



MT. LOOKOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 19, 2010 - 6:30 pm

Location: Christ The King Church Cafeteria (3223 Linwood Avenue).

BOARD ATTENDANCE

MLCC Board Members (2010)	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
Jim Gaunt	Development	NO
Andy Park	Membership	NO
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):

Motion Description	Yea	Nay	Passage
Approve minutes from the March 15, 2010 meeting	7	0	YES
Adopt tagline from 1985 Mt. Lookout <i>Observer</i>	7	0	YES

Officer and Committee Reports:

1. President – John Brannock

- Jim Gaunt and Andy Park continue to work on revisions to the MLCC by-laws.
- MLCC will participate with a booth at the 2010 Junefest. John Brannock will contact the festival committee to request a better, more visible booth location. Ideas (e.g., free MLCC memberships) were discussed to drive more traffic to the booth with an eye towards increasing membership and awareness of the council and its mission.
- The paper edition of *The Observer* is scheduled to be mailed on or about April 22, 2010.

2. Vice President – Eric Flamme

- To date, there have been few reservation for the May 15, 2010 golf outing. The response seems to be slower than past years, possibility due to scheduling conflicts with other activities. A few corporate (Zip's and The Stand)

sponsorships have been obtained, but more are needed. Cha Soutar will send out an email blast to promote the golf outing

3. Treasurer – Matt Johnson

- The financial report was distributed. The balance in the MLCC account is \$5,754.98.
- Matt Johnson and Andy Park have unsuccessfully attempted to schedule a meeting with the Mt. Lookout Business Association (MLBA) to discuss square maintenance and the possibility of shared expenses between the MLCC and MLBA. It may require a personal business-to-business appeal to solicit funds for ongoing square maintenance. It was suggested that there be a Saturday morning (e.g., April 24 at 10:00 am) event to collect trash and clean up the Square. The local Girl Scout/Boy Scout troops will be contacted to solicit their participation in the project.
- There is no update on RFP for Mt. Lookout square landscaping services. Currently, there is not a landscaping contract.

4. Development – Jim Gaunt (absent)

- A copy of *The Observer* from 1985 was shown to the council. It included a tagline “The Power behind the Progress of Mt. Lookout.” It was determined that tagline was excellent and still relevant and, as such, a motion was made to re-adopt it.

5. Marketing / PR – Cha Soutar

- Reported on efforts to advertise the upcoming golf outing.

6. Membership – Andy Park (absent)

- There was no membership report.
- It was reported that the MLCC was advanced \$260 from MLBA for website redevelopment and maintenance. As previously reported, the MLCC and MLBA have agreed to merge their separate websites for increased efficiency.

7. Miscellaneous Topics

- It was reported that Chase Bank will not allow the use of their parking lot for the proposed Mt. Lookout Farmer’s Market. The Ault Park Advisory Council also will not recommend the use of the park for the market. It was suggested that other sites to investigate include the Cincinnati Observatory Center and Kilgour School.
- The Mt. Lookout Community Development Corporation reported that \$832,000 in preliminary bids for Phase 1 have been received against a budget of \$900,000. Any excess funds will roll over to Phase 2. Phase 1 bids include work for new sidewalks, lighting, paver strips, wire bundling, etc. The contractors have been

selected and legal documents are being prepared. The Cincinnati Park Board will donate trees for the square revitalization project.

- Mark Costello reported that the Plan Cincinnati orientation meetings for the working groups have been scheduled for April 21 and April 24. The orientation meetings will highlight the 12 plan elements, the overall working group process and determine future meeting dates. Volunteers are still being solicited to join the working groups within Plan Cincinnati. Mark plans to attend the April 21 meeting on behalf of the MLCC.

Public Meeting - 7:30 pm

Fire Department Update

- Paul Krekeler of the Cincinnati Fire Department reported that year to date statistics for Truck 31 include 63 fire, 109 EMS and 129 non-fire runs. He also reported there remains a limited number of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors available from city firehouses.

Police Department Update

- Officer Dwayne Dawson, District Two neighborhood liaison, provided a crime report update, noting that although crime in Mt. Lookout remains relatively low, everyone should continue to remain diligent and take common sense precautionary efforts to thwart opportunities for theft. He commented that since theft is considered a non-violent crime, offenders are seldom incarcerated due to jail overcrowding.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Update

- Greg Pierson from the CRC invited everyone to attend the May 7, 2010 dedication of the new walking trail at the Oakley Recreation Center. Activities will include a 4:30 pm “Dedication March” by the Mighty Marching Yellow Jackets Marching Band. He also reported that the baseball fields have been spruced up and are in excellent condition.

Guest Speakers

- Peter Brumm from the Ault Park Advisory Council highlighted the upcoming summer community and park events, including Dances in the Park on June 17, July 15 and August 12, plus the fifth annual Cool Wine & Hot Jazz event on May 21 and the second annual Big Band and Bigger Beer event on August 26. Membership information will soon be mailed to residents in the community.
- Peter Wimberg, of Peter A. Wimberg Company Landscaping, presented an informative program regarding yard and garden care, including suggestions for lawn mowing, garden maintenance and deer resistant plantings. Wimberg Landscaping is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

- Martha Kelly, project traffic engineer for the City of Cincinnati, discussed the topic of traffic calming measures (speed humps, stop signs, etc.) and answered numerous questions regarding the qualifications for streets to be ranked for street calming measures. Residents of Richwood Avenue requested information and reconsideration from the city to install street calming devices for the safety of children in the area. Martha Kelly explained the process of ranking streets for repair and rehabilitation and also explained the requirements for on-street parking. It was mentioned that the city must follow federal laws and must also be consistent throughout the city. Ms. Kelly stated that the low traffic count on Richwood Avenue did not warrant funding of traffic calming measures. It is also unlikely that Richwood Avenue would merit curb construction to better define the street. In response to the question, she stated that it is not possible for residents to privately fund curb construction. She also reported that, on average, 30,000 vehicles pass through Mt. Lookout Square daily.

MLCC President Update – John Brannock

- John Brannock announced details regarding the upcoming Mt. Lookout golf outing on May 15, 2010 and encouraged participation.
- The importance of new, and renewal, memberships in the MLCC was stressed. These memberships provide an important revenue stream to help offset the increased demand on MLCC financial resources because of decreased city funding.

MLCC Treasurer Update – Matt Johnson

- The Mt. Lookout Community Development Corporation reported that \$832,000 in preliminary bids for Phase 1 have been received against a budget of \$900,000. Any excess funds will roll over to Phase 2. Phase 1 bids include work for new sidewalks, lighting, paver strips, wire bundling, etc. Construction is scheduled to begin in four to six weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm. The next public meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, June 21, 2010, in the Christ The King Church Parish Center (3223 Linwood Avenue).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey P. Waltz
Secretary, MLCC