

**Montlake Community Club Board Minutes**  
**November 15, 2016**  
**Boyer Children's Clinic Lower Conference Room**

President Bryan Haworth opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

In attendance were MCC board members: Bob DeLay, Michele Layton, Carol Cordy, Darcy LaBelle, Juan Lopez, Lori Sabado, Kerry Clayman, Yvonne Werner, John O'Neil, Tyler Blitz and Sharsti Sandall. Also attending were Tracy Dominguez, Barbara Wright and Lionel Job, neighborhood activists; Nathalie Gehrke and Kathy Laughman; former board members currently working on MCC's business development project; and Paul Fuesel and Liz Gibson, urban planners from KPG who are working on the business development project. Special guests were Frank Nam, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods and Jim Curtin, leading the 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue CIP project for SDOT.

**October 2016 MCC Minutes:** The minutes had been sent earlier to the board members and were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michele Layton reported she needs permission to move funds from the money market account to checking to cover some expenses. A motion was made and seconded and approved by acclamation. MCC has received \$600.00 from the yard sale so far and \$2100.00 for the Turkey Trot. The total balance in all MCC accounts is \$29,014.76

**Special Guest, Jim Curtin:** Jim explained the City of Seattle's Vision Zero goal which is to eliminate all traffic fatalities in the city. To this end, new slower speed limits took effect on November 7, 2016. The arterial speed limit is 25 mph now and the residential street speed limit is now 20 mph. His team also supports traffic calming efforts that include right-sizing (road diets) and have completed 40+ projects in the city. They are still evaluating this option for the traffic corridor from E. John Street to I 520.

Other points of discussion included 1) developing a master plan to eliminate "cut-throughs" on the residential streets in Montlake and the surrounding areas; 2) adding stop lights on 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue E.; 3) including Montlake's business district in the 23th avenue CIP; 4) requiring SDOT and WSDOT to work together for the sake of protecting the sense and safety of the community; 5) continuing conversation with Jim and his team; 6) involving the community to obtain funds for funding for the construction of right sizing and traffic calming devices on the side streets.

**19<sup>th</sup> Avenue E and E Lynn Intersection:** Jim stated that this project is now fully funded with construction planned for the summer of 2017.

Liz Gibson from KPG is reaching out to Jim to schedule a meeting with him in December that would focus on the business development project.

## **Old Business**

**Holiday Lights:** The holiday lights have been put up in the business district; the invoice is \$5400.00.

**Montlake Holiday Lights Fundraiser:** Bryan emailed Carla Leonardo at Café Lago about hosting a fundraiser like last year to help offset the cost. The proposed date is Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Bryan is working on recruiting musicians to perform during the event. Darcy LaBelle volunteered to work on the publicity for it.

**Snow Brigade:** Carol, Bryan and Kathy will be meeting to re-activate this community service. Detailed information describing this program is already on the *Montlake.Net* website but it needs to be updated.

**Next *Montlake Flyer*, paper version:** The next publication is scheduled for January 2017. It will include the president's letter that details the MCC's activities for the past year and requests donations. Michele noted she needs articles for the January publication.

**Ongoing Efforts to Save the market and the 76 Gas Station:** Bryan gave report on the saving the market and emphasized that the community will be continuing its efforts to save both businesses.

**Seattle ARCH Memorial Approved:** Kerry Clayman announced that this memorial has been approved and will be installed in the arboretum to commemorate the efforts that the Montlake community successfully made in the late 1960s to stop the R.H. Thomson Expressway from being built through the arboretum.

**Turkey Trot Update:** Sharsti Sandall reported that there were approximately 300 registrants for the Turkey Trot and she expected it would reach 400 which is the cut-off number. She distributed copies of the job list which is organized by team. The green team led by Bob DeLay and the orange team led by Yvonne Werner will be responsible for a whole range of tasks that are required for this event.

## **New Business**

**Letter from MCC regarding the location of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Holding Tank:** Tyler has drafted a letter for MCC that supports the idea of locating the holding tank in the Montlake Playfield. While it would close the playfield temporarily, it would also, once finished, greatly improve the drainage of the site during the rainy season and perhaps impact the need to locate the sewer connection in the vicinity of the 76 gas station. He noted that WSDOT wants to start its project before the King County begins its project. The community will need to weigh in on the wisdom of the timing here.

**Letter from MCC Stating Our Position on Camping in Parks:** John O'Neil noted there have been several efforts made by neighborhood residents to voice their opposition and it appears that that the Mayor's Office is backing away from the idea of open camping in city parks by the homeless population.

**WSDOT Outreach Meeting:** Bryan noted there is another WSDOT meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Graham Visitors Center, from 5:30 – 6: 30 pm and urged all to spread the word and invite their neighbors to attend. We as a community need to keep up the pressure to save both the Montlake Blvd Market and the 76 Gas Station.

The meeting ended at 9:10 p.m. The scheduled meeting is December 13th at Café Lago.

Respectfully submitted,

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(substituting for Sharsti Sandall, Board Secretary)

