

Montlake CC Board Minutes
November 5th, 2013; 7:00 p.m.
@ Julee Neuhart's home: 1526 E. McGraw St

Members present: LeAna Alvarado-Smith, Connie Bain, Nathalie Gehrke, Arthur Lee Jacobson, Lionel Job, Kathy Laughman, Miche Layton, Rainer Metzger, Julee Neuhart, Jim Roe, Amanda Williams

Members absent: Marilee Goebel, Bryan Haworth

Guests: Anita Bowers, Jon Decker

October 8th board meeting minutes: Jim moved to approve, Connie seconded, and the Board adopted them—with a single tweak: the letter Amanda had written *was for Julee's signature*.

Treasurer's Report — Connie:

The November 5th 2013 Treasurer's report was discussed. Account balance then was \$19,927,57. Jim moved, Nathalie seconded, and the board approved the report.

We discussed whether the complete report ought to be published monthly on our website—as it used to be in the printed *Flyer*— or merely annually. Think about it; we will revisit the issue next month.

Chairperson's Report — Julee:

A) 520 Coalition. Julie asked the coalition for a sustainable SR-520, about its neighborhood meetings, and attendance. *Viz:* Laurelhurst, Madison Park, and Portage Bay/Roanoke. None meet monthly. They meet when needed. Julee says that rather than host a MCC general meeting with government officials, as we had considered, she would instead telephone many of them, and report her findings in the *Flyer*. The 520 coalition still hopes that due to reduced 520 traffic (from tolls), the 6 lanes can stay as the floating bridge, but the part from Foster Island to Roanoke can remain 4 lanes, albeit retrofitted for safety.

B) East District Council: the last meeting was mainly a candidate's forum.

C) Seattle Community Council Federation. The last meeting featured a session with an aide from the office of Tom Rasmussen and much discussion and some heat as to the parking constraints caused by many new apartments with a requirement if only 1 parking space provided for every 4 units.

New Business

A) Ramps to Nowhere —Rainer

A volunteer-led proposal for a temporary art installation has thus far met with approval of WSDOT. An advisory group, led by Priscilla Arsove, daughter of Maynard Arsove, former CARHT (Citizens Against RH Thomson freeway) and MCC President, is forming. The art project: mirrors on pillars and an arch, is to raise awareness and remind people of history. Details to be worked out and announced in the *Flyer*.

B i) Website commercial interests—Julee:

Julie explained that various applications are being made to her, as MCC president, to have notices or ads placed on the website or *Flyer*. We discussed whether we need a policy, and decided that most such requests are *easy* to decide, among our editors and officers, and so, no new policy is needed.

B ii) Montlake History—Anita:

Anita noted that Seattle History Link website contains an illustrated Montlake “thumbnail history” (http://www.historylink.org/index.cfm?DisplayPage=output.cfm&file_id=10170). Yet, also she has files of historic documents, photos and maps; and will obtain more from Audrey Weitkamp; Allan Seidenverg has much as well; the secretary also has materials. Anita asks if MCC should scan some of this material, to make it usable to website visitors. The originals perhaps can be archived at the Montlake library. Anita will schedule a time for people possessing material to meet for a show & tell, to determine how much scanning is needed. Kathy will inquire if the UW Carlson Leadership & Public Service Center has students who can scan the material as a project.

B iii) Recruiting website content:

Our new forum has 80 registered users so far, and Tom is streamlining the sign-in and story posting process to make it better (right now, there is some confusion). Nathalie hopes for more Boyer Children's Clinic announcements; Amanda thinks the Montlake site and PTA calendar should be linked.

C) Commercial space coming on 24th:

A new development on 24th, near Boston St, will have ground-level commercial, and upper level residential. We talked about *what sort* of business would most Montlakers welcome. Ideas ranged from a hardware store to a bakery. The developer is open to our suggestions; perhaps we should conduct a poll.

D) Welcome to Michele:

We welcomed Michele Layton to the board; she was appointed to replace Signy Hayden, who moved from Montlake. She will be able to be elected officially at our annual meeting next May.

E) Greenways meeting:

Lionel urged strong attendance of Montlakers at the meeting to be held on the 6th. Rainer & he are representing the board's consensus, but he still hopes more of us will attend.

Old Business

A) Snow Brigade — Kathy:

Kathy gave each member a printed proposal from herself & Bryan based on a similar program — Madison Park Community Council's "snow brigade." Kathy & Bryan propose that we start a volunteer, *Montlake neighbor helping neighbor* program to connect people who need help during snow, with those able to offer help. The original scope will be: *when it snows*. Maybe more matters can be added later. An orientation will held for potential volunteers on Dec. 9th at Montlake library. The annual MCC fundraising appeal letter also has a notice about this.

B) Montlake Historic District — Jon Decker:

As of November 1st, work is underway to process Montlake as an historic district on the National Register. Public presentations will be held. Jon will write up the details for the *Flyer*, but the key things are: WSDOT mitigation funds are being spent to hire consultants to do the work, to achieve what is partly an honorary matter, and partly a means to help guard against adverse impacts from SR-520 work. Amanda urges caution, in case there are unforeseen constraints that will ensue. LeAna: Jon's article must spell out differences between local and national landmark designations, and the attendant benefits and restrictions. Five of the 1,100 houses in Montlake, can be singled out as exemplary or special in the historic district. Jon urges that a MCC board member serve on the advisory committee overseeing this process. Kathy said she needs more information as to time commitment needed.

C) Fundraising — Julee:

Based on what we did last winter, Julee wrote and printed an appeal letter, with attachments, that we board members will hand-deliver to every house in Montlake. She distributed copies of letters & envelopes to each of us. We should aim to distribute these by the end of the month; the sooner, the better.

Meeting ended at 9:30 (it had officially been called to order at 7:05).

Next board meeting date Tuesday Dec. 3rd. Refreshments to be provided by Arthur, Connie & Nathalie.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Lee Jacobson, November 8th 2013