

**Montlake CC Board Minutes**  
**December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012; 7:00 p.m.**  
**@ Steve Milam's house 1820 E McGraw St**

**Members present:** Connie Bain, Anita Bowers, Nathalie Gehrke, Arthur Lee Jacobson, Elaine King, Steve Milam, Julee Neuhart, Kathy Smith-DiJulio

**Members absent:** Scott Forbes, Bryan Haworth, Signy Hayden, Jim Roe, Colin Shannon-Garvey

**Guests:** Lionel Job, Jon Decker, Katherine Casseday

**November 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes:** Kathy moved to approve, Julie seconded, and the Board adopted them.

**Treasurer's Report — Connie:**

The Treasurer's report dated Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 2012, was briefly discussed. Kathy moved, Anita seconded, and the Board adopted it. Account balance as of then was \$23,416.62.

**Traffic consultant presentation— Anita:**

Katherine Casseday, dba Casseday Consulting, is a traffic engineer. Anita, Katherine, and other concerned Montlakers met to examine traffic problems and discuss possible improvements. Ideally, Montlake would get a full transportation plan, comprehensive in that it did not focus merely on arterial traffic. Such a plan would need much community input, take at least 3 months, and cost more than \$30,000. Katherine underscored that she can be directed to work on anything the neighborhood desires. She is very open to helping us with neighborhood grants. A major concern is timing, since SR-520 plans will be finalized soon, and Seattle City Council and SDOT feedback regarding it, is due *very* soon (by early February). There was consensus that 1) until we learn the SR-520 specific impacts on us, that engaging in a full-scale traffic plan is premature. 2) We should do what we can in the short run to prepare, such as gathering community traffic ideas through the forum, *Flyer*, and a meeting. The board found Katherine articulate, accommodating and adept. Katherine supplied us with a draft outline *process* of a neighborhood traffic management plan, and *budget* proposal.

**SR-520 update & traffic update— Lionel:**

Lionel, Rainer Metzger, and others have repeatedly voiced Montlake's traffic concerns with city officials and planners, in urban planning, traffic, as well as city council and the mayor. Proving that the squeaky wheel gets the grease, our voices *have* been heard. An important meeting will occur next Tuesday, involving several councilmembers and neighborhood representatives. Specific ideas to improve the 19<sup>th</sup> & Lynn intersection were also shared, and Rainer is filling out a grant application (due Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>) for a "Large Neighborhood Street Fund Project" to pay for implementing these improvements. Arthur moved, Kathy seconded, and Nathalie amended that MCC formally *endorse* Rainer's application, both verbally and in writing; all were in favor. Lionel also shared that good ideas have been identified for near the Boyer Children's Clinic @ 23<sup>rd</sup> & Boyer —but that project is for later.

**Budget for 2012–2013:** Nathalie moved, Anita seconded, and the Board approved unanimously that the street and traffic improvements budget allocation be increased from \$5,000 to \$22,500, and that the grant figure in our projected income increase from \$10,000 to \$27,500. Elaine moved, Nathalie seconded, and the Board approved unanimously that the Board *adopt* formally this heretofore draft budget. Therefore it can be published in the January *Flyer*.

**General meetings:**

At our January board meeting, we will try to set a date for a Montlake *traffic open house*, that may or may not be one of our general club meetings. Possibly in early March, possibly on a Thursday evening.

**All-Montlake evening of the Arts— Nathalie & Connie:**

MCC has reserved the Montlake Community Center for 1:00 to 7:00 on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$560 (\$360 room rental, \$25 booking fee, \$175 staffing fee) plus the \$250 refundable deposit. The deposit applies to all bookings we do during the year.

**Montlake School historic designation— Jon Decker, Julee:**

Julee reported that due to various individual's scheduling conflicts, the MCC efforts to meet with school PTA members, and the principal, were unsuccessful.

Jon reported that the draft historic designation report is due Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. We need to decide who will review it. Then, after our review and the plan's return, it is submitted on the 21<sup>st</sup> to the Landmark Board. Four weeks later, we get the results of the board's review. Very strong possibility that it will go through.

**Board meeting dates in 2013— Steve:**

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>; the ideal is meeting on the third Thursday of each month, but holidays or other conflicts will result in adjustments.

**Greek church sign:**

A few residents raised concerns to Board members about a new sign at St. Demetrios. Most of us have not yet seen it, but we figured a church usually has a sign saying that it is a church, and that is certainly legal. If the church has gone for decades without a sign, that is the abnormal thing.

**Fundraising:**

Steve is in communication with Café Lago about a possible fundraiser there, as was held last year. Meanwhile, the Board is distributing by hand-delivery, fundraising letters and remittance envelopes to every house in Montlake. The secretary, noting that MCC is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, wrote the first donation, a check for \$501.

**Board meetings:**

The next is Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting ended at 9:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Lee Jacobson, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 2012