



MT. LOOKOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 19, 2009 - 6:30 pm

Location: 3489 Observatory Place (Cincinnati Observatory Center)

BOARD ATTENDANCE

MLCC Board Members (08-09)	Role	Attending (Y/N)
John Brannock	President	YES
Jennifer Fairbanks	Vice President	NO
Matt Johnson	Treasurer	YES
Jeff Waltz	Secretary	YES
Sean Foss	Marketing/PR	YES
Dave Beckett	Development	YES
Eric Flamme	Membership	YES
Andy Park	Director at Large	YES
Mike Hurst	Director at Large	YES
Brian Kierce	Director at Large	YES
Betsy Sundermann	Director at Large	YES

MOTION ITEM (S):

Motion Description	Yea	Nay	Passage
Approve the minutes from the September 21, 2009 meeting.	9	0	YES
Review draft of MLCC by-laws at the November 2009 meeting, including Board and officer election protocol.	9	0	YES

Officer and Committee Reports:

1. President – John Brannock

- After discussion, it was decided to extend the ORP landscaping services contract until February 28, 2010. John Brannock will communicate with ORP to obtain contract extension.
- Discussion ensued regarding the nomination and election process of individuals to serve the Mt. Lookout Community Council (MLCC) for 2010. Interested individuals are to make their intentions known at the November meeting. An email outlining the process will be distributed via the MLCC email list and *The Observer*, with voting (MLCC dues paying members only) taking place at the December 21 public meeting.
- Plans were discussed for the December MLCC holiday meeting and party to be held on December 21, 2009 at the Christ The King Parish Center. Music will be arranged and MLCC Board members are encouraged to solicit door prizes from area businesses.

2. Vice President – John Brannock (on behalf of Jennifer Fairbanks)

- Plans are in place for the Sunday, November 1, 2009 Mt. Lookout Fall Festival. Local businesses will participate with food selections and two beer booths will be available. Family activities will include balloon animals, corn hole, crafts, face painting, an inflatable castle, music, etc.

Treasurer – Matt Johnson

- The financial update was deferred until the public portion of the meeting.
- Luminaria zone captains were assigned and the procedures explained for the 2009 Luminaria event. December 5, 2009 is the day scheduled for packing the kits, while December 13 has been designated as the night to burn the Luminaria and hold the annual “Light Up Mt. Lookout” holiday event.

3. Fundraising – Brian Kierce

- No report

4. Marketing / PR – Sean Foss

- A draft copy of the paper edition of *The Observer* was distributed for review and comment. Any revisions need to be identified as soon as possible as the publication is scheduled for a late October mailing.

5. Membership – Eric Flamme

- Reported that he was working on the 2010 membership cards. Membership currently stands at 46 members for 2009.

Public Meeting - 7:30 pm

Police Department Update

- Officer Dwayne Dawson provided a crime update, reporting thefts from autos as the primary crime. Crime is sporadic, but everyone should be vigilant and take precautionary efforts to thwart opportunities for theft. He reminded everyone of the police non-emergency dispatch telephone number of 513-765-1212. For real time crime data, visit <http://crimereports.com>. Individuals can also receive and respond to text, email, and web alerts from the Cincinnati Police Department by registering at www.citizenobserver.com

Fire Department Update

- No Report

Guest Speakers

- Christopher Rose, President of the Rockwood Pottery Company, discussed the history of Rockwood Pottery (1880) and the Longworth Family of Cincinnati. The company is currently located in Over the Rhine near Findlay Market and group tours are available.
- Angie Strunc, architect in the City of Cincinnati Transportation and Engineering department, gave an update on the current streetscape plans for Mt. Lookout Square. One of the goals of the project is to improve auto and pedestrian safety. There are plans for new curbs, sidewalks, parking meters, traffic lights and trees. The current parking footprint will not be affected. The project, estimated at \$1.5 million, is scheduled to be sent out to bid in January 2010.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Update

- Greg Pierson of the CRC reported that the trail construction at the Oakley Recreation Center has begun and should be completed in November with a grand opening celebration in the spring. He encouraged everyone to visit the CRC website (www.cincyrec.org) for upcoming events at the center and throughout the city. He highlighted the upcoming Family Fall Festival (November 30) and Breakfast with Santa (December 5) events.

MLCC President Update – John Brannock

- John Brannock explained the revised MLCC Board and officer nomination and election process and encouraged any individual interested in joining the Board to contact him via email at president@mtlookout.org. Nominees will be announced at the December 21 MLCC meeting.
- The December MLCC holiday meeting and party will take place on Monday night, December 21, 2009 at the Christ The King Parish Center (3223 Linwood Avenue).

MLCC Vice President –John Brannock (on behalf of Jennifer Fairbanks)

- Announced details of the Mt. Lookout Fall Festival to be held from 1 pm to 4 pm on November 1, 2009 and cordially invited everyone to attend. This is the second annual community celebration and is sponsored jointly by area businesses and the Mt. Lookout Community Council.

MLCC Treasurer – Matt Johnson

- It was reported that the current balance in the MLCC account is \$1,247.26. He suggested that MLCC needs to become more self-sufficient in light of dwindling funding sources, including city of Cincinnati funds. Fundraising events have taken on greater importance as a result of possible funding reductions.
- Announced that the annual “Light Up Mt. Lookout” event will occur on Sunday, December 13. December 5 is “pack day” for Luminaria kits. Order forms will be distributed to homes and are also available at www.mtlookout.org.

Speakers

As this was the last MLCC meeting before the November 3, 2009 elections, the following individuals were afforded a brief opportunity to make remarks:

- Representative - Cincinnati Museum Center Levy (Issue 6)
- Representative - Cincinnati Public School Levy (Issue 52)
- Representative – Cincinnati Water Works Amendment – Issue 8
- Representative – Family Services and Treatment Levy - Issue 4
- Vanessa White - Cincinnati Public School Board candidate
- Melanie Bates - Cincinnati Public School Board candidate
- Eileen Cooper Reed - Cincinnati Public School Board candidate
- Laura Quinlivan - Cincinnati Counsel Candidate
- Tony Fischer - Cincinnati Counsel Candidate
- Jeff Berding - Cincinnati Counsel Candidate

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm. The next public meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, December 21, 2009, in the Christ The King Church Parish Center (3223 Linwood Drive).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey P. Waltz
Secretary, MLCC