**Montlake Community Club Board Minutes**

**November 11, 2014**

**Neuhart Residence**

The meeting was brought to order by Julee Neuhart at 7:10 pm. Board members present were Bryan Haworth, Bob DeLay, Lori Sabado, Lionel Job, Leonid Orlov, Michele Layton, LeAna Alvarado-Smith, Jim Roe, Nathalie Gehrke, Julee Neuhart and Kathy Laughman.

Julee asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from the October 2014 meeting which had been distributed earlier. Bryan made the motion and Bob DeLay seconded it. The minutes were approved without change.

**Results from discussion on managing the Montlake.Net website**: Le Ana will ask Tom Fucoloro who is our webmaster to develop the school page for our website. Le Ana will continue to serve as editor for material that is uploaded, and will delegate duties to Tom and to Michele who has offered to help her. They will discuss the responsibilities and report back to the MCC board in December with list of duties. Once the school page is a reality, Leonid will be submitting articles about the Montlake School and the PTA activities on a regular basis.

**Bird Nest Libraries in Montlake**: Several residents have mini libraries in “small bird nest” containers in their front yards for anyone to borrow. Julee asked for a volunteer to write an article and submit pictures on this phenomenon to Montlake.Net. Lori offered to contact a friend of hers in the neighborhood who has bird nest library and will ask her to write this article.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Jim distributed the treasurer’s report and noted there were several contributions from Montlake residents processed in the last month for a total of $1,046.60.

**Safety Meeting**: Nathalie, Julee and Michele have organized a community-wide safety meeting for November 12, at 7 pm at the Montlake Community Center. In addition to speakers from the East Precinct Police Department, there will be a 30-minute table discussion at each table, led by a MCC board member, to identify one important safety concern. At the end of the discussion, the board member will share that concern with the other meeting participants. The East Precinct speakers will also have a Q and A with the audience.

**Only in Seattle Initiative:**  Kathy reported that the MCC working committee will present its proposal for upgrading the local Montlake business district on November 18. The committee is also preparing a PowerPoint presentation for this meeting. (Actual date of presentation due to scheduling issues was November 25, 2014)

**Holiday lights for Montlake business district:** In connection with the activities of the MCC working committee, Bryan has offered to lead a project to install holiday lights for the business district. The board expressed interest in providing financial assistance for this project but needs more information on the cost. Bryan will contact a lighting decoration company for prices.

**Litter Patrol Report**: Most of the neighborhood is litter free but there are areas that need improvement, especially behind the Montlake Blvd Market, according to Bob DeLay who is checking out frequently used public areas. He also reported that the City should put a receptacle where people wait for the bus on E. Roanoke and 24 Avenue E. and a larger receptacle at the eastside Montlake Blvd Station Traffic

**Traffic Calming Projects**: Leonel reported on the status of several traffic calming issues in Montlake. He noted that the project on 26th and Boyer Avenue E. is almost complete. More details on this project and other issues can be found in his reports on the Montlake.Net website

**Montlake School News:**

1. As a follow up to MCC making a financial contribution to the **Montlake School’s greenhouse**, Leonid distributed a proposal from Cheri Bloom regarding financial needs. The proposal is to build a shed for their tools, etc. which will cost $2,200. A printout of the plans for distributed at the meeting. (See attached pdf.)

LeAna mentioned that Carla from Café Lago expressed a willingness have an event at her restaurant and give a percentage of the proceeds to the Montlake School for its vegetable garden. LeAna will talk to Carla about event. A final decision regarding the amount of MCC’s financial support of the shed building project will be taken at a later meeting.

1. **School Security**: the school district has agreed to have a security camera installed in the front door. The school PTA will pay for it but district will fast track the request through the historical landmark people so that it can be installed more quickly.
2. **Wine Event at the Montlake Traveler:** There was a recent wine event at Traveler, and part of the proceeds was donated to school.

**President’s Report:**

1. **520 construction update meeting**: Julee attended this meeting and noted there were several complaints from residents on E. Hamlin regarding the construction noise in violation of the noise ordinance. She reported that there will be regular meetings to update the community. The next construction update meeting is scheduled for the first Weds of the month at the Montlake Community Center. All Montlake residents are encouraged to come.
2. **Discussion on Postponing Sending Annual Fund Raising Letter:** The board discussed the annual fund raising letter and agreed to send it out early next year.

**Replacement for Rainier on the MCC Board:** Julee noted there was some concern expressed earlier that the board replacement for Rainer Metzger have computer skills because one of Rainer’s great contributions to the MCC was acting as co-editor of our Montlake.Net website with LeAna. With that issue resolved (See summary of discussion on first page.), Julee recommended that we consider Tomitha Blake, a resident of Montlake who has wide experience in marketing and fund raising for non-profits organizations, including the University of Washington where she is now employed, as a candidate for the board. Kathy placed Tomitha’s name in nomination, and Lori seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation. Julee will contact Tomitha with the news. Her appointment begins in December.

The meeting adjourned at 9: 45 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary

Attachment: PDF of Montlake Shed Plan