

Montlake CC Board Minutes
May 3rd, 2012; 7:00 p.m.
@ Steve Milam's house 1820 E McGraw St

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

Members absent: Jonathan Dubman, Scott Forbes, Elaine King, Chris Stuk

Guests: Jon Decker, Nathalie Gehrke, Michele Layton

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

Treasurer's Report — Connie:

The Treasurer's report, dated April 30th, 2012, was discussed — notably its deficit spending; then Jim moved, Julee seconded, and the Board adopted it.

Annual Spring Meeting (May 9th) Social Hour:

We discussed logistics as to desirability of publicity (Nathalie will ask her son who works for KCPQ); who brings what food, drink and utensils (Anita brings sparkling water and cups; Arthur brings wine; Connie brings crackers & cheese; Signy *may* bring beer from Pike Place Brewing); who oversees alcohol; expected attendance; who solicits donations for Locks of Love (Connie will ask Matt Johnson about this). Jim moved, Colin seconded and all approved that the Board *reimburse* food and drink expenditures for the May 9th social hour made at Mont's Market by Connie and Arthur. Steve also offered to donate Cougar Gold cheese and 4 bottles of a Spanish red table wine.

Nominating committee report — Colin:

The work is done: nominees were published in time in *The Flyer*; too late now, as per Bylaws, to add any. The election will be on the 9th. Jonathan, as Vice President, will be asked to run the election in the absence of Steve. Kathy becoming the new Vice President at that election means the Board must appoint someone to fill her vacancy. Colin asks that the Board review our Bylaws nomination policies for *clarity*.

June Board meeting:

Steve suggests that it should be the 6th or 7th.

Michele Layton of Montlake Community Center Advisory Council

Our guest was asked many questions about playfield turf project; the agreement with the Parks Dep't; likelihood of bleachers or lighting; the role of her committee; the activity of Seattle Prep; parking. It was deemed desirable that a member of our Board join the Community Center Advisory Council. Colin stressed that if the Council supplied news to him, he would publish it in *The Flyer*. Steve will draft a letter to the Parks Dep't expressing the Board's concerns about the process of the agreement with Seattle Prep, and indicating our desire to be included and involved in decisions regarding use and agreements of Montlake Playfield.

Bus stop:

Anita will follow up with Metro Transit's proposed 24th & McGraw changes to the southbound bus stop. The concern is whether there will be a net loss of parking places.

1900 E Blaine St subdivision proposal, and its developer:

The project is temporarily on hold due to neighbor complaints. The developer is well known and is buying parcels all over Seattle. He even sought to buy Montlake's Gateway Parks for \$350,000. Colin noted that this land was dedicated as natural green space, and cannot be developed. Arthur moved, Kathy seconded, that we send a "no, thanks" letter to the developer Michael Nelson. Steve agreed to draft this letter.

Neighborhood Plan — Anita:

The first survey was faulty. The Survey Monkey version was better. Moreover, 30 printed envelopes were distributed to houses. Our last survey was 5 years ago. As then, the main concern is still SR-520. The results will be discussed at our May general meeting.

Flyer, Website updates, etc. — Colin:

Nothing new. But Colin did mention West Gateway Park now has a fresh gravel path; the Earth Day work party was "great;" another work party is scheduled.

Annual Spring Meeting (May 9th) agenda:

Will occur as *per* Steve's agenda, and be followed by the Social Hour.

Timing issues— Kathy:

Kathy moved, Colin seconded & all approved moving our Board meetings to the 3rd Wednesday. So, in August we meet the 15th and September the 19th.

Montlake Community Design Committee— Jon Decker:

Registration as part of the SR-520 project is an ongoing process. At the moment, our attention is with the City of Seattle Historic Landmark designation —its benefits, and questions people have about it.

The committee is “on top of” any lighting at the playfield.

Montlake School has no protection, and the school district is planning no improvements to it due to its small size, so Jon seeks it designated as Landmark to protect it. This will require some funds.

According to WSDOT, the Coalition for a Sustainable 520 is “out of bounds politically.” Jon suggests that two or three WSDOT representatives should meet with the MCC Board to discuss the SR-520 details —just the facts. Rob Berman is willing to come to such a meeting. Then the MCC Board should draft a letter to WSDOT with our specific concerns and suggestions. Tentative date to attempt for a meeting is June 13th. Anita interjected that the real sufferers are the Shelby / Hamlin and Lake Washington Boulevard residents, due to not only 520 but the Combined Sewage Overflow project, and UW parking. And, in the future, unofficial Sound Transit station parking that will occur there almost certainly. Seattle Parks & Rec. decides how many parking places will go at East Montlake Park.

New business:

Jim shared that he had a friend who worked on Sound Transit's tunnel, and told him that the initial tunnel tracks were very rough —the final tracks to be laid will be markedly quieter.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Lee Jacobson, May 5th 2012