

**Montlake Community Club Board Minutes**  
**November 11, 2015**  
**Boyer Children's Clinic Lower Conference Room**

The meeting opened at 7:15 pm. In attendance were board members Kerry Clayman, Bob DeLay, Bryan Haworth, Sharsti Sandall, LeAna Alvarado-Smith, Yvonne Werner, Kathy Laughman and guest, Tracy Domingues.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Bob moved and LeAna seconded that the minutes from the October 2015 MCC meeting be approved as written. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer, Michele Layton, could not attend the meeting. Bryan announced Michele's home had been robbed and the MCC debit card was taken along with the MCC check book. She was working with the bank to replace the stolen goods. The treasurer's report will be given at the next meeting.

**Update on Traffic Issues:** Tracy Domingues reported:

- 1) she wrote emails to both the transportation and the safety committees suggesting 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue traffic project be expanded to include 24 Avenue E. from the top of Capitol Hill through Montlake. She has not yet received a response.
- 2) she proposed that the community put 18 x 24 corrugated cardboard signs on H-sticks along 24 Avenue E from E. Helen down to SR520 to remind drivers that they are driving through a neighborhood and asking them to maintain the speed limit. There would be three signs per block on both sides of the street. She asked if MCC would be able to support the purchase of these signs. It was agreed that this low technique approach to traffic calming could be effective, and Bryan will check out the cost with Costco and other sign shops. He will report back at the next meeting.

*Old Business*

**Holiday Lights:** Bryan reported that the holiday lights have been installed as planned in the Montlake business district including the Montlake Blvd Market for a total cost of \$4,100 including taxes (\$100.00 over the approved budget).

**Holiday Fundraiser:** Bryan and Sharsti met with Carla Leonardo, owner of Café Lago, about hosting a fundraiser to pay for the holiday lights. He announced it will be held on Sunday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4 pm. There will be discounted prices on some of the menu items. The planning group hopes to feature games and a raffle, have live music, and Santa Claus will make an appearance.

**MCC Name Change:** There will be an article in the *Montlake Flyer* to seek comments from the neighborhood about the benefits of a MCC name change. The two suggested names are Montlake Neighborhood Council or Montlake Neighborhood Association. The article will appear in both the hard copy version scheduled for distribution in December and on the *Montlake.Net* website.

The consensus of the board has been to support the name change to eliminate any suggestion of "exclusivity" connoted by the word, "club" and any confusion with the MCC, Montlake Community Center. In discussion, LeAna noted that we want to be very thoughtful about making this change because of the well-established name recognition and activist history of MCC. The name is widely known to city and to state personnel as well as to community activists, and we could risk losing the credibility that comes with the name. She made a motion to table the proposal to change the name to a later date (Date left opened.), and Kathy seconded it. The motion passed by acclamation.

Several board members mentioned that we need to be more active in educating the community about the role of MCC in representing the neighborhood. Kerry Clayman is taking the lead on publicizing the Montlake Community Club's importance to the neighborhood.

In the meantime, publishing the name change in the community newsletter will also give neighborhood residents time to consider the advisability of moving forward with any name change in the future.

**Revised Welcome letter:** The second draft was distributed and discussed. Yvonne and Kerry will continue to refine it.

**Letter from the board on bus service changes:** Kathy volunteered to combine the two different drafts for the board into one and will send it to Kerry and Sharsti for their comments. The board wants to develop a strong, succinct response to the bus service cuts in the neighborhood.

**Meeting with NOAA:** Bryan reported that he has not yet received a response from NOAA for a meeting regarding the use of their property at land's edge for residents to use as a walking and biking trail to reach the Montlake Bridge. He will contact Lyle Bicknell for his advice. Sharsti will work with Seattle Yacht Club which also has property in that area.

**CUCAC Representative from Montlake:** No news yet. Tomitha has previously volunteered to contact two potential candidates for this role but was unable to attend the meeting. Bryan will contact her to see if she has any candidates.

**Snow Brigade Activation:** Kathy will contact Lori Sabado about activating this community volunteer service for the winter months when there is snow or other extreme weather.

#### *New Business*

**Montlake Approved As National Historic District:** Bryan reported that Jon Decker reported that Montlake is now on the U.S. National Register of Historic Districts.

**December Meeting to Include Dinner and Collegiality:** Bryan will contact Café Lago to see if it can be the venue for the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm. The next scheduled meeting is on December 8. Meeting location to be confirmed-

*Board Reminder to submit photos and bio by end of November for Montlake.Net website---*

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laughman  
MCC Board Secretary