



MT. LOOKOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 21, 2009 - 6:30 pm

Location: 3223 Linwood Avenue (CTK Parish Center)

BOARD ATTENDANCE

MLCC Board Members (08-09)	Role	Attending (Y/N)
John Brannock	President	YES
Jennifer Fairbanks	Vice President	YES
Matt Johnson	Treasurer	YES
Jeff Waltz	Secretary	YES
Sean Foss	Marketing/PR	YES
Dave Beckett	Development	NO
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
Accept minutes from the November 16, 2009 meeting	8	0	YES
Accept presented nomination slate of Board members and officers to serve MLCC for 2010 and elect same for 2010	Unanimous	0	YES

Officer and Committee Reports:

1. President – John Brannock

- The Mt. Lookout Community Council is targeting the February 2010 public meeting for the presentation of the Mt. Lookout “Citizen of the Year” award. Nominations for the honor are requested and should be directed to John Brannock.
- President Brannock recognized the outgoing MLCC Board members (Fairbanks, Foss, Beckett, Hurst and Sundermann) and thanked them for their service to the community and MLCC. New members (Jim Gaunt, Cha Soutar, Greg Delev, Maryann Ries and Mark Costello) standing for election were introduced and thanked for their willingness to serve on the Board if so elected.
- Discussion of MLCC goals for 2010 produced the following objectives:
 - Larger and more successful events (e.g., golf outing and fall festival)
 - Increased communication
 - Increased and more engaged membership
 - Revision of existing MLCC by-laws
 - Develop a mission statement and develop a strategic plan (Jim Gaunt to chair) for the Mt. Lookout Community Council

2. Vice President – Jennifer Fairbanks

- Presented final report on the successful 2009 Fall Festival. Planning, including the identification of a new chairperson, should begin in early 2010 to insure an equally successful 2010 Fall Festival. Jenn Fairbanks was afforded a sincere round of applause for her work on the fall festivals and MLCC over the years.

3. Treasurer – Matt Johnson

- The financial report had been distributed prior to the Board meeting. The balance in the MLCC account is \$9,843.95. Treasurer Johnson recommended that the MLCC find methods to become more financially self sufficient, as it is likely City of Cincinnati funding may be reduced. MLCC will receive approximately \$14,000 from city programs (NSP and NBDIP) in 2009.
- 2009 sales of Luminaria kits (523) were down from 2008 levels. This continues to be the main source of fundraising for MLCC, netting almost \$5,600 in 2009.

4. Fundraising – Brian Kierce/Betsy Sunderman

- No report

5. Marketing / PR – Sean Foss

- No report

6. Membership – Eric Flamme

- Report deferred until the public meeting

7. Miscellaneous Topics

- As determined.

Public Meeting - 7:00 pm

Fire Department Update

- No report

Police Department Update

- Police Specialist Patrick Moran presented a crime update, noting that crime in Mt. Lookout continues to be low (12% reduction in 2009), with a majority of crime being thief (cell phones, GPS, etc.) from automobiles. He recommended that everyone make thief less attractive by securing valuables out of sight and

watching for suspicious individuals. Individuals can also receive and respond to text, email, and web alerts from the Cincinnati Police Department by registering at www.citizenobserver.com.

Guest Speakers

- Marianne Prue, from the Cincinnati Park Board Urban Forestry Program, recommended two choices of trees (Japanese lilac tree and Jack pear tree) for the Mt. Lookout Square revitalization project. Both species would be well suited for urban conditions. Those present were asked to vote for their preferred tree and the Japanese lilac was the overwhelming choice (19 for the Japanese lilac tree and 2 for the Jack pear tree).
- Andy Park, member of the Mt. Lookout Community Development Corporation, provided an update on the square revitalization project, reporting that a total of \$900,000 has been secured for the project, which should start in February or March 2010. There will be opportunities for individuals and businesses to sponsor benches, trees, pavers, etc. in the square as a means of providing additional amenities.

Recreation Commission (CRC) Update

- No report

MLCC President Update – John Brannock

- Introduced the slate of individuals willing to serve the MLCC as a Board member and officer, if applicable, in 2010. Upon motion made, duly seconded and moved unanimously by MLCC dues paying members in attendance, the 2010 MLCC Board was elected as presented by President Brannock.
- The announcement of the Mt. Lookout “Citizen of the Year” and ceremony will take place at the February meeting and all nominations should be sent to President Brannock via email at president@mtlookout.org.

MLCC Vice President Update – Jennifer Fairbanks

- Reported on the successful 2009 Fall Festival.

MLCC Treasurer Update – Matt Johnson

- The 2009 year-to-date financial report was presented, citing revenue and expenditure amounts and the current MLCC account balance of \$9,843.95.
- Reported that 2009 sales of Luminaria kits were down from 2008 levels and that this event continues to be the main source of fundraising for MLCC.

MLCC Membership Update – Eric Flamme

- Eric Flamme announced that MLCC membership currently stands at 76 members, with over 20 new members since the fall festival. The 2010 membership fee (\$20) is now due and will again feature a membership card which will include special offers from Mt. Lookout businesses.

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. As there were more prizes than attendees, the remaining items were auctioned to those present and the \$32 raised was deposited into the MLCC general fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm. The next public meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, February 15, 2010, at the Cincinnati Observatory Center (3489 Observatory Place)

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey P. Waltz
Secretary, MLCC