**Montlake Community Club Board Minutes**

**December 9, 2014**

**Neuhart Residence**

The meeting commenced at 7:15 pm. The board members present were Bryan Haworth, Tomitha Blake, our new board member, Julee Neuhart, Nathalie Gehrke, LeAna Alvarado-Smith, Lionel Job, Jim Roe, Bob DeLay, Lori Sabado, Leonid Orlov, Michele Layton and Kathy Laughman

**First guest speaker:** Brian Dougherty from the Seattle Department of Transportation and director of safe routes to school, gave an update on the 3-way stop that will be located at 19th Avenue E. and E. Lynn Street. The goal, he said, is to make the corner safer and easier to cross so that kids will be encouraged to walk or bike to school. It should also improve connections throughout the neighborhood and reduce cut-through traffic. The 19th street will be narrowed, and there will be a 3-inch speed bump at the juncture of E. Lynn and 19th Avenue E on the east side of the intersection.The design will be finalized in spring and the job will go out to bid at that time. The winning contractor will determine traffic detours during construction. Brian estimated the construction period to be approximately one month. A copy of his handout is attached. There was considerable discussion, with some concern about inadequate lighting in that area, and Brian said he would look into that. Concern was also expressed about the safety of cyclists when the street is narrowed.

**Second guest speaker:** Anita Bowers, MCC President Emeritus, presented several items regarding the history of Montlake with a request to transfer the materials collected to someone else. Nathalie offered to take the material and she will evaluate it for permanent placement as her schedule permits.

**Review of the Minutes from the November 2014 Meeting:**

A draft of the minutes was sent to each board member prior to the meeting. Nathalie commented that Julee Neuhart should be included as a member of the safety committee. Bryan Haworth made a motion that the minutes be approved with this addition. Bob DeLay seconded. The motion was approved.

**Treasurer’s report:** Jim Roe submitted the treasurer’s report. It showed that $5,834.10 of the $17,975.00 planning budget has been spent. The total amount in checking and reserves is $26,214.90. This does not include contributions from PayPal. LeAna noted that the contribution amount doesn’t match the website figure. Jim agreed to send LeAna an updated summary for the website.

**Holiday Lighting Project for the Montlake Business District:** Bryan reported that he has received a positive response from the business for the first-year attempt. Next year he recommends we include the gas station and maybe increase the number of lights. Bryan will follow up with the businesses. He plans to give them a card that will include a contribution form and has hired Jonathan Phillips to take photos to accompany an article he, Bryan, will do for the Flyer.

**Only in Seattle Initiative update:** Kathy, Bryan and Bob reported that they presented their proposal to the Only in Seattle Initiative and to the Neighborhood officials on November 21. Tim Durkin from the Department of Neighborhoods offered to meet with the working committee to determine next steps.

**Follow up to the November 12, Safety Meeting:** Nathalie Gehrke distributed a report of the meeting. It includes a summary of the issues and recommendations. Refer to the attached for more information.

She plans to upload it to the Forum and the Flyer. One of the report recommendations was to revitalize the block watch program. Bryan offered to head up that effort which will include obtaining a list of the current block watch captains. Julee suggested that we follow up on this issue at the January meeting.

**Snow Brigade**: In case of snow Julee will manage any requests for services covered by the Snow Brigade until January 16. After that date we will need someone else to manage it for the rest of the season. Julee needs a list of the volunteer’s activities. Kathy will forward this information to her from last year’s list.

**520 construction meeting**: Julee attended this meeting. The construction company apologized for the loud noise from the “super-duper jackhammer.” She also noted it will take a long time to remove the ramps because they must be wrapped to insure that no dust or debris falls into the water. The next project will be to widen exit ramp to Montlake Blvd and then widen the sidewalks. Care will be taken to save the trees on the east side of the street. Julee will submit her summary to the Flyer.

**Historic preservation meeting**: The project is in the final stages of identifying historic homes in Montlake. Jon Decker who has been steering this project expressed concern about vibrations from the 520 construction effecting historic homes and stated that MCC is working with Wash. Dot on this issue. This is a misunderstanding, because MCC is not involved in monitoring vibrations from the construction. Julee will investigate and report at the January meeting.

**Fund Raiser for Montlake School garden:** LeAna reported that the fund raiser will be on January 25, at Café Lago. Pizza and wine will be served. Tickets cost is $20.00 for adults and $5.00 for children. Information on buying the tickets will be on the Montlake.Net website.

**School web page report**: Leonid reported that the school page is up and running on the website.

**Volunteer blogger**: LeAna received an email from a writer who has recently graduated from college and wants to write for the Montlake Flyer.

**Traffic Issues**: Lionel noted that there are 280 signatures on the petition to install lighting at the Boyer Avenue E. and E. Fuhrman intersection. Lionel will pursue discussion of the 70 ft. x 7 ft. sign that the city plans to install at the 24th Avenue E. and E. Lee intersection with the city. Lionel was congratulated on having received the community advocacy award for his work on several traffic safety issues.

**MCC fund raising project:** It was agreed to discuss the annual fund raising project at the January meeting for possible scheduling during the month of February.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laughman

Montlake Community Club, Board Secretary

Attachments:

Report of Safety Meeting pdf

Montlake 3-way stop plans pdf