Montlake Community Club Board Minutes June 14, 2016 Boyer Children's Clinic Lower Conference Room

In attendance: board members: Bob DeLay, Bryan Haworth, Kathy Laughman, Kerry Clayman, Sharsti Sandall, Michele Layton, Lori Sabado; newly elected board members: John O'Neil and Rohit Manokaran; and guests Paul Fuesel, KPG; Allan Seidenberg and Anna Rudd, Seattle ARCH Project; Lyle Bicknell, principal urban planner, City of Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development; Scott Forbes, Montlake resident; Blythe Summers, Montlake Public Library and Nathalie Gehrke, MCC reporter for the Montlake business project.

The meeting commenced at 7:10 pm.

Addition to Agenda: New procedure for approving meeting minutes. It was agreed by acclamation that meeting minutes will be approved by majority vote of the MCC board members via an on-line vote soon after they are written instead of waiting until the next monthly meeting to be approved. This change allows the minutes to be uploaded to the *Montlake.Net* website sooner for the purpose of keeping the community informed about board activities.

Approval of the May 2016 Minutes: The minutes were approved by acclamation as written.

Treasurer's Report: Michele reported there are \$28,849.13 in assets with \$4,650.00 in the checking and \$2,554.61 in the savings accounts. The president's report that was distributed with the hard-copy *Montlake Flyer* in February yielded \$5,500.00 in contributions.

Montlake Flyer second edition: Michele also reported that she received a bid of \$436.00 from United Reprographics for the cost of the printing. This bid is much lower than the cost for the first issue. The second edition of the hard copy *Montlake Flyer* will be ready for distribution throughout the neighborhood in July.

Board Member Resignation: Bryan reported that Kathy Laughman has resigned from board which leaves five open board positions. Consequently, the five candidates will all become members of the board. Kathy will remain an active member of the MCC and will continue to serve as the project lead for the NMF Grant/Business District Improvement project.

Welcome all new members: The new board members are Darcy LaBelle, Rohit Manokaran, John O'Neil, Tyler Blitz and Carol Cordy. The photos and short bios of each will be posted on the *Montlake.Net* website. The newly-elected secretary is current board member, Sharsti Sandall.

Thanks to outgoing board members: Bryan extended his thanks to LeAna Alvarado-Smith and Tomitha Blake, out-going board members for their contributions. He noted that Tomitha Blake will serve as Montlake representative to the CUCAC board which meets at the same time as the MCC Board.

Scott Forbes: Bryan noted that the MCC does not support or campaign for political candidates and welcomed Scott to the meeting as a resident of Montlake. Scott introduced himself to the board as a Montlaker running for 43rd District to the State Legislature and gave the board some background on his experience working for community and motivation and interests.

Paul Fuesel, Project Manager, Studio KPG: Studio KPG's senior urban planner, Paul Fuesel, will be leading the business district development project. He explained his background in urban district projects and noted KPG can take projects from conception to construction. He reported to the board that the project goals will involve both function and aesthetics. Focus will be given to street scape, signage, branding for look and feel of the historic nature of the district, on-street parking, pedestrian concerns, traffic concerns, bicycle connections, etc. For more information, see <u>Scope of Services</u>, which lists the goals and deliverables for the Montlake Business District Development Plan based on the application and the approved grant from the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. (Attachment One)

Next step is to set up a community meeting at which all the stakeholders have an opportunity to offer ideas and comments on the project. July 26 is the proposed date at the Montlake Community Center. The date and more information will be published in the *Montlake Flyer*.

Blythe Summers from the Montlake Public Library offered to give visual space at the library for project news and noted the meeting announcements could also be published on the *Next Door* website. (Kathy Laughman, MCC project lead, will be working with several sources to publicize this meeting as well as meetings to follow.)

Nathalie Gehrke offered her suggestion that the Mother Pluckers ukulele band be invited to open the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve this proposal and it passed. Nathalie will follow up to see if the band is available.

With respect to funding for construction, it was suggested there may still be mitigation funds available from WSDOT. We also expect to work closely with the city and anticipate that some funding for the project could also come from the 23rd improvement project.

Arboretum ARCH Update: Allen Seidenverg and Anne Rudd reported on the status of the project to repurpose a remnant from the 520 freeway over hangs in the Arboretum (ramps to nowhere) into an arch as a memorial to the people power that stopped the construction of the RH Thompson expressway though central Seattle. The arch is to be called RH Thompson Monument.

Allen and Anne asked the MCC Board and the larger community to show their support for this project by:

- 1) attending an open house on June 28th from 4:30 7:00 p.m. at St. Demetrio's Hall on 2100 Boyer Avenue E. to let WSDOT know there is strong community support.
- 2) emailing each Seattle Council member with a message of support. (See Attachment Two for more information.)
- 3) the MCC writing a strong letter of support to the Seattle Design Commission which recommends projects to the Seattle City Council. The projects with strong community support are more likely to be approved for construction.

Bryan will contact Anna after the meeting for more information on how the Montlake Community Club can help.

Update on I-520 Construction: Lyle Bicknell reported that 520 project at this stage affords us the opportunity to re-stitch Montlake neighborhood because of all the design changes that promote pedestrian and bicycle corridors through Montlake and maintain the character of neighborhood. There are still issues that are not yet resolved, however, like a safe path from the Dawson Trial along the water's edge to the Montlake Bridge. There will be an open house to view the current proposed design on June 28th from 4:30 – 7:00 pm at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. MCC board member, John O'Neil, will attend this meeting as will Paul Fuesel, project manager, from Studio KPG, and Kathy Laughman.

MCC Reporter, Nathalie Gehrke: former MCC Vice President, Nathalie Gehrke, reported that she is on the job updating the community with news on the business district development progress via the *Montlake Flyer*. Her in-depth article, "Community-Leaders-Meet-With-City-Reps-For-Project-Start-Up," can be found on the *Montlake Flyer*. Her interview with Paul Fuesel will soon appear on the website.

New Facebook Page : Kerry noted that one more tool for the Montlake Community Club Board to connect with the neighborhood is to have a Facebook page. A motion was made and seconded that the board have a Facebook page with an open forum. The motion passed. Kerry Clayman will be the lead on this project.

Old Business

NMF Grant/Business District Improvement update: Kathy reported that since the May board meeting the following has occurred:

1) The early orientation meeting with city representatives was held on May 19th. Report of the meeting is on the Montlake Flyer website, posted May 27th.

- 2) The goals and deliverables were finalized. See Attachment One, entitled, "Scope of Services."
- 3) The contract between MCC and Studio KBG has been signed.

Art and Music Event Update: Sharsti reported that the Montlake Carnival is scheduled for Friday, June 17th between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Sharsti also suggested that we invite the new Montlake School PTA president to our next meeting in August. It was agreed to extend an invitation.

Block Watch Signs Update: Bryan ordered 10 signs and the decision will be made at our next meeting where to place them in the neighborhood.

Turkey Trot Update: Sharsti described her proposed 5 K route for the Montlake Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day. We will need 500 runners in order for City to close intersections and need \$1 million in insurance coverage. She continues to work on the project and will need volunteers.

All-Montlake Yard Sale Update: Lori Sabado is the lead on this project. The date for the 4th annual All-Montlake Yard Sale is October 1. Rohit volunteered to assist Lori with the on-line sign up process.

New Business:

Schedule of Future Meetings: A reminder that the MCC Board meets monthly on every second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Sharsti will be sending a schedule of the monthly board meetings for the 2016-2017 season. There will be no meeting in July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 9th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Boyer Children's Clinic Lower Conference Room.

The meeting ended at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laughman Outgoing MCC Secretary

Attachment One: Montlake Business District Development Plan, Scope of Services Attachment Two: Seattle ARCH