

Montlake CC Board Minutes
November 7th, 2012; 7:00 p.m.
@ Steve Milam's house 1820 E McGraw St

Members present: Connie Bain, Anita Bowers, Nathalie Gehrke, Bryan Haworth, Arthur Lee Jacobson, Steve Milam, Colin Shannon-Garvey

Members absent: Scott Forbes, Signy Hayden, Elaine King, Julee Neuhart, Jim Roe, Kathy Smith-DiJulio

Guests: Lionel Job, Rainer Metzger

October 17th board meeting minutes: Nathalie moved to approve, Connie seconded, and the Board adopted them.

Treasurer's Report — Connie:

The Treasurer's report dated Nov. 7th 2012, was briefly discussed. Colin moved, Arthur seconded, and the Board adopted it. Account balance as of then was \$24,813.30.

Flyer, website, advertising report — Colin, Bryan:

Colin's query in the *Flyer* as to "how we can improve communication within the Montlake Community," resulted in only 8 responses, with no consensus. Maybe sandwich broads alerting Montlakers about our meetings, should be set up. Bryan reported 15 ad accounts for the November *Flyer*; some larger-size ads are forthcoming.

SR-520 update & traffic update — Rainer, Lionel:

These two volunteers are working with Greenways and WSDOT to focus on pedestrian and bicycle safety and connectivity. WSDOT received overwhelming support for a pedestrian/bicycle lane of the new Portage Bay bridge. On Nov. 26th, Seattle City Council will hear WSDOT's latest proposal—and MCC should have a speaker there to voice our concerns. Steve volunteered; he will meet on the 25th with Rainer & Lionel to discuss what to testify in his allotted 2 minutes at the hearing. Nathalie urged that we also e-mail city council members.

Budget for 2012–2013: Our proposed budget was discussed. There was consensus that its decision to fund the Montlake School historic designation nomination, should obligate us to the matter with the school PTA. Bryan will talk with Julee, then they and some MCC officer(s) TBD hope to meet with some PTA officers to talk about concerns. As for our draft budget, we worked on it, and it is now much closer to being fit for a vote and publication. Nathalie moved, Arthur seconded, and the Board approved unanimously that the Special Events allocation increase from \$500 to \$1,000. A few other tweaks were made, as are reflected in the latest incarnation (attached). By the way, the secretary has been thus far drafting the budget, but that role properly belongs to the treasurer, who ought to take over now, and use financial software rather than the word processing format it has been in thus far.

Transportation plan — Anita:

A full scale traffic plan for Montlake could cost as high as \$32,600. Anita, Rainer, Lionel, and Elaine walked the neighborhood with one consultant who supplied that estimate. If Montlake secures a grant, it can pay for a transportation plan. Otherwise, the amount allocated in our budget is likely far too low.

Fundraising:

On Dec. 5th the Board will meet to plan neighborhood hand delivery of fundraising letters and remittance envelopes. Please tell Steve anything you think he should include in the fundraising letter.

Design review for the property on 24th between Lynn and Boston — Connie:

It is all done now; the Design Review Board has made its final recommendation.

Reserving space at Community Center or elsewhere in Montlake for future Meetings — Connie:

Connie supplied a handout comparing room rental rates at Montlake Community Center, Montlake Elementary School, St Demetrios Greek church, Graham Visitor Center at the arboretum, Seattle Yacht Club, and is trying to contact someone at MOHAI. Boyer Children's Clinic does not normally rent out rooms. Preliminary data indicate that the school is least costly, but a few more inquiries are needed.

General meetings:

None planned at the moment, other than definitely the following:

All-Montlake evening of the Arts— Nathalie:

Nathalie, Connie, and Patricia Shannon-Garvey met on the 5th and produced a detailed written handout on their discussed options. It was agreed to book the Montlake Community Center for the afternoon of Sunday, May 19th. Anita moved, Colin seconded, and the Board approved unanimously that Nathalie proceed to purchase the agreed-upon sound system for which we had allocated funds. But also, Nathalie was asked to look into the possibility of obtaining a wireless microphone.

Board meetings:

The next one is December 5th. Then, Thursday January 17th.

Meeting ended at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Lee Jacobson, Nov. 14th 2012