

Montlake Community Club Board Minutes
May 10, 2016
Boyer Children's Clinic Lower Conference Room

In attendance: Bob DeLay, Bryan Haworth, Yvonne Werner, Kerry Clayman, Sharsti Sandall, Kathy Laughman, Juan Lopez,, LeAna Alvarado-Smith, Lori Sabado, and board candidates, Darcy LaBelle, Rohit Manokaran, John O'Neil, Tyler Blitz and Carol Cordy for the four open positions.

Meeting began at 7:10 pm

President's Opening Remarks: Bryan opened the meeting by asking each board member and the board candidates to introduce themselves and explain why they are or want to be part of the Montlake Community Club board of trustees.

At the conclusion of the introductions, Bryan commented that it both an exciting and a frustrating time to live in Montlake. We will be seeing many changes in the next five years; examples include the project to update our business district, the completion of I-520 and lid covering the freeway from the I-520 freeway bridge to the 24 Avenue E. bridge, and the 23rd Avenue E. Greenway project moving toward I-520. It is a reminder that our community needs be actively involved in the designing and developing phases if we want these projects to look and function in a way that best serves Montlake.

Approval of the April 2016 Minutes: Kathy gave a brief summary of last month's minutes. Bob DeLay made a motion to approve the minutes as written and LeAna seconded it. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's report: Michele Layton, MCC treasurer, representatives was not at meeting. The treasurer's report will be presented at the June meeting

Old Business

Update on Business District Improvement update: Kathy reported representatives from the three firms applying for the design consultant role were interviewed on April 13th in the Montlake Public Library by the hiring committee. This committee included Carla Leonardi, owner of Café Lago, Juan Carlos, owner of Glam and Tonic, Bryan Haworth, MCC President, Kathy Laughman, MCC Secretary, and Tomitha Blake, MCC board member. After the interviews concluded, the hiring committee voted to offer the position to Studio KPG, if the inspection of a job site was satisfactory. After visiting downtown Burien which was one of their projects, Bryan recommended Studio KGP be offered the position. The decision to accept the recommendation was unanimous. Studio KPG subsequently met with the MCC hiring and planning committees the evening of April 25th to discuss details of the project goals and work plan.

Next steps:

1) MCC and the Department of Neighborhoods are now in the final stages of approving the goals and deliverables agreement with Studio KPG. Paul Fuesel, project manager, at Studio KPG, has already talked to Jim Curtin, senior designer, on the 23rd Avenue Greenway Project.

2) Karen Selander, our project manager with the Department of Neighborhoods, is organizing an “early orientation” meeting with MCC representatives, Studio KPG, Jim Curtin, and SDOT which is tentatively scheduled for May 19, at 1 pm, at Seattle City Hall.

3) Nathalie Gehrke, former MCC vice president and board member, has tentatively agreed to serve as reporter for the progress of the project. (Subsequent to the meeting, Kathy clarified with Nathalie that she has volunteered to serve in this role for a year.) Nathalie’s articles will appear in the *Montlake Flyer* and press releases.

Art and Music Event Update: Sharsti planned to organize a meeting with Montlake School PTA to investigate how MCC can support their art walk event that will take place June 3rd. She found out that the PTA would prefer the MCC to support the carnival instead and she will be letting board members know the date, but believes it is June 17th. LeAna met with the Montlake Community Center board regarding MCC’s support of their music festival during the summer. One suggestion was that we support one of the bands playing at the event. Kerry made a motion that the MCC give a maximum donation of \$800.00 for this purpose. Sharsti seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

Block Watch Signs: The update on this purchase was postponed until the June meeting.

Turkey Trot Fundraiser: Sharsti reported that the Washington Park Arboretum did not oppose the idea of the turkey trot course partially taking place in the Arboretum and she has sent an email to solicit further support and has determined that we will need to obtain permits from the City. She projected the costs for permits and police support to close streets would be around \$1,000.00. She also noted that the Montlake PTA president might be interested in helping organize the project. She will continue to work on project, but will need some help going forward.

East District Neighborhood Council: Bryan is now a member of the council and went to the meeting on May 9th. He reported several applications for community projects were considered during the meeting and that “Safe Montlake” proposal to install stop signs near the Montlake School was one of the top five and will move on to the next round of consideration.

23rd Avenue Corridor Improvement Project: Bryan noted a conceptual design for Phase III which extends the project from the top of Capitol Hill to the I-520 freeway should be available to view in June 2016.

Montlake/Portage Bay Meeting with Council Member, Larry Gossett, regarding #25 bus route: Bryan reported no changes in the decision to eliminate this route. The take away from the meeting is for the Montlake and Portage Bay neighborhoods to continue to voice their concerns about the negative effects of eliminating this route. “Metro is listening and continues to gather data.” Bryan reported.

New Business

On-line voting: LeAna noted that our bylaws require the election of officers at the general meeting. However, the definition is not specific, and it was agreed that MCC needs to update the bylaws so that voting opportunities work for the larger community which relies the *Montlake.Net* website as a source

of information. The matter will be taken up by the board next season. She noted the board elections for 2015-2016 had an on-line voting option. For the 2016-2017 election LeAna has added a voting tab to the website along with the biographies and photos of the candidates. The Montlake community is encouraged to use this option. The deadline to vote is June 7.

Hard copy version Montlake Flyer: The board previously agreed to have the second edition of the hard copy version ready for delivery in June. Kerry Clayman will check in with Michele Layton on the status.

4th Annual All-Montlake Yard Sale: Lori Sabado is the lead organizer for this year's event which is scheduled for October 1st, and she asked for volunteers. The following attendees at the meeting volunteered:

- 1) Develop activities for the Montlake businesses: Kathy will in tandem with Studio KPG
- 2) Post save the date signs on all the telephone poles: John Cordy
- 3) Arrange for designing and printing "campaign" sized signs on H-sticks: Juan Lopez
- 4) Develop interactive map of sale sites: Rohit Manokaran and LeAna
- 5) Investigating Sign-Up Genius for vendor sign up: Lori Sabado
- 6) Manage donations: schedule organizations for pick up following sale: Yvonne Werner
- 7) Write articles for website: Kerry Clayman

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm. The next meeting is June 14, at which the new board members will be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laughman
MCC Secretary