

Montlake Community Club Board Minutes
January 12, 2016
Boyer Children's Clinic Lower Conference Room

The meeting started at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Sharsti Sandall, Juan Lopez, LeAna Alvarado-Smith, Michele Layton, Kerry Clayman, Bryan Haworth, Lori Sabado, Kathy Laughman and guests, Allan Seidenverg and Anna Rudd.

Approval of the Minutes: Kathy noted there were two changes to the draft of the minutes sent to the board members prior to the meeting. Sharsti made a motion and Le Ana seconded it that the minutes be approved with the changes. The minutes were approved by acclamation. (Postscript: *Approved minutes with the changes have been uploaded to the website.*)

Treasurer's Report: Michele Layton distributed copies of the treasurer's report. As of January 12, 2016, there is a current balance of \$28,188.32.

Update on Proposed Monument in the WSDOT Peninsula: Allen Seidenverg and Anna Rudd reported on the work of Seattle Arch to preserve and celebrate the history of "Seattle's Freeway Revolt." It includes working to save a piece of the *ramps to nowhere* as a monument and collaborating with filmmakers Minda Martin and Jill Friedberg who are creating a documentary on the history of *Seattle's freeway revolt*. The 30-minute documentary is expected to be finished this fall 2016 and will be free on-line.

Anna showed a trailer at the meeting. The film tells the story of Seattle citizens' revolt against building RH Thompson Freeway which would have cut a 15 mile swath through the city and resulted in the loss of homes and neighborhoods from Montlake to Rainier Valley. Bryan proposed that MCC sponsor a showing when it is finished at Montlake Community Center and invite the neighborhood to see it as a group.

Apropos of the monument project, Anna submitted a copy of a letter from MCC, President Julee Neuhart, which expresses support for the project. (*Reference is made to this letter in the January 2014 minutes.*)

Old Business

Update on Small and Simple Grant to Revitalize the Montlake Business District: Kathy reported that Bryan, as president of the MCC, signed the Letter of Agreement and she has sent it to Karen Selander, project manager for the grant, along with the 3rd revision of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and the certificate of liability insurance coverage. She also distributed an excerpt to those present from the Letter of Agreement which describes the scope of work. The next step is to list the RFQ in the *Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce*.

Update on Hard-Copy Version of the Montlake Flyer: Michele distributed a draft to the board members present at the meeting. Bryan will submit an article on expanding neighborhood boundaries. The board agreed to include our annual campaign letter from the president and a return envelope with the *Flyer*. The projected date for delivery is now mid-January.

Update on Board Members Bios: Kerry is finalizing the photos and bios for uploading to the website.

Update on 23rd Avenue CIP: Bryan attended a meeting in December along with several community activists. He reported that as a result of community interest, SDOT is reassessing the scope of Phase 3 of the 23rd Ave. Corridor. The project has been taken out of Capital Projects and has now been assigned to Jim Curtin in Project Definition. Kathy mentioned that she has sent an email to Mr. Curtin to inform him that MCC has recently received a grant to hire an urban planner who will be interfacing with SDOT as part of the work plan.

Neighborhood Boundaries: The proposal to expand the southern Montlake boundary to E Helen Street which is four blocks south of E Galer Street is moving to the election phase. A discussion of the proposal and election information will appear on the website, in the hard copy of the Montlake Flyer and in Bryan's campaign letter with a tear off ballot that can be returned by mail. LeAna will also add a tab to the *Montlake Flyer* that will allow readers to vote on line.

New Business

Spring Beautification Projects: Bryan suggested the MCC purchase flower baskets to decorate the front of our Montlake businesses. LeAna noted there are many other projects that should be given higher priority, e.g. like fixing the sidewalks. Bryan will talk to Bob DeLay, lead for the beautification committee, when returns to about developing projects for the Board's consideration.

Block watch and neighborhood safety meeting: Due to the unavailability of a venue, the previously planned meeting for February has been postponed to March 7, 2016 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Montlake Library. Terry Johnson, community officer from the Seattle Police Department, will be on hand to answer questions.

Flyer advertising, online vs. hardcopy: There is a decline in advertising revenue from the *Montlake.Net*. The consensus was that the prices charged for posting advertising is at the lower end of market and should not be changed. However, it is important to reach out to Montlake's business community to encourage them to advertise on the website. Bryan will visit local businesses for this purpose. Juan volunteered to design ads for merchants if needed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at the Boyer Children's Clinic.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laughman
MCC Board Secretary