

Montlake CC Board Minutes
March 4th, 2014; 7:00 p.m.
@ Julee's home: 1526 E McGraw

Members present: LeAna Alvarado-Smith, Connie Bain, Nathalie Gehrke, Bryan Haworth, Arthur Lee Jacobson, Lionel Job, Kathy Laughman, Julee Neuhart, Amanda Williams

Members absent: Marilee Goebel, Michele Layton, Rainer Metzger, Jim Roe

Guests present: Lyle Bicknell, Andy Sheffer

February 4th board meeting minutes: Lionel moved to approve, Nathalie seconded, and the Board adopted them.

Treasurer's Report — Connie:

The March 4th 2014 Treasurer's report was discussed. Account balance then was \$25,154.45.

Old / Continuing Business

A) Arts & Music Happening of May 18th — Nathalie:

The planners have met, and are incorporating suggestions from last year's participants, and expect this year's event to be even better. The community center room will open for our table set-up at 12:30; artists are invited to arrive to set-up at 1:00; the guests come at the official 2:00 opening; it ends at 5:00. New this year will be an author's table, and an attempt is being made to get dancers, and better school participation — Montlake School has new art and music teachers.

Our Parks Dept't guest Andy Sheffer:

The Washington Park multi-use trail owes its inception to the 2001 park master plan, in which it was identified as a priority. Now, SR-520 mitigation funds will enable its implementation. Not a *mere* trail, it will *also* improve drainage, redo a parking lot, enhance the Azalea Way pond, allow creek daylighting, demonstrate sustainable building, enable park users a loop experience not currently possible . . . and encourage world peace. The trail is aimed mostly at recreational users rather than commuter cyclists. It will not have night illumination. It will be designed this year, and construction is expected to begin in May or June 2015. Lionel and other board members urged that *optimal connectivity* be designed to Lynn Street, Boyer Avenue, and Interlaken Boulevard.

C) Nominating update — Julee:

Regarding Board members and the May 18th elections, Connie cannot remain as treasurer, Arthur cannot remain as secretary. But Jim can run for president or treasurer. Michele and Kathy can run for a 3-year term. Amanda is trying to find a Montlake School representative to replace her. The MCC **Bylaws** state: "All nominations must be received by the Secretary or President at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the election [*i.e.*, this year May 4th]. All nominations for all offices shall be published in the Newsletter prior to any vote."

D) Updates by Lionel, assisted by Lyle Bicknell:

The planned redo of 23rd & 24th in the CD will not affect Montlake materially. Notably, Montlake needs *safe* crossings across 24th. Lionel & Lyle are meeting with Portage Bay & Roanoke neighbors about Boyer Avenue and Delmar Drive traffic issues.

E) Montlake Family Fitness update — LeAna:

The fitness equipment installation ought to be done by March 27th. Some 4–6 weeks hence, work will start on the new sports court; it will be done by June. Likely some sort of opening celebration then. Another issue to note is that certain dog owners are letting their off-leash dogs defecate on the playfield, even the plastic turf, and not cleaning up after them. So additional signage is being installed. Park users who witness drivers who come and use the facility as an off-leash area, can be cited if concerned Montlakers report their license plat numbers to Animal Control.

F) SR-520— Julee:

The Coalition for a Sustainable SR-520 meets again tomorrow; Julee will attend. Possibly the club needs to host an informational meeting, but meanwhile, updates and links are posted on the MCC website.

G) Seattle Community Council Federation report — Julee:

At the last meeting, that featured Kshama Sawant, low-income housing was discussed. Most Seattle “urban villages” are over their original population density targets that were established in the time of Mayor Rice. Sawant cares about the adverse impacts of excessive “apodments” and the regulatory loopholes, but whether the City Council as a whole does, is another matter.

Meeting had begun at 7:05 and ended at 9:04.

Next board meeting date Tuesday April 1st.

The meeting will be held at Julee’s house.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Lee Jacobson, March 6th 2014