

Montlake CC Board Minutes
October 8th, 2013; 7:00 p.m.
@ Kathy Laughman's home: 2434 E. Miller St

Members present: LeAna Alvarado-Smith, Connie Bain, Nathalie Gehrke, Marilee Goebel, Bryan Haworth, Arthur Lee Jacobson, Kathy Laughman, Julee Neuhart, Jim Roe, Amanda Williams

Members absent: Signy Hayden, Lionel Job, Rainer Metzger

Guests: Kerry Clayman, Nina Hess

The evening's agenda: Amanda moved to approve, Arthur seconded, and the Board accepted Julee's agenda.

September 3rd board meeting minutes: Nathalie moved to approve, LeAna seconded, and the Board adopted them.

Treasurer's Report — Connie:

First, the October 8th 2013 Treasurer's report was discussed. Account balance then was \$20,755.50. Jim moved, Bryan seconded, and the board approved the report. Connie noted that checks from the weekend's All-Montlake Yard Sale were coming in.

Chairperson's Report — Julee:

A) Earthquake preparedness planning for Montlake got a boost for all of us who read the recent *Seattle Times* story on the topic. Debby Cook has great interest in and knowledge about, this, and has talked with Julee, and Cathy Garrison of Portage Bay, who has attended all the SNAP trainings, *etc.* Julee thinks at present all we can do is urge residents to get informed and prepared. She asked Debby and Cathy to write something for the *Flyer*, and asked Debby to inquire of the school district if it is doing anything.

B) 520 Coalition. Robert Rosencrantz attended the last meeting. The coalition for a sustainable SR-520, now chaired by Colleen McAleer, will ask the two mayoral candidates their views on the SR-520 matters.

C) Vacant lot at 2200 24th Ave E. A building has been approved, and will be constructed, with a garage, 23 residential units, ground-level commercial.

D) Seattle Community Council Federation. The last agenda was about Seattle public stairways. Julee will attend meetings and keep us posted.

E) Fall fundraising: Julee will draft the annual MCC ask letter, that also will mention the *Flyer* change, and whatever "snow brigade" we come up with. Each board member will distribute copies around the neighborhood, to ensure total coverage, just like last year.

New Business

A) Change of school district attendance boundaries— Amanda:

The Seattle School District will redo the boundaries that determine where students go to school. In Montlake's case, the present draft excludes the south or west side of Boyer, but includes the north or east side. The implication is that students on one side of the street would attend Montlake School, and on the other, attend Stevens school on Capitol Hill. This proposal upsets various parents, such as Kerry Clayman and Nina Hess, who spoke, along with Amanda. Our school board rep (district 3) is Harium Martin-Morris; and Kay Smith-Blum (district 5) is a former Montlake resident; the Seattle school district NW "executive director of schools," Jon Halfaker, is a Montlake resident. LeAna will put information onto the Montlake forum. Jim, moved, Kathy seconded, and the board approved that Amanda draft a letter to the school district stating that MCC supports leaving the existing boundary along Interlaken, rather than shifting it to Boyer, and detailing why plainly: common sense, safety, and busing. The next school board meeting is October 16th.

B) Trustee vacancy

Due to Signy Hayden moving from the neighborhood, she asked to have someone else appointed for the remainder of her term. LeAna nominated Michele Layton; seconded by Bryan, and approved unanimously by the Board.

Old Business

A) Report on all-Montlake yard sale — Nathalie:

On a summer-like weekend, 42 yard sale sites across the neighborhood participated in the All-Montlake Yard Sale. Committee members, Kathy Laughman and Nathalie Gehrke, reminded the Board that the main objective of the event was to build community, but also support neighborhood sales and recycling. Those goals were met, despite the surprise all-day closure of the Montlake bridge. Considerable recruiting, advertising, and support work was done and many sales advertising signs were produced that can be reused for future events. Non-profit trucks were scheduled to receive remainders for The Northwest Center and St. Vincent De Paul. The Montlake Blvd Market played an especially important role in advertising, handing out buyers' maps, offering free coffee to all comers, and providing space for the donation trucks. They deserve a big thank you. Jonathan Phillips took many quality photographs for us. Nathalie will see that some are posted along with a *Flyer* article, and asks the communications committee to recognize the contribution this young Montlake resident is making with his freely shared photos. All agreed the event was a success and should happen again --but the two-person committee recommended a larger planning committee for next time.

B) Communication & website — LeAna:

The communications team mainly asks that people and organizations please register and post new content onto it. This includes the library, Arboretum Foundation, and so on. It was agreed that a good way to alert every household in Montlake about the Flyer's web-only presence, is to state as much in our printed annual letter that we will distribute doorstep to doorstep in November or December.

C) Madison Park Community Club's Snow Brigade — Kathy:

Kathy met with Liz Brandzel, a Madison Park Community Council board member, to learn about the "snow brigade." This had been a volunteer, neighborhood endeavor to connect people who need help during snow, with those able to offer help. The original scope was: *when it snows*. Tasks included sidewalk shoveling, taxi services, picking up prescriptions, and so on. First about 30 households joined, then over 50. An orientation was held for volunteers; documented, legal permissions were obtained as needed. Inspired by early success, the MPCC expanded the program, to include "safe sidewalks," wherein property owners were provided with the law as pertains to their responsibilities regarding sidewalks; a list of contractors was provided; the local hardware store stocked up on anticipated supplies. Bryan said he will assist Kathy is drafting a proposal for a pilot program in Montlake, to be modeled on the Madison Park program.

Meeting ended at 9:00 (it had officially been called to order at 7:08).

Next board meeting date Tuesday Nov. 5th. Refreshments to be provided by Lionel, Amanda & Rainer.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Lee Jacobson, October 11th 2013