**Montlake Community Club Board Minutes**

**March 10, 2015**

**Boyer Children’s Clinic Lower Conference Room**

The meeting was brought to order by Julee Neuhart, MCC Board Chair, at 7:10 pm. In attendance were Nathalie Gehrke, LeAna Alvarado-Smith, Michelle Layton, Bryan Haworth, Julee Neuhart, Lori Sabado, Leonid Orlov and Kathy Laughman.

**Adoption of the Minutes from the January and February Board Meetings**: Motions were made and seconded to approve these minutes with one correction to each and the board approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Distribution and approval of this report will be covered at next month’s meeting because Jim Roe was absent.

**Historical District Update:** Julee reported that the application to designate Montlake as a historical district is on its way to be approved in Olympia and then will be sent to National Parks Department. There is also a separate application to designate historical homes in Montlake. Eight homes are under consideration for this designation. Julee distributed a list with photo of the eight homes. Jon Decker and Julee have written a letter to these homeowners, and five of the homeowners have given their permission. Julee and Jon are following up on the others. Mitigation money from WSDOT will be used to cover the application costs of five houses. It is not clear if funds are available to cover the costs of additional houses. Julee and Jon are checking. However, homeowners can always submit an application for historical status if they cover the fee.

**Vibrations from 520 Construction:** Cracks have developed in the ceiling of the *brick model house* located at 2600 E. Montlake Place per the owner. (This house is one of the homes under consideration for historic designation.) There are vibration meters in place, but what is the standard by which vibrations are measured and considered excessive? John Decker is following up on this issue.

**Fund Raising and Orphan Blocks:** The fund raising campaign is underway with each board member distributing materials in their assigned section. Bryan, Lori, Kathy and Haley Bostrom will handle the distribution of the campaign materials in Bob DeLay’s assigned area of Montlake.

**School Auction Update and Other School News:** Leonid reported 1) the school auction is March 28th at the Greek Orthodox Church. Dinner will be catered by Café Lago. Tickets will cost $50.00 per person. He thanked the board on behalf of the Montlake School PTA for placing the ad in the auction catalog. Julee asked Leonid to submit an article to the Flyer with examples of items to be auctioned. 2) The installation of the security cameras in the school has been stalled due to lack of funding. The estimated cost is $8,000.00 but the PTA cannot underwrite the entire amount. LeAna suggested this project could be one of the auction items. There was also a consensus among the board members present that MCC should not make a contribution at this time.

**Five-Way Stop Roundabout Clean up Update**: The February minutes referred to the lack of maintenance on this roundabout which restricts visibility of drivers. Julee reported that Bob Neary, a longtime resident in that area will lead a cleanup crew of volunteers on March 28th from 10 – noon. This event will be posted on the Montlake.Net calendar.

**Expanding Montlake Neighborhood:** An email from Lionel Job suggesting the neighborhood boundaries be expanded to include the area from E. Aloha Street at 24th Avenue E. down to the arboretum was the subject of discussion. Julee will check with other neighborhood councils for their opinion, but noted that if residents in these areas already identify as Montlakers, we should start including them in Montlake communication and activities.

**Review of Neighborhood Proposals:** Julee announced there will be a review of 14 neighborhood improvement proposals on April 7th at the East District Council meeting at Miller Hall and two of them are for Montlake. Kathy and Bryon who serve on the Montlake Business District Improvement Committee noted they had not been informed. Kathy will follow up with Tim Durkin on this news and report back at the next board meeting.

**Block Watch Update:** Bryan reported that the Block Watch volunteer meeting has been rescheduled for March 24th between 6 and 8 pm and will be held in the Montlake Library meeting room.

**520 Construction Update Meeting**: Julee reported that the sidewalks at the eastside over the freeway bridge from Lake Washington Blvd E. to E. Hamlin are restricted due to construction, and reported that in the next month or two there will be a tour via Foster’s Island for residents to see how the bridge is progressing.

**Eugene Smith Revising His Montlake History Book:** Eugene Smith has contacted Julee and LeAna about advertising the new version of his book on Montlake.Net. LeAna said the book could be covered on the site.

**Arts and Music Event:** Nathalie is thinking about small pop-up events in local businesses as venues for Montlake artists and musicians to display the work and play their music. She plans to consult with businesses to see if they are open to this idea. LeAna mentioned the idea of having an art market in parking lot behind the Montlake Blvd Market or at Mont’s Market. Another idea expressed was to combine the art and music with school art walk. Nathalie will continue with the development.

**Yard Sale:** Kathy asked the board if she could begin organizing the 3rd annual all Montlake yard sale which takes place in early October. She and Lori will continue on the planning committee and work with other neighborhood volunteers to develop this year’s event. Nathalie who developed the initial idea and lead the first year’s event and served as the writer in charge for the publicity on the second event does not plan to be on the board this year, and she will be missed.

**Potential Board Officers for 2015-16:** Julee presented a list to the board. See attached for names.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm. The scheduled meeting is April 14, 2015 at the Boyer Children’s Clinic Lower Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laughman

MCC Board Secretary

Attachment: List of Potential Board Members