

**Montlake Community Club Board Minutes**  
**October 13, 2015**  
**Boyer Children's Clinic Lower Conference Room**

The meeting opened at 7:10 pm. In attendance were board members Tomitha Blake, Kerry Clayman, Bob DeLay, Bryan Haworth, Lori Sabado, Sharsti Sandall, LeAna Alvarado-Smith, and guest, Tracy Domingues.

**Approval of the minutes:** Tomitha moved and Lori seconded a motion to approve the minutes as written. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

**Update on transportation issues that affect Montlake:** Tracy Domingues reported that:

- 1) DMS (dynamic message sign) has been suspended indefinitely and will probably not be put into place.
- 2) She toured the Fuhrman-Boyer corridor with SDOT traffic planner, Dongho Chang, to show him areas with safety issues caused by traffic. The tour went as far east as 16th/Lynn/Boyer only. She notified Chang of the remaining issues east of the intersection: the staircase at 22 Avenue E; the bike path between North Capitol Hill and Boyer Avenue E, the intersection at Boyer/26th, and the 23/24 Capitol Improvement Project.
- 3) She has contacted the police several times by phone about the speed of traffic on the 24 Avenue E corridor with little success but also wrote a letter to police chief about obtaining data on speed and traffic volume. Continued correspondence with the East Precinct commander has resulted in enforcement patrols noted along the arterial.
- 4) Some residents along the Lake Washington Loop trail from E Madison to Boyer Avenue E applied to and were approved for a grant from SDOT Streets department to study ways to reduce speeds and volumes along the bike route. Funds will be allocated and disbursed early in 2016.
- 5) She distributed a copy of her presentation to King County's Transportation, Economy and Environment (TrEE) Committee against the planned elimination of the 43 and 25 bus routes at their October 6 meeting. (See attachment 1 for copy of the presentation.)
- 6) Bryan and Tracy are crafting a letter from the MCC Board against the elimination of these bus routes which be sent to TrEE.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michele has received the new debit/charge card from the Boeing Credit Union and purchased the Quicken software that she will use to manage the MCC bank account including sending acknowledgements for contributions made to the club. She also reported that she has paid the liability insurance for the Gateway Park. The annual budget has not yet been developed, and Bryan proposed we discuss at our next executive meeting for presentation at November's board meeting.

**Old Business**

**2015 All Montlake Yard Sale:** The day was blessed by beautiful weather and Lori reported there were 80 plus yard sale sites in October 3rd event. The neighborhood sale sitemap on *Montlake.Net* was divided into color coded zones to make it more user-friendly. With the use of I-phones, customers were able to navigate better through the neighborhood.

Board members signed up to visit sale sites in at least one zone where they met the residents there and listened to their comments on the success as well as suggestions for improvement.

Some ideas for next year:

- 1) Put signs on larger H sticks to advertise sale throughout the neighborhood
- 2) Make virtual packets for vendors instead of hard copy packets.
- 3) Make hard copies of the map the day before the sale (instead of a week before) for hand out at the Montlake Blvd Market and other interested businesses.
- 4) Work with charities to have their trucks on site longer with the expectation they will take all items that do not sell.
- 5) Work with “downtown Montlake” businesses to encourage them to participate in the sale

Kathy distributed copies of comments that had been received in response to Lori and her post-sale email –almost all were very positive and spoke of enjoying the opportunity to meet neighbors and the community spirit.

**Christmas Lights:** Bryan has solicited bids for this year’s lighting of the business district. The bid for the larger bulbs is 3,000 dollars with 15% discount if they are put up early on the buildings. Café Lago is interested in doing a Christmas lights fund raiser to help offset some of the cost. Sharsti and Bryan will visit Carla, Café Lago owner, to discuss the details. Sharsti mentioned that she knew someone who has a Christmas light business who also may wish to bid. She will investigate and report back to Bryan.

There is also interest in lighting trees in the business area. Tomitha moved that the board budget \$4,000 max to install Christmas lights on the business district (including Montlake Blvd Market) building roof lines and around the trees. Sharsti seconded the motion which passed by acclamation.

**Montlake Neighborhood Boundaries:** Bryan plans to meet with residents from Lake Washington Blvd E between E. Galer and E. Helen Streets to see if they are interested in joining the Montlake neighborhood. He will give a report at next meeting on his results of his meetings.

**Photos of the Board Members for the *Montlake.Net* Website:** Each board member must submit his/her own photo with a short summary of his/her connection to the Montlake neighborhood by the end of November so that they can be uploaded to the website.

**Small and Simple Grant Update:** Kathy reported that she and Tomitha completed and submitted an application for funds to develop a business district master plan. We can expect to receive a reply by mid-November. It was also suggested that she contact Dongho Chang, traffic engineer, for the City of Seattle, to see if there are pending plans for addressing traffic issues in the 24 Avenue E. corridor through the business district as any development plan will include suggestions for traffic improvements.

### ***New Business***

**Welcome Letter:** Kerry and Yvonne distributed a draft of the revised welcome letter. There was discussion on how to best distribute it to individual households in Montlake. One idea is to insert it inside paper version of the *Montlake Flyer* which is scheduled to be published and distributed in December. Kerry and Yvonne will continue to work on their draft for final presentation to the board at the next meeting.

**Welcome Wagon Changes:** The plan for welcoming new residents to the neighborhood is for each board member to reach out to those in their assigned areas. Michele has access to lists of people who are new to the neighborhood which she can bring to each meeting. She will also bring a list of the neighborhood zones that Julie Neuhart developed so that each board member can select which zone they wish to cover.

**Changing name of Montlake Community Club:** Since there is confusion over the difference between the Montlake Community Center (MCC) and the Montlake Community Club (MCC), there has been discussion about changing the name of the Montlake Community Club to differentiate it from the center. One suggestion is Montlake Neighborhood Council. The board members present agreed to table this discussion until the next meeting.

**CUCAC (City of Seattle/University of Washington Community):** Montlake needs a fellow resident to join CUCAC. Bryan asked if anyone on the board knows a possible candidate. Tomitha mentioned that she knows two neighbors who might be willing to join CUCAC as Montlake representatives. She will contact them and report back.

**NOAA's position on the Bill Dawson Trail:** Bryan is organizing an informal meeting with NOAA representatives to discuss the use of their property around the edge of their property in light of the proposed changes to the Bill Dawson trail that goes under I- 520.

Meeting ended at 9:40 pm. The next board meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laughman  
MCC Board Secretary