# Montlake Community Club Board Minutes January 10th, 2017 Boyer Children's Clinic Lower Conference Room

#### In attendance:

Board members: Bryan Haworth, John O'Neil, Sharsti Sandall, Tyler Blitz, Carol Cordy, Michele Layton, Bob Delay, Kathy Laughman

SDOT representative: Paul Elliott, SDOT Community Relations

Meeting commenced at 7:06pm.

#### **Discussion of December meeting minutes:**

- Those in attendance approved the minutes and others via Google docs.
- Bryan wondered about the section on the 520, Sharsti couldn't remember if we had discussed anything more and wanted him to comment. Minutes were updated to reflect the December discussion regarding 520.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Ordered the "big check" for the Food Bank. This is a check that is dry erase so we can use it from year to year and for other projects.
- Michele transferred \$5000 from money market and savings to checking because RaceWire was slow paying us, but it came in and now everyone has been paid, so moved back. Other final Turkey trot payouts were completed. This included a \$250 Café Lago gift certificate Jimmy (Rivalry Events) and a \$500 donation to the Arboretum.
- Michele received a check from the City of Seattle for the remainder of our Neighborhood grant.
   Money is slated to pay KPG. Michele noted that the check came from the Department of Education and Early Learning. Kathy said it should have come from the Department of Neighborhoods so Michele was going to call the city and make sure it wasn't a mistake.
- \$400 in donations came in last month
- Montlake Market donated \$400 last week. They slated \$300 for the holiday lights and \$100 towards the paper Flyer
- Total accounts have \$35089.51 (\$17,366.07 in checking, \$60.96 in savings, and \$17,662.48 in the money market account). \$10,000 of the checking account will be used for the food bank.

Special Guest: SDOT (Paul Elliott): See attached pdf. Paul handed this out to board members.

- Jack Bartman, the SDOT project manager, was supposed to be in attendance but has the flu. He is the engineer responsible for making sure the project is built correctly and within budget.
- The idea for this work was originally presented to SDOT in the form of a Neighborhood Street Fund application, submitted by former MCC board members Lionel Job and Rainer Metzer.

- Safe Routes to school is a project aimed at making it safer for kids to walk and bike to school.
   There are three locations being upgraded, including the one in Montlake at E. Lynn St. and 19<sup>th</sup>
   Ave E. The total budget for all three projects is \$460,000
- Project will be put out for bid in Spring, construction to start in July, and should take about 3 months. The hope is to get it done before school starts.
- Bryan asked about additional flashing lights that might be installed. Paul wasn't part of the
  original plan so he wasn't entirely sure, but says it looks like there are no lights including on the
  plan drawings.
- Bryan also asked if they would have signs warning people of the change and Paul said they would
- Bryan asked if there would be additional lighting at the intersection and Paul didn't know but would ask.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Snow Brigade Committee – Carol, Kathy, Bryan**

- Still haven't set up a meeting. Carol found a website that has a map of the city with each area color coded based on their level of training and preparedness for emergencies (cdp.dhs.gov/femasid). She thought we could use this as a resource.
- Meeting will be held Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1pm at Carol's house on this topic.

#### **Montlake Flyer update – Michele**

- Almost done, waiting on President's letter from Bryan
- Kathy asked if there would be anything covering the business district project. Michele said there would be mention of it and will direct people to the website for more information.

#### Montlake Blvd Market and 76 Station update – Bryan

- Strangely quiet- Bryan has been trying to set up a meeting with property owner Kemper Freeman. There has been a lot of "talk" that Kemper had an offer from WSDOT which he rejected. There have been weeks of silence. Bryan just wants to find out where things stand so that we can know what we can do.
- Michele mentioned that when Aaron (Montlake Market store manager) gave money for the flyer and holiday lights she asked what he wanted her to include in the flyer regarding this issue. He informed Michele that he would have Lynn (the Assistant store manager and store owner's daughter) do it. He also told Michele that the gas station is definitely going away and they are losing a 12 foot strip around the property, but the store will remain intact. Michele isn't sure if they will report on this in the Flyer, she is waiting on the story.

#### Letter from MCC regarding the location of the CSO – Tyler

• CSO locations throughout Seattle are owned by King County and the City of Seattle. Many of them are slated for improvement or upgrades according to information Tyler found on the web. He noted that the agencies are clear in written documentation about their intent to collaborate.

WSDOT has identified potential impact of the large sewer pipes beneath SR520 at Montlake (it refers to these as the Montlake CSO). WSDOT's timeline for the Montlake Phase of the SR520 construction project is not aligned with SPU or King County CSO timelines. We are hoping that this may change.

- Tyler educated the board about the issue with regard to the intersection of the 520 design, the CSO running under the 520 and how it impacts the design, and King County's need/desire to build a storage facility.
- We discussed the letters he wrote, and agreed that they are almost ready and that time is of the
  essence to get them sent to encourage WSDOT, King County, and the City of Seattle to explore
  potential benefits of improved coordination and collaboration in achieving their respective
  objectives and in serving the community.
- We also agreed to send the letters, along with a high level summary of the issue, to the same reporter at the Seattle Times, Mike Lindblom (<u>mlindblom@seattletimes.com</u>), that covered the Montlake Market/520 clash previously.
- Tyler hopes to have a final draft of the letters by the end of the week or early next week.

#### Montlake Business District Improvement update – Kathy

- To summarize, we are in a period of wait and see.
- Grant ends Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, but the city still hasn't weighed in on whether 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave is appropriate for a road diet. Kathy has tried multiple times to find out what the city has learned in their study of the corridor but has not received a response yet.
- The project manager at Department of Neighborhoods has agree to give us a 2-month extension on our current grant in hopes we can get a decision during this extension.
- Kathy emailed Jim Curtin today, but it was his first day back in the office after the holidays and he has not yet responded.
- Kathy is convinced that we have to address traffic cut-throughs in the neighborhood in order to gain full neighborhood support for the road diet element in the Montlake Business Development plan.
- We also need to keep educating the community about the pros. One idea brought up is to talk to other neighborhoods that have implemented a road diet.
- If we have good neighborhood support for the plan, the best way to get the city to respond is to increase public pressure.
- We are expecting a community outreach meeting with Jim Curtin and other SDOT reps within the next few months. Jim made this commitment when he came to the MCC meeting in November.

#### **Turkey Trot update- Sharsti**

- Plan a time next week to deliver the check to the food bank. Michele says it should be here by Monday
- Read a thank you note that Paul sent to the MCC board

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

## Planning and Committees for 2017 - Bryan

- Since a lot of the board isn't in attendance, Bryan suggested we will table this and discuss in February meeting
- Will send committee list out ahead of time and we will also try and get key dates for MCC events on the calendar

The meeting ended at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharsti Sandall MCC Secretary



# MONTLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

**FACT SHEET** 

Winter 2017

#### **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

This Safe Routes to School project will make it safer and easier for kids to walk and bike by improving the intersection at E Lynn St and 19th Ave E near Montlake Elementary School.

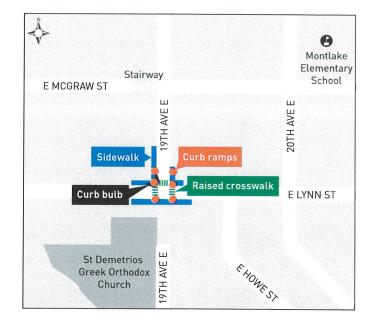
#### **TIMING AND BENEFITS**

We expect construction will begin in mid-2017. Improvements include:

- Sidewalk restoration to improve walking connections
- An all-way stop to improve the flow of traffic through the intersection
- A curb bulb to shorten the crossing distance for people walking
- Curb ramps for better ADA accessibility
- Crosswalks to increase visibility of pedestrians
- Crosswalks to increase safety and visibility for pedestrians



Existing conditions looking south on 19th Ave E at E Lynn St



#### **KEEPING YOU INFORMED**

We're committed to keeping you informed throughout construction. Feel free to contact us, and be on the lookout for more information.

Sign up to receive project email updates: PedestrianImprovements2@seattle.gov

This project is funded by the School Safety Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Fund and the 9-year Levy to Move Seattle approved by voters in 2015. Learn more about the levy at: www.seattle.gov/transportation/LevytoMoveSeattle.htm

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