

**Montlake Community Club Board Minutes**  
**April 11th, 2017**  
**Boyer Children's Clinic Lower Conference Room**

**In attendance:**

Board members: Bryan Haworth, Sharsti Sandall, Kathy Laughman, Kerry Clayman, Carol Cordy, John O'Neil, Bob Layton, Darcy LaBelle

Special Guests:

- Tracy Dominguez
- Lynn Powers (prospective new board member)
- Bryson Tillinghast (prospective new board member)

Meeting commenced at 7:07pm.

**Discussion of minutes from February meeting – Sharsti**

- Minutes were posted just prior to meeting. Sharsti encouraged the board to review and approve by the end of the week.

**Treasurer's report**

- Michele was not in attendance so we did not have a report

**Special guest presentation, Tracy Dominguez, Play Street" event happening on April 29<sup>th</sup> in the Arboretum/Montlake neighborhoods.**

- Play date event is on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-4PM and Tracy would like to encourage Montlake to get involved with this event.
- The area they are trying to close is the entire bike route from Madison Park to Montlake as an effort to help motorists be aware they need to slow down on this route. They currently have approval to close 28<sup>th</sup> from approximately Galer to Woody's Lane. Lindy Wishard is currently working on closing the entire section from Madison to Boyer. What Tracy is asking is that Montlake help extend it and try to close 26<sup>th</sup> from Boyer to Roanoke. She needs a neighbor on each of these blocks to put their name on the application and contact the neighbors. Application is due by Friday.
- Board agreed that the deadline was too soon to pull it off for the April 29<sup>th</sup> play date event, but we all liked the idea and agreed to try and do it later in the summer. Bryan will spear head it and help find neighbors in the area willing to help with the application. Kerry will help with communications to promote the event if it happens. Tracy suggests we look at coordinating this with bicycle Sundays.
- Motion made by Kathy to have a Montlake playstreet event on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Sharsti seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve it.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Discussion on meetings- Bryan**

- Several board members feel that meetings have been going on too long and that we have focused on traffic and transportation.
- Bryan explained that it has been a particularly unique year with regard to 520 issues and that he has been bombarded with requests from WSDOT and SDOT to give presentations etc. which lengthen the meetings and add to the emphasis on traffic.
- Bryan is in favor of limiting the discussion on these issues and that we try and move to a committee like structure and use the meetings as an opportunity to give high level summaries of what each committee is working on.
- Propose that we limit a topic to 10 minutes max. We can use a timer or whatever means necessary to keep people on time.
- Ideas proposed were to have special presentations at the end of the meeting, have them fill out a form detailing their requests and goals and provide presentation material ahead of time, field questions better, and be strict about time limits.

### **Montlake Business District update – Kathy**

- Kathy is in process of wrapping of the first grant. She has a meeting tomorrow with business owners to present the final conceptual plan. She will collect comments after and make her final report by the end of April. Deadline is end of May, but she wants to finish earlier so that she can apply for a new grant for which the deadline is June.
- For the new grant, we will not need to go through a new hiring process and can use KPG from the start.
- John asked if we are confident that the city will abide to the plan we settle on. Kathy said there is no guarantee, but Kathy reiterated that she would like to do everything possible to make our desires known to the city so that it makes it hard for them to say no.

### **Block Watch/Emergency Preparedness meeting recap – Carol**

- 15-20 people attended the meeting yesterday. She learned that some block watches are very organized and quite advanced in their planning. One potential challenge with coordinating the block watches within Montlake is that some block watch captains do not want their names made public. To circumvent this, Carol is looking into having the police department register the block watch captains but keeping their names private. The police department can then encourage them to email Carol to share their information.
- Goal is to have the block watch captains organized before the Neighbors night out. Carol is still working to identify all block watch captains.
- Darcy mentioned she tried to sign up to be a block watch captain, and while the process was easy, she wasn't sure it worked. Bryan suggested we find out who the East Precinct officer is and touch base to find out more about how one becomes a block watch captain

### **Shoreline Appeal update – Bryan**

- Nothing to report. Last information was that they denied the hearing and approved it to go to summary judgement. Corp of engineers granted permission to demolish the bridge and then haul the debris out of the water. They essentially used a loophole and argued that since they aren't changing the level of the water, it isn't the same as dredging.

#### **Montlake Boulevard Market/Gas Station update – Bryan**

- Jerry Lutz, attorney for Kemper Freeman, informed Bryan that they are still waiting to hear whether the Market and gas station will be condemned. Might be that no news is good news, but still waiting to hear.

#### **MCC Board vacancies and upcoming election**

- Retirees from the board include Lori, Kathy, Bob, Bryan, Michele
- Need all new officers. We will continue this discussion offline.
- Timeline- April 30<sup>th</sup> statements of interest are due, May 11<sup>th</sup> voting opens online, June 6 voting ends
- 2 official applications: Bryson Tillinghurst and Chris Cumming. However, it was realized at the board meeting that Bryson does not live in the MCC boundaries and is thus no longer eligible to apply.

#### **WSDOT Noise Variance- John**

- Shared communication that was written by Pete DeLaunay , President of Portage Bay-Roanoke Park Community Council. A response from Jamie Pedersen suggested that he is committed to preventing the noise variance from being approved.
- John and Bryan are going to write a letter from MCC to legislators expressing our concern and opposition to granting the noise variance.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Central Area Neighborhood Greenway drop-in session Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00-6:30**

- Community meeting will be held at MCC. Bryan is expecting more information about the nature of the meeting and will pass it along when he receives it.

##### **One Center City plan meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Barbara Wright thought this would a good opportunity for us to get the 43 bus route re-instated.
- Bryan will try and go and encourages others to tag along if possible. He will report on it at the next meeting.

##### **CSO Update**

- Dana West, from King County Water Quality Department, has requested to present to the board again and would like 40 minutes of time.
- The board agreed to give them no more than 20 and to push them for clarification about what new information they are sharing with us since the last presentation in October. Bryan will email them again and try and get more information.

The meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharsti Sandall  
MCC Secretary