

**Montlake Community Club Board Minutes**  
**February 14th, 2017**  
**Boyer Children's Clinic Lower Conference Room**

**In attendance:**

Board members: Bryan Haworth, Sharsti Sandall, Tyler Blitz, Carol Cordy, Michele Layton, Kathy Laughman, Lori Sabado, Kerry Clayman

Special Guest: Lyle Bicknell, Principal Urban Designer with the city of Seattle

Montlake resident: Estela Martinez

Meeting commenced at 7:08pm.

**Discussion of December meeting minutes:**

- January meeting were posted a few weeks ago, nothing major to report. Google docs is working well to communicate edits and suggestions.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Michele noted that we haven't received as many donations this year from the hard copy flyer. Might be because of the lack of an envelope.
- Bryan inquired about the Christmas lights bill to make sure we get a refund for the tree that the lights went out. The two will follow up on this.

**Special Guest: Lyle Bicknell from SDOT- update on 520 project**

- Lyle has been designated by the city to be the Montlake "champion" for the WSDOT project
- Lyle put the project in perspective: it has been in the planning stages since 1995. Design is getting better, especially with regard to the trail connecting the Montlake bridge to the arboretum.
- The biggest job for Lyle is to make sure the design stays as planned and that the construction impacts are mitigated.
- A meeting is scheduled for 2/28/17 at the Montlake Community Center to discuss noise concerns. There will also be a WSDOT meeting in mid-March as part of the Neighborhood traffic management plan (date TBD).
- One proposal coming out of the 520 project is improvement to the Roanoke triangle east of the Montlake Market Blvd. Lyle encourages us to keep an eye on this and encourages us to pay attention at the mid-March meeting and encourage WSDOT to work with SDOT to improve it.
- Kathy asked how much control we would have over the design for that section and Lyle said that the City Council is working to write a resolution to lay out the city's position on how city owned property should be treated. The committee chaired by Rob Johnson will introduce this resolution.
- City is adamant that we do everything they can to save the Market (from the Mayor on down)

- Lyle suggests we keep encouraging WSDOT to keep bikes and pedestrians moving during construction, not just cars.
- Michele added that at the last Montlake Community Center advisory council meeting it was brought up that the 5 way stop has become problematic and people are using it as a roundabout. They are writing a letter to the city and would like the MCC to add their name to the letter.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **New and Expanded Snow Brigade update – Carol**

- Carol's goal is to have everyone in the neighborhood have an emergency kit
- HUB; costs \$1200 and is a big barrel of emergency supplies. Grant deadline has passed to apply through the city so Carol thought that maybe we could have a fundraiser instead. The HUB also serves as a communication center and meeting place for the neighbors to gather.
- In response to the neighborhood watch email, Carol got 5 responses
- Carol posed the question of whether we should change the name and/or split them into two different committees. Everyone agreed that we should probably change the name.
- Carol is going to schedule a meeting with the city to train us on emergency responses. She is planning to schedule a meeting sometime in late March at the library. The city emergency preparedness folks require at least 20 people to commit before they will provide the training.

### **CSO update – Tyler**

- King County has been appreciative of our interest and is continuing to research options. They would like to meet with us in late March or April to report on their research.

### **Montlake Blvd Market and 76 Station update – Bryan**

- Kemper Freeman has rejected the offer of \$8million and now WSDOT has told us they are in litigation. This likely means the state is suing and trying to take the property via Eminent Domain. We are now in an observer position.

### **Montlake Facebook Page – Kerry**

- Converting from a page to a group. Working on a way to automate the feeds from the Flyer to post to the group Facebook page. Kathy suggested we reach out to the business owners to join forces.

### **Montlake Business District, New Grant update – Kathy**

- Have \$2200 left on our grant and it is now ending at the end of March. Still no decision on whether a road diet will work for the corridor. Need to decide if we should wrap up the grant with a final report so that we can apply for another grant or wait until the city gives us the result of their study.
- There is a new grant called the Community Partnership Fund in which we could receive up to \$100K. Deadline for application is March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Kathy and Bryan went to an orientation meeting last Tuesday and talked to Karen Selander with

the Department of Neighborhoods to learn more about the new grant and decide what our options are.

- Motion made by Tyler to close out the old grant and re-apply for a new grant, Kerry seconded it and it passed.

#### **Metro Bus Service in Montlake – Bryan**

- Barbara Wright wanted us to know that they will be reporting in March to summarize the survey and ridership numbers from the reduction of the 43 and elimination of the 25.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Montlake Communication Methods – too many? – Kerry**

- See handout that summarizes all the ways in which the Montlake Community club is communicating with the neighborhood as well as other Montlake groups such as the co-op and Nextdoor.
- The idea was floated to possibly fold the Montlake family co-op into Montlake.net, but it is still very early in discussions. Kerry wanted to get a feel for the boards enthusiasm before discussing this any further with the co-op.
- Everyone at the meeting is in support of eliminating the Montlake Forum and moving to Nextdoor. This was discussed last year, but since that time everyone agrees that Nextdoor has grown and is a preferred method for communication. We also agreed that Montlake.net should remain the same.

#### **Shoreline Appeal Hearing – Bryan**

- A prehearing conference was held on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. The hearing is set for May 8-9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9AM in Tumwater, WA. The parties were instructed to notify the Board jointly by April 3<sup>rd</sup> of settlement possibilities with regard to demolition of the Portage Bay bridge.

#### **Opening Day Boating Season is May 6<sup>th</sup>**

- SYC would like us to post information about events to inform the community

#### **Committee's and Event Leadership**

- Will table until next meeting.

The meeting ended at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharsti Sandall  
MCC Secretary