

Montlake Community Club Board Minutes
September 8, 2015
Boyer Children's Clinic Lower Conference Room

In Bryan Haworth's absence, Vice President Bob Delay opened the meeting at 7:00. In Kathy Laughman's absence, Michele Layton, MCC Treasurer took notes for the minutes.

Board members in attendance: Kerry Clayman, Sharsti Sandall, Bob DeLay, Lori Sabado, Yvonne Werner and Michele Layton.

Approval of the Minutes: Lori Sabado made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting and Kerry Clayman seconded it. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's report: Connie Bain has handed everything over to Michele. Michele needs Bryan's signature for a letter to BECU to complete the transfer. Michele is requesting that the club subscribe to QuickBooks Premier Plus with Hosting. It can be set up for nonprofits and from here on, the MCC records will never be lost again. (QuickBooks which Jim Roe was using is somewhere on his work computer and may not ever be recovered. The online program would prevent that from happening again.) We can also implement the thank you notes to donors that were discussed at the August meeting. All were in favor of investing in QuickBooks online.

Traffic: All board members should plan on attending the meeting on 9/30 at the Montlake Community Center with Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). In addition, Bob suggested and all agreed that we should have a unified letter from MCC plus we should each write a letter regarding the bridge openings. They can be emailed to shipcanalbridgeopenings@seattle.gov or addressed to Ship Canal Bridge Openings c/o Roadway Structures Seattle Department of Transportation PO Box 34996 Seattle, WA. 98124 (deadline 11/1). We would like Bryan to draft a letter with bullet points on the issues and distribute to the Board. However, it was noted by the members present that we can't spend too much time talking about traffic issues that we can't resolve to our satisfaction. The board should spend time and energy on making a positive difference in our neighborhood and on things that we have control over.

Small and Simple Grant: Kathy is working on the application to the Small and Simple Grant program for funding to develop a master plan for the Montlake business district. All agreed it would be a vast improvement to our business district if we could get the very unsafe sidewalks repaired and the trees trimmed. Bob said we need to find the sidewalks in our entire neighborhood that need to be repaired and put some effort into figuring out how we can fix them.

Montlake Yard Sale: Lori has put up over 200 signs around the neighborhood. We don't have many participants yet but last year most participants signed up the last two weeks before the sale. Lori needs help putting packets together. Information on the sale will be posted on the Coop. Lori is emailing the flyer to the Board to pass them on or print out and distribute to neighbors.

Board Duties: The Montlake Unabridged and the University Relations projects have not yet been claimed. New ideas from Kerry include having a liaison with the coop and the PTA that can get all our messages relayed. Sharsti suggested that our problem is "messaging" and we need to find a way to have messages more unified. We need to find a way to direct people to Montlake.Net. All agreed that LeAna

has done a great job with the website. Bob thinks that Block Watch should be added to the list as a separate category. The Welcome Committee needs to be improved and it was suggested that each Board member welcome new Montlake residents in an area of the neighborhood that would be assigned to them.

Rebranding: There was discussion on the possibility and necessity of rebranding the MCC. It is confusing that our club has the same initials as the Montlake Community Center. Michele wants to order thank you note cards and new letterhead but will hold off until a decision is reached whether we will change the name or not.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyer Children's Clinic lower conference room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Layton
MCC Treasurer