

Montlake CC Board Minutes
June 6th, 2012; 7:00 p.m.
@ Steve Milam's house 1820 E McGraw St

Members present: Connie Bain, Anita Bowers, Nathalie Gehrke, Bryan Haworth, Signy Hayden, Arthur Lee Jacobson, Elaine King, Steve Milam, Julee Neuhart, Jim Roe, Kathy Smith-DiJulio

Members absent: Scott Forbes, Colin Shannon-Garvey

Guests: Jon Decker, Rainer Metzger

Rainer Metzger & his Montlaker blog: Rainer introduced himself and spoke of his intent with the Montlaker blog to “fill a void” by providing the neighborhood with a blog similar to those of various other Seattle neighborhoods.

Board vacancy filled: Jim moved that Elaine King be appointed to fill the unexpired term on the Board of Kathy Smith-DiJulio; Arthur seconded, and the Board approved.

May board meeting minutes: Jim moved to approve, Kathy seconded, and the Board adopted them.

May general meeting minutes: Kathy moved to approve, Connie seconded, and the Board adopted them.

Treasurer's Report — Connie:

The Treasurer's report, dated June 6th, 2012, was discussed. We discussed the propriety of people donating funds to the MCC that are intended for the Coalition for a Sustainable SR 520 cause. Our credit union account signatory card has been updated to replace Anita Bowers and Jonathan Dubman with Steve Milam and Kathy Smith-DiJulio. The monthly statements from our accounts are reconciled with Connie's treasurer's reports. Jim moved, Kathy seconded, and the Board adopted the May report.

Montlake Playfield:

Kent Hickey, president of Seattle Prep, sent a May 7th letter to “Montlake Neighbors” assuring us that Prep is not seeking lighting for Montlake Playfield. Steve outlined concerns about the process of the MOU between the Parks Dep't and Prep, and repeated that after he did research, he will draft a letter to the Parks Dep't, requesting that the MCC Board be informed of any proposals regarding the use of the Montlake Playfield. Julee volunteered to see if she can be our Board's official rep. on the Montlake Community Center Advisory Council.

Neighborhood Plan — Anita:

The plan will be much broader in scope than what was suggested in our recent survey. When done, it should reside on our website. Anita seeks information from others on various topics, for example from Jim on neighborhood emergency preparedness.

Flyer, Website updates, etc. — Bryan:

Bryan will contact advertisers to learn which will pay, now that our free trial run is done. The September *Flyer* will include the rates for business cards, quarter pages and half pages. Bryan will also review the advertising rate structure. Possibly some potential advertisers may need graphic design help, that we can suggest.

Coalition/520 update:

No news.

Possible landmark status for Montlake School — Jon Decker:

Jon obtained bids from two consultants to do all or part of the process to nominate the school as a City of Seattle Historic Landmark. The costs for the landmark nomination process appear to range from \$2,000 with the community doing most of the work, to a top end of \$7,500 to \$10,000 if the consultant does the entirety of the work. The downside of the community doing the work is finding the volunteers and the length of time it will for volunteers to complete the project. The upside of the consultant doing the work is that it will be completed in 6 to 8 months. Jon noted that because the task is arduous and involved, he doubts we can get volunteers to do it and prefers that we hire a consultant. It takes 6 to 8 months for the whole process. Regardless of authorship of the nomination, Jon estimates it has a 75% chance of being approved. Jim moved, Kathy seconded, and the Board approved, that we as a Board desire to seek Seattle landmark status for Montlake School. Nathalie moved, Jim seconded, and the Board approved, that we as a Board desire to hire—in whole or part—a consultant for this nomination process. Arthur moved, Jim seconded, and the Board approved (Nathalie dissenting), that we publish the above-stated intent in the

September *Flyer*, ask for a consultant's presentation at the September 12th general meeting, and seek community input to gauge support.

June 13th meeting with WSDOT:

The Board will meet with a few other Montlakers such as Jerry Bosch of E Hamlin, to discuss with Rob Berman (WSDOT consultant) the current status of the SR-520 design in Montlake. Once we obtain solid information, we can mull it over, then put in writing our questions, preferred options, and suggested improvements. It is vital that we pay attention and think carefully about supplying a unified response.

August Board meeting:

Likely to be the 15th or the 22nd. Stay tuned.

September general meeting:

Likely to be the 12th. We hope to get a BOLA rep. to give a presentation; a Playfield update; possibly hear some political candidates. Anita, Jim and Nathalie agreed to try to propose future agendas for the general meeting agendas. And the Finance and Budget Committee was asked to propose a budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year for review by the Board at the August Board meeting.

New business:

Elaine and Anita are sharing the role of representing Montlake on CUCAC (City - University Community Advisory Council) and the East District Council. Jim reminded all about the upcoming Garden Tour Saturday the 16th. Nathalie mentioned that Saturday the 9th there will be a work party at Gateway Park.

Meeting ended at 9:14.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Lee Jacobson, June 7th 2012