January 14, 2011. Candidates will be interviewed at the January meeting.
- The MLCC is currently accepting nominations for the 2010 Mt. Lookout “Citizen(s) of the Year.” Nominations for the award should also be sent to [info@mtlookout.org](mailto:info@mtlookout.org). Those honored will be feted at the February public meeting.
- President Brannock solicited feedback regarding past and future MLCC events. The general consensus of those present was that the Mt. Lookout Farmers’ Market was well liked.

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

- No report.

### **MLCC Treasurer Update – Matt Johnson**

- The 2010 year-to-date financial report was presented, citing revenue (\$23,562.16) and expenditure (\$16,598.66) amounts and the current MLCC account balance of \$13,229.27.
- Reported that 2010 sales of Luminaria kits increased from 2009 and that this event continues to be the main source of fundraising for MLCC. 548 kits were sold and resulted in revenue of almost \$11,000.

### **MLCC Membership Update – Andy Park**

- 2011 memberships will be available soon. Maryann Ries will be the Membership Chair going forward. Membership dues continue to be \$20.00.

### **Guest Speakers**

- Cincinnati Councilmember Laure Quinlivan spoke about the current City of Cincinnati budget crisis and process. The budget is anticipated to be completed by December 22, 2010 and she welcomed feedback from the public regarding the proposed budget provisions. She is also exploring the possibility of creating more outside public gathering space in Mt. Lookout, such as the area outside Lookout

Joe and Nailtique. Finally, she is also working to procure additional funding for the square revitalization. Mt. Lookout is currently one of three capital projects for the city.

### **Mt Lookout Square Revitalization Design Competition**

- Andy Park and Dan Lipson moderated the presentations of those submitting designs for the green space in the Mt. Lookout business district. The green space triangle between United Dairy Farmers and Ramundo was the focus of this competition. There were eight designs submitted by University of Cincinnati DAAP students and local firms. Those in attendance were asked to rank each concept submission on the basis of four categories. Results of the rankings will be presented via MLCC email and *The Observer*.
- President Brannock recognized the efforts of Andy Park, Matt Johnson and Dan Lipson for their untiring work over the years in support of the revitalization of Mt. Lookout Square.

### **MLCC Miscellaneous topics**

- As has been a MLCC tradition, Santa Claus made a special visit to the meeting, mingling and sharing cookies and treats with all present.
- Throughout the meeting, door prizes were awarded to attendees as a “thank you” from the members of the Mt. Lookout Community Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm. The next public meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, February 21, 2011, at the Cincinnati Observatory Center (3489 Observatory Place)

Respectfully submitted,

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