

Montlake CC Board Minutes
August 6th, 2013; 7:30 p.m.
@ Kathy Laughman's home: 2434 E. Miller St

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

Members absent: Marilee Goebel, Bryan Haworth

June 25th board meeting minutes: Jim moved to approve, Connie seconded, and the Board adopted them.

Treasurer's Report — Connie:

The August 6th 2013 Treasurer's report was discussed. Account balance then was \$22,532.69. Arthur moved, Jim seconded, and the Board adopted it. Amanda will look into the \$250 budgeted—but not spent— on Montlake School's greenhouse & garden.

Chairperson's Report — Julee:

A) **Rainwise gardening** can be done in properties of low-elevation parts of Montlake; Julee attended one meeting to get informed; another is scheduled at Montlake Community Center Sept. 19th.

B) Follow-up to **RPZ change** for Montlake. Employers (such as Seattle School District) may now apply to City for employee parking permits in an otherwise ineligible RPZ.

C) Sign-up for **Montlaker blog**. Julee stressed that we all should be reading this blog, and informing others about it.

D) **Seattle Community Council Federation**. Montlake needs a representative to attend these meetings; not necessarily a board member. To learn more, it is suggested that we ask Jeannie Hale, the SCC Fed. president.

E) **East District Council**: Nathalie attended the last meeting; Montlake's projects did not garner the highest votes for funding. The **SR-520 Coalition** is reducing meetings to quarterly; Julee will represent Montlake.

Old Business

A) **Welcome Wagon** duo of Marilee & Debby Cooke are continuing the tradition of Julee to greet new Montlake house buyers.

B) **Traffic & parking issues**. Lionel reports the last 2 months or so have seen little action, save what Lyle Bicknell has done in his official capacity. For example, he is organizing a tour in the neighborhood with SDOT people to point out our concerns. Sidewalks needing repair were discussed; though the upkeep of same is required by adjacent property owners, the City lacks clout to enforce this edict.

C) **Communication & website**. Rainer reports 2 bids to implement our desired website/blog makeover, and discussed the pros and cons. Arthur moved, Lionel seconded, that the club proceed with the Website Development Contract of Tom Fucoloro; Jim amended that we authorize spending not more than \$4,000, and review the situation in 6 months; Lionel seconded. The motion as amended, passed unanimously. Jim moved, Kathy seconded, and the Board adopted that *two* members of the MCC executive committee should sign the contract that Rainer and Tom will draft. The website will be operational by Sept. 1st. We noted that various Montlakers need to be able to post items without hassle to the Montlake.net blog. Jim advocates a paper instruction sheet be put on every resident's doorstep, to spell out plainly what they can do to access the new features. Julee desires that we reach out to our contributors to the former *Flyer*, and others, encouraging them to submit posts. LeAna will handle events listings; Bryan will handle ads. Nathalie urged Rainer to contact Laura Sherman, who had expressed a willingness to serve on the Comm. committee, and who has graphic design expertise that could be valuable.

New Business

A) **Committee** focus for 2013-14. At least these should exist: communication & community ; traffic & parking ; art, music, culture & history ; executive & budget ; parks, environment. Maybe also disaster preparedness & block watch. Amanda: whether the club's needs are met by motivated individuals, or committees, is key; do not force the matter one way or the other. Julee reminded us that committees and goals should reflect the priorities expressed in our neighborhood survey. Kathy favors that each board member be responsible for at least one area of interest, whether or not it has a committee. We in general agreed that our first priority for the next year was communication. There was disagreement as to what was number 2, but our survey had indicated SR-520 was number one, and so it certainly is our strongest runner-up. We all like the fact that increased communication should bring more community participation. LeAna mentioned, for example, that the Montlake Advisory Council was utterly unaware that the community center had been charging MCC to meet there. And she asked who on board knew that on August 16th there would be a Music Festival & family night at the community center?

B) Lionel and others agreed that the **boundaries** of Montlake shown on our website (and indicated in our Bylaws) should be improved.

C) Amanda noted that the school district's free choice system, was not without "grandfathered" issues that meant some students could not go to their neighborhood schools.

Meeting ended at 9:22 (it had officially been called to order at 7:39).

Next board meeting date Tuesday Sept. 3rd. Refreshments to be provided by Signy, Kathy & Jim. The executive committee meets August 19th & will draft a budget then.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Lee Jacobson, August 11th 2013