

Montlake CC Board Minutes
March 21st, 2013; 7:00 p.m.
@ Steve Milam's house 1820 E McGraw St

Members present: Connie Bain, Nathalie Gehrke, Bryan Haworth, Arthur Lee Jacobson, Steve Milam, Julee Neuhart, Jim Roe, Colin Shannon-Garvey

Members absent: Scott Forbes, Signy Hayden, Elaine King, Kathy Smith-DiJulio

Guests: Jon Decker, Jay and Prianca Iyer, Ron Jones, Rainer Metzger

February 21st board meeting minutes: Jim moved to approve, Connie seconded, and the Board adopted them.

Treasurer's Report — Connie:

The Treasurer's report dated March 21st 2013, was briefly discussed. Jim moved, Arthur seconded, and the Board adopted it. Account balance as of then was \$29,231.07.

Montlake 76 drive-throughs — Ron Jones:

Some vehicular traffic exiting SR-520, especially at rush-hour, is dangerously and illegally cutting through the gas station. If cited by the police, driving through the gas station is characterized as a reckless driving violation and subject to a heavy penalty. It was agreed that a notice ought to be placed in the *Flyer*. Other suggestions were proposed.

Montlake School historic designation — Jon Decker:

Our historic designation consultant will make a presentation to the Landmark Board on April 17th, at 3:30, room 460 of Seattle municipal tower, 40th floor. Attendance of Montlakers will help. On June 5th the board will approve the nomination approval —or not. The consultant appears to be over budget; Connie will look into it.

Michele Layton of Montlake Community Center Advisory Council — Julee Neuhart:

Michele could not attend this evening, but Julee has been to some meetings and reported that the Montlake Playfield's children's playground remodel is a big issue: the levy allows just enough funding to *replace* it as is, but nothing additional. Possible funding sources for additions are being sought. There appears to be, on the part of some parties, a desire to establish an outdoor basketball court between the children's playground and the baseball field. The remodel will occur later this year.

***Flyer*, Website Updates, Advertising? — Colin Shannon-Garvey:**

Colin moved, and Nathalie seconded, that Colin's proposal for the *Flyer* be adopted. After much discussion, Jim moved, Julee seconded, and the board approved tabling the decision until next month. Meanwhile, Colin, Bryan, Rainer and other interested parties will continue discussions and investigations as to the appearance of the possible options. For the record, Colin had proposed the following:

- Distribution of a monthly *Flyer*, both electronic and paper, be discontinued.
- The *Flyer* becomes a blog on Montlake.net.
- Rainer Metzger posts events and news items as he does now on his Montlaker blog.
- Current and new contributors will be able to send items at any time to Rainer to post at his discretion.
- A message to the full Forum will be sent when a new blog item is posted.
- Montlake.net's home page gets *redesigned* to accommodate the blog and paid ads. Its other pages remain as is.
- Colin will, with others on the communication committee, propose a new design to be approved by the Board.
- Money currently in the budget will be used to implement the redesign.
- Rainer will not be webmaster nor be responsible to modify or maintain the website.
- If Scott will not continue to be the webmaster, a new one must be found.

520 Project Design Update — Rainer:

Lionel Job and Rainer met to discuss Greenways with Lyle Bicknell. Also they talked with residents along Lake Washington Blvd —the people who will be most affected by the new freeway. They seek ideas for mitigation. Jim Roe pledged to draft a letter in support of reviving the concept of the Pacific Place interchange.

Update - Large Neighborhood Street Fund project:

Rainer Metzger reported that if SDOT accepts the 19th & Lynn traffic revision proposal, then SDOT will handle community outreach and seek feedback, and so forth.

Update - Small Neighborhood Street Fund project:

Rainer reported that he had been incorrect last month in stating that Lionel Job had submitted in January a proposal for improvements at 23rd & Boyer. Actually, the submittal was from Boyer Children's Clinic.

Traffic and parking theme April 17 General Meeting— Arthur:

MCC will host a general meeting on April 17th, to feature proposals for traffic improvements and parking issues within the neighborhood, focusing on non-arterial streets. We will also present a slate of candidates for the MCC board. The room is reserved. The committee of organizers includes Arthur, Nathalie and Signy. Bryan and Jim both agreed to make plywood A-boards that can be used for club announcements.

May 19th All-Montlake evening of the Arts— Nathalie:

To be at the Community Center from 2:00 to 5:00 on Sunday, May 19th. Nathalie will get the P/A system we budgeted for. Five musicians are already scheduled, at a half-hour each. It is desired to find *more* than the 15 artists currently lined up. Possibly there will also be a raffle.

Montlake Garden Tour June 2nd— Jim:

On track.

Pit bulls:

Tabled.

Nomination Committee for Board Offices and Members— Arthur:

If the Board is to be at full capacity of 13 members, then at least four new people must be recruited to join. The nominations committee of Arthur and Connie welcomes inquiries and suggestions.

Habitat Restoration Plant Purchase request - \$300— Steve:

Anne Preston wrote:

Hi Steve,

The habitat restoration project is moving along nicely and we have purchased and planted 300 small trees and ground cover near the track. We are in need of more plants to continue the project and request some help for the community council if possible. We would need another \$300.00 to purchase more bare root stock for planting. I understand this would take a board vote. We are very proud of what has been accomplished and welcome the board walking the area now cleared near the beaver dam to the right of the kayak launch.

Thanks,

Anne

Jim moved, Julee seconded, and the Board approved donating \$300.

Meeting ended at 9:30.

Next board meeting date was switched to Wednesday, April 24th.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Lee Jacobson, March 24th 2013