

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

In attendance:

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

Special Guests:

- Chris Curtis, Executive Director of Neighborhood Farmers Markets
- Liz Gibson with Studio KPG
- Barbara Wright (neighbor)

Meeting commenced at 7:10pm.

Discussion of minutes from February meeting – Sharsti

- Minutes were late this month so no time to approve online. No changes were requested, Kathy made a motion to approve, Kerry seconded and the motion passed

Treasurer's report

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

Special guest presentation, "How to Start a Farmers Market", by Chris Curtis

- Seattle Neighborhood Farmers Market was started in 1993. The first was in the University District
- The mission of the organization is to make sure this is a venue to support farmers, the City has become a partner in making this mission come to fruition
- Several other farmers market organizations exist within the city of Seattle
- In order to make it viable, they need 35 vendors with the majority being farmers. Other criteria include space and parking requirements as well as 1000 shoppers on a consistent basis
- Because of the growth of markets in Seattle, farmers are being more selective about which markets they are selling at
- The Seattle Farmers Market secures the permits, organizes vendors, sets up etc. whereas the community provides outreach, volunteers, and helps ensure the market is successful
- Costs associated are permits, insurance, utilities, and staff. Farmers provide shelters and pay a small fee to participate.
- In 2019, the Capital Hill Market will move to the Sound Transit plaza
- Surveys of shoppers show that about 80% of Capital Hill residents walk whereas University District it's about 30%
- WSU estimates that about 215 farmers are bringing produce into the city of Seattle between

June and October

- After hearing the presentation and discussing the various options in Montlake, the board members and Chris Curtis concluded that Montlake was probably not a fit for the market due to lack of parking and an appropriate space.

Special guest presentation by Liz Gibson: Draft of final report from KPG Studios

- Liz provided copies of the concept plan to the board. Includes a copy of the conceptual plan along with example pictures of various elements to enhance the business district including lighting, plants and trees, outdoor seating, signage etc.
- Ultimate decision is going to come down to the city's decision. Barbara Wright suggested we keep the conversation moving and make the community feel like it is inevitable, which will help keep pressure on the city

OLD BUSINESS

Montlake Business District grant update – Kathy

- Update was included in the report from Liz

Block Watch/Neighbors Helping Neighbors update – Carol

- Meeting will be on April 4th at 6:00 in the library. The room can accommodate 47 people and 12 block watch captains have replied. From 6-6:30 Carol will give an overview and then at 6:30, the city representative will come to train people on emergency preparedness
- Next step is getting a phone tree established for Neighbors helping Neighbors and the second step is establishing a HUB.

Shoreline Appeal update – Bryan

- Things progressing slowly. Most recent thing is that the Department of Ecology be dismissed as one of the parties because they feel like they had no role in the decision made by the city.

520 Public Meeting on February 28th – Bryan

- WSDOT discussed noise that would be generated from 520 project and the steps they are taking to give neighbors to report noise issues. City of Seattle was also there. No penalties are in place for noise violations. There will also be an ombudsman on site, but will likely be located near where the WSDOT offices are in the arboretum.

Montlake Boulevard Market/Gas Station update – Bryan

- Bryan got a call from Kemper Freeman's attorney, Jerry Lutz. He has put together a summary of what the WSDOT representatives said at the December 7th, 2016 meeting that was held at the Graham Visitors Center. He is looking for 10-12 community members that were there and might be able to help with his case.

Nextdoor vs Montlake Forum update – Kerry

- Number of posts per month on Montlake Forum is starting to taper as membership is increasing

on Nextdoor.

- Can really increase our communication with the neighborhood if we are all engaging individually on the Forum etc.
- We can still use Montlake.net to publish stories etc, but use Nextdoor to spread the word about things.
- Kerry floated the idea to post something on the Forum to encourage people to gravitate to Nextdoor, but still keep it open for legacy reasons with the idea to eventually phase out the forum. The board was very supportive.

Yard Sale update – Lori

- Kerry and Lori have both had requests to change the date of the yard sale to the summer, but everyone agreed that this is not realistic due to people being out of town etc.
- Dates floated were September 1st, 23rd and October 14th. September 23rd was favored

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming SDOT Public Meeting on March 22nd, 5:30-7:30, at the St. Demetrios meeting

- Bryan encouraged everyone to show up
- Transportation committee met and decided they should come up with talking points that we can all use to go around and talk about.
- This meeting is really geared toward getting input from the community
- We are going to send our best ideas to Tyler, he will collate them, and pass them onto the transportation committee
- MCC is sponsoring a table at which Kathy, Bryan and representatives from KPG will be on hand to answer questions about the status of the Montlake business district development project.

Committee to Recruit New MCC Board Members

- Bryan, Bob, Michele, and Kathy are all retiring
- Lori can only stay on if she is an officer and Darcy is considering leaving

Upcoming MCC Board Vacancies and Elections

- Covered in above section

Eastlake Urban Village Expansion – John (tabled- John not in attendance)

Calendar and Committees Looking Forward

- Plan for the year and people stepping up. We will take this up at another meeting.

The meeting ended at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharsti Sandall
MCC Secretary