

Montlake CC Board Minutes
April 5th, 2012; 7:00 p.m.
@ Steve Milam's house 1820 E McGraw St

Members present: Connie Bain, Anita Bowers, Arthur Lee Jacobson, Elaine King, Steve Milam, Julee Neuhart, Jim Roe, Colin Shannon-Garvey, Kathy Smith-DiJulio

Members absent: Jonathan Dubman, Scott Forbes, Signy Hayden, Chris Stuk

Guests: Dick Dunn, Jon Decker

March board meeting minutes: moved to approve, seconded and adopted.

Treasurer's Report — Connie:

The Treasurer's report, dated March 31, 2012, after discussion was moved, seconded and adopted. A pending matter having the MCC website's *PayPal* donations forwarded to our BECU checking account. Connie has tracked the club's records as to what has been spent since 1992, as part of an attempt to answer queries along the line of *what does the MCC spend its money on?*

Neighborhood Plan— Anita and Colin:

A 2009 Board resolution was original impetus behind this undertaking. Thus far, only about 10% of the surveys are returned, some were incorrectly marked, and Janice Sears agrees that there ought to be a revised, easier survey, possibly an online version through Survey Monkey. Colin has a lead on this.

Online readership of MCC Forum and Flyer— Colin:

- 942. members have signed up on the forum
- 908. of them get the *Flyer*
- 470. members use the forum
- 371. members get individual e-mails
- 99. members get daily digests
- 34. members do not desire any e-mails

Montlake website— Colin:

Scott Forbes is extraordinarily preoccupied at least until November. Bill Kuhn, who volunteers to do the ACT website (using *Wordpress* software, as does Montlake's website) possibly will help us update ours.

MCC Community Design Committee — Jon Decker, Dick Dunn

Thursday, April 12th, another SR-520 design show & tell at MOHAI. A divisive issue is whether the bicycle access lane will be north or south of the 520 lid [secretary interjects: *both* are desirable]. Jon pledged to supply us with more details so we could try to form a consensus opinion. Much talk of Seattle Prep's playfield usage contract with Seattle Parks & Recreation. Concerns of possible future lighting added, and parking congestion. We decided to learn more, so Julee will invite to our next meeting Michele Layton of Montlake Community Center Advisory Council. Jon advises that we be proactive; and use the Advisory Council as the recognized forum to address community concerns to the City officials. Ideally, one of us will join that Council.

It was moved by Jim? and seconded by Kathy that Jon continue inquiring as to designating Montlake School a Seattle Historic Landmark. The City of Seattle Historic Preservation Officer and Director of the Historic Preservation Program, Karen Gordon, will attend our May general meeting.

Coalition 520 — Anita:

Nothing notably new to report.

April 11th general meeting:

Steve's Agenda as included in our agenda of this evening's meeting, is amended to specifically make announcements as to the MCC Board upcoming election in May, and ask that people with an interest in serving contact Steve.

May 9th general meeting:

This is our Annual meeting and elections meeting. We intend a 6:00-7:00 reception, including getting a banquet permit to serve alcohol legally; the 7:00–9:00 meeting agenda items include:

- WASDOT update
- Karen Gordon of Seattle Historic Preservation
- Montlake Neighborhood Plan
- Elections.

Steve will flesh out the above barebones agenda as necessary, though will be unable to attend himself due to teaching that evening. He also will find out in writing what Board members are continuing to serve, and what members are resigning early, or finishing their terms. Arthur and Connie are responsible for organizing the reception —securing the room, getting the permits, and so on.

Farmer’s Market update:

Anita wondered if our insurance would cover it, and our consensus was that the Neighborhood Farmers Market Alliance (NFMA), a community-based, non-profit organization, would handle such details in the event that we start such a market.

New Business:

1. Colin reports that on Saturday, April 25th, Earth Day, Seattle Prep will volunteer 10 girls to help at the Gateway Parks. Board members were invited to attend.
2. Patricia Shannon-Garvey found a map of walks around Childrens Hospital, and was inspired to create a walking map for Montlake and N Capitol Hill. \$300 of the Gateway Park’s remaining funds (from the Dep’t. of Neighborhood grant) will be used to create a base map in Adobe’s *Illustrator* software.
3. Sunday April 15th is the MS walk, and *Team Montlake* can use more than the 3 members on it so far . . .

District Council switch:

Anita moved that Montlake CC switch from the NE District Council to the E District Council, in order to secure additional funding for projects. The motion passed unanimously.

Tool library:

Jim expressed admiration for other neighborhood’s tool libraries and asked us to think about if it is worth pursuing in Montlake. He volunteered to go to West Seattle and find out how they manage their tool library to see if it makes any sense for us to have one in Montlake.

Publication of elections and Board openings:

Jim quoted our MCC Bylaws (Article VII, section 1), to the effect that:

All Nominations for Officers and Trustees may be made either: (1) by the Nominating Committee no later than the Membership meeting prior to the Annual Meeting, (2) from the floor at the Membership meeting prior to the Annual Meeting, or (3) by written notice signed by the candidate.

All nominations must be received by the Secretary or President at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the election. All nominations for all offices shall be published in the Newsletter prior to any vote.

Colin will publish this information to the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Lee Jacobson, April 7th 2012