

Montlake CC Board Minutes
January 7th, 2014; 7:00 p.m.
@ Connie Bain's home: 2056 23rd Ave E

Members present: LeAna Alvarado-Smith, Connie Bain, Nathalie Gehrke, Arthur Lee Jacobson, Michele Layton, Rainer Metzger, Jim Roe, Amanda Williams

Members absent: Marilee Goebel, Bryan Haworth, Lionel Job, Kathy Laughman, Julee Neuhart

December 4th board meeting minutes: Jim moved to approve, Amanda seconded, and the Board adopted them.

Treasurer's Report — Connie:

The January 7th 2013 Treasurer's report was discussed. Account balance then was \$27,568.69. More than 150 donors have contributed since November. Connie & Rainer will look into the PayPal details. The budgeted amount for website work has not been exceeded, in fact we are way under. Amount budgeted: \$4,125.00, amount spent so far \$1,072.56.

Old Business

A) Montlake History archives — Nathalie:

Things are moving along with the UW Carlson Leadership & Public Service Center students. Still TBD is what physical materials are to be scanned, and who in the community has them. When Kathy gets over her cold, she will lead this matter.

B) Snow Brigade — Nathalie:

The "snow brigade" page along with the annual MCC fundraising appeal letter has resulted so far in over 40 volunteers who have signed up to learn more. Kathy would like to try out extending the brigade activities by inviting the volunteers to be part of a Montlake Community Club team for the Interlaken/Boren Park clean up on Jan 20, Martin Luther King Day. She would also like the Board to consider the formation of an *ad hoc* committee to brainstorm other ideas for activities to which the volunteers would be invited to participate. She was encouraged to try out the MLK Day team formation, and then report the results to the Board at the next meeting for further exploration.

C) Gate to Nowhere — Rainer:

The recent fundraiser kickoff event featuring the temporary art exhibit of mirrors on pillars and an arch, attracted about 30 attendees, and raised \$6,000 so far. Funds are needed this month for materials, rental, installation, insurance, overhead and fees. Installation to be in February, and expectation is that the exhibit will last at least into September. Amanda moved, Michele seconded, that MCC write a letter of support, and donate \$3,000 towards this cause. Motion passed with 6 yeas, 1 nay (Jim), 1 abstention (Rainer).

D) SR-520, pedestrians, bicyclists — Rainer:

Little 520 activity of late. The Olympia Transportation package is dead, unlikely to be passed in 2014. Lionel is absent this evening, attending a Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board meeting that includes discussion on the 23rd Avenue Greenway, and 520 connectivity issues. SDOT plans an outreach meeting in February on the 23rd Avenue Greenway. Tom Rasmussen is the new Seattle City Council chair on the 520 project's impacts to Seattle—notably the west approach that will take two years to build into Montlake. Lionel & Rainer desire to organize a "Ring Walk" around Montlake, roughly 5 kilometers around the neighborhood's perimeter.

E) UW - MCC joint parking letter — Nathalie:

A letter was made available to residents of Shelby and Hamlin streets, who may place copies onto windows of cars parked there in violation of the parking regulations. Julee wonders if this so far has improved things for the residents. Other Board members were wondering about making various grammatical and content editings, hence we will defer consideration till next month.

F) Montlake Family Fitness update — LeAna, Michele:

The playground may be ready by February 9th. The adult fitness equipment will be ordered when grants contracts are finalized. Leftover funds may be applied to add another drinking fountain.

G) Montlake Historic District Landmark meeting of January 16th — Nathalie:

Nathalie will write to Connie Walker-Gray suggesting that said meeting be delayed until March. Otherwise, with scant awareness, attendance is apt to be dismal. [Turns out that advertising for the meeting did show up the day after our meeting, making this matter moot.]

New Business

A) Nominating Committee — Arthur:

Jim volunteers to serve as the “heart and soul” of the MCC Board nominating committee, in charge of recruiting new members for the May election. But his committee needs brains, legs, and the like, to be effective. Each existing MCC Board member must decide whether he or she will opt for another year of service. Amanda noted that she will not, and yet pledges to recruit a replacement who will represent the Montlake School’s interests.

B) Concern about path at West Montlake Park — Nathalie:

A neighbor wishes that the muddy path at West Montlake Park can be improved. Julee will write to her, suggesting that she, Jim, and the neighbor meet there and discuss the options.

C) Fundraising & City of Seattle Neighborhood Grants — Nathalie:

Deadlines for various funding sources range from February to May. Depending on the type of fund being applied for, competition varies; ease of applying varies. Jim is going to look into some of the smaller funds (“Small Sparks” funds) with the idea of trying to get some Montlake sidewalks improved. Rainer will review the grant RFPs for any that might be useful for the earlier proposed projects on 19th/Lynn and Boyer/23rd. In relation to the large Neighborhood Matching Grants that require the identification of a grant project manager to work with the proposal authors, LeAna opined that Allynn Ruth is a superb Dep’t of Neighborhoods grant project manager.

D) Flyer author volunteer sought — Nathalie

Nathalie thinks it desirable 1) that Board members write for the *Flyer*; 2) that a volunteer serve as an unofficial liaison between the “downtown Montlake” businesses and the *Flyer*, to keep readers posted about matters such as the new ownership of the alehouse. In his absence this evening, some Board members thought Bryan sounded like a good candidate.

Meeting had begun at 7:09 and ended at 9:03.

Next board meeting date Tuesday Feb. 4th. Refreshments to be provided by Bryan, LeAna & Marilee. Julee will be absent, so Nathalie will assume her role. The meeting will be held at Connie’s house.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Lee Jacobson, January 8th 2014