

Montlake Community Club Board Minutes
October 10, 2017
Boyer Children's Clinic, Lower Level Conference Room

IN ATTENDANCE:

John O'Neill, Tyler Blitz, Chris Cummings, Kerry Clayman, Sharsti Sandall, Juan Lopez, Darcy LaBelle, Timothy Burkart, Lori Sabado, Heather Hardin, Bryan Haworth, David Bricklin

Meeting commenced at 7:07pm

MINUTES FROM JUNE MEETING - SHARSTI

September MMC Board Meeting Minutes approved and posted.

TREASURER'S REPORT - CAROL (SEE ATTACHED)

In anticipation of missing this evening's meeting, Carol Cordy prepared the attached Treasurer's Report.

NEW BUSINESS –

Special Guest - David Bricklin, Attorney, Bricklin & Newman, 1424 Fourth Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 206-264-8600

Dave was invited to provide an update on our MCC Condemnation Case we filed in conjunction with the Montlake Boulevard Market/Kemper Freeman against WSDOT and Washington State. To summarize David's comments - *"this is a peculiar condemnation case. Most condemnation proceedings are about how much someone will pay for a property. In this case, the owners disputed the state's right to take the property and challenged the state's lack of need for the property. This is a tough argument to win... The state admits it is not sure it needs the property, but wants to give bidding contractors some elbow room in case they need it and the thought is the extra space could lower the bids/costs from the contractors due to ease/location/etc."*

"The MCC weighed in on the EPA environmental impact statements saying that the 2011 survey did not include taking the Montlake Boulevard Market. In 2016 there was a change in project, and it is uncertain if that new plan included looking at the environmental impact of taking the Montlake Boulevard Market. The state said it did and argued in court that no one challenged the taking of the market at that time (2016). The MCC argued that that revision did not include an assessment of the impact of taking the Montlake Boulevard Market."

"The Judge ruled with the State, saying they had looked at the environmental impact of taking the Market" (David noted that *"instructed by law, the court gives way to the state"*). He continued, *"the easiest way for a Judge to handle this case*

is to deny it, knowing it will be appealed. He went on to say this was a hard case to win.”

The Market owners have appealed and the MCC has put our name on that appeal. The State filed a motion to shorten the appeal process, The timeline looks roughly like this:

- **Opening Brief due the end of October**
- **Washington State responds in November**
- **The MCC provides our Rebuttal in December**
- **Oral Briefs in January**

David Bricklin said that “*no time has been spent on this appeal so far on the appeal other than the filing.* ” He anticipates the cost for the appeal will be *est.* \$10,000. He continued by saying that he approached Jerry Lutz to see if his client is willing to pay all or some of the MCC cost. Jerry pushed back by saying that MCC had to have ‘*skin in the game*’ and would like to meet with the MCC to discuss the appeal and the cost. Tim noted that we have spent over \$25,000 on legal fees, and that is definitely some skin in the game.

David told us that the Montlake Boulevard Market owners’ are contemplating filing a different lawsuit, this time against the Feds for not conducting an environment assessment. Jerry Lutz, the Montlake Boulevard Market’s attorney, is conflicted out of representing them, and have asked David Bricklin to represent them if they choose to move forward with this lawsuit. David wanted to make certain the MCC was ok with him acting as the attorney for the market. Sharsti informed us there is \$3,637.50 in the Save the Market Fundraising Account. A vote was proposed and passed to use those remaining monies to pay David Bricklin for future work on the Appeals case. David plans to speak with Jerry Lutz regarding his clients chipping in for any bills incurred after this amount on the Appeal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRANSPORATION - JOHN

Sharsti asked John reach out to Scott Forbes regarding our PayPal account.

There is a group meeting tomorrow (10/11) with the State and City. John shared with us the drawings provided by SDOT and 520 yesterday. Multiple maps make it difficult to see all the projects. John discussed the list of must haves for MCC which included:

- 5 Way Stop
- Cut through on Miller/Louisa/Etc. from 26th/25th/24th - speed bumps/cushions
- Light at Lynne
- Light at Interlaken
- Roanoke Greenway

It was discussed that we should encourage the Montlake residents to reach out to our ombudsman, David Goldsman ? for traffic complaints/suggestions/concerns.

Darcy will write a post for the Flyer encouraging community residents to reach out directly with our Ombudsman, David Goldberg. His contact information is:

David Goldberg, SR 520 Project Team
999 3rd Avenue, Suite 2200, Seattle, WA 98104
206-770-3659 (Office) 206-412-7930 (cell) goldbed@wsdot.wa.gov

YARD SALE – LORI

Lori reported on yet another successful community wide yard sale. *“We had perfect weather, huge thank you to Kerry and Rohit, the interactive map was amazing”*. She said they did not print maps this year, but encouraged participants to print their own. There was a slight hiccup with uploading photos. Participants needed a google account to upload photos, this caused a delay and a heavy work load for Lori until they fixed the problem. There were quite a few ‘pop-up’s’ and she is concerned about not receiving a donation from them. There were also some signage issues, but were resolved. Lori commented that we loose about 1/3 of the signs due to ‘wear and tear’ and ‘walk-away’ signs. From everyone surveyed it appears that holding the sale on the same day as the Greek Festival did not hinder either event. Lori spoke with a representative from the Greek Festival who said *“the community wide yard sale had no adverse impact to them”*.

TURKEY TROT – SHARSTI

All sponsorship logos are in and the committee is creating a dropbox to house graphics, etc. New signage is needed and a new sign order should go in by the end of the week. Sponsorship revenue to date is \$6,250 (Chris recommends approaching businesses in January as this is during their planning period). As of this evening - 122 registered - 96 for the 5k and 26 for the Kids Race and we have received an additional \$950 in donations.

The MCC goal this year is a \$25,000 donation to the University Food Bank. Chris recommended linking the University Food Bank’s video to our homepage or TT page. Kerry will work on embedding the link into the Flyer. Sharsti will provide a list of Job Descriptions to John for the kids. Kerry will post on FaceBook and Sharsti on NextDoor

BUSINESS DISTRICT CIP – BRYAN

Bryan met with Jim Curtain and got the final decision on the Road Diet. Jim told Bryan, *“the road diet is not going to happen. Based on the traffic study that until 520 is completed predicting the needs is going to be difficult through the corridor north of Boyer. Therefore they have decided against the road diet at this time”*. Jim informed Bryan that the 23rd/24th corridor will be a Rapid Ride Route. Bryan reminded us about the meeting on October 19th and the importance for all of us to attend and to reach out to the community to encourage attendance.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS - DARCY

Darcy met with Holiday Spirit Lighting to walk-through our plan. The quote included a 15% discount if installed in October. Put to vote, it was agreed to spend the money again this year to install lights through the Business corridor and on the Montlake Market and 76 station. They will stay up through January. The Fundraisers will be held at Cafe Lago on Sunday, December 3rd from 5-9. Carla has agreed to once again donate 10% of the evening's proceeds to the MCC to help underwrite the cost of the lights. She is also providing a free glass of Prosecco and Cider. Darcy will ask each of the local businesses to donate goods/services/cash for the silent auction/raffle at the fundraiser.

FUNDRAISING - HEATHER

Heather identified four fundraising events - Yard Sale, Turkey Trot, Holiday Lights and General Ask. She is developing a plan which she will share at the next MCC Board Meeting.

MCC COMMITTEES - ALL

The various MCC committees were discussed and chairs were identified. It is critical that all chairs compile and maintain a binder so we have solid record keeping and for ease of handing off to the next committee chair.

Turkey Trot - *Sharsti*

Yard Sale - *Lori*

Transportation - *John*

Communication/Website/Flyer/Advertising - *Kerry*

Holiday Lights/Fundraiser - *Darcy*

Emergency Preparedness/Neighbors Helping Neighbors - *Carol*

Business District Improvements/23rd Avenue CIP - *Bryan*

Art Walk and Music Experience - *Darcy*

Fundraising - *Heather*

Volunteer and Board Member Recruitment - *Jamie*

Beautification/Gateway Parks - *Carol*

The meeting ended at 9:03pm

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy LaBelle
MCC Secretary