

Montlake CC Board Minutes
February 21st, 2013; 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, Elaine King, Steve Milam, Jim Roe, Kathy Smith-DiJulio

Members absent: Scott Forbes, Signy Hayden, Julee Neuhart, Colin Shannon-Garvey

Guests: Jon Decker, Rainer Metzger

January 10th board meeting minutes: Elaine moved to approve, Kathy seconded, and the Board adopted them.

Treasurer's Report — Connie:

The Treasurer's report dated Feb. 21st 2013, was briefly discussed. Jim moved, Kathy seconded, and the Board adopted it. Account balance as of then was \$29,093.31.

Update - Large Neighborhood Street Fund project:

Rainer Metzger reported: the East District Neighborhood Council passed as one of its top 3 projects, the 19th & Lynn traffic revision proposal. It will be evaluated for feasibility and a rough cost estimate by SDOT, and by about July, more action may proceed.

Update - Small Neighborhood Street Fund project:

Rainer reported: Lionel Job submitted in January a proposal for improvements at 23rd & Boyer. Nathalie volunteered to distribute a handout to neighbors explaining this—if Lionel makes and supplies such a handout to her. The East District Neighborhood Council will evaluate the submission.

Traffic Plan General Meeting— Anita:

Anita, Rainer Metzger, and others discussed how given that Montlakers face varied traffic problems, MCC can do an online survey, and host a general meeting, to get input: what are problems? where are they? what can be done to improve the *status quo*? WSDOT is mandated, as part of the SR-520 project, to do a traffic management plan, with SDOT. But that will likely focus on arterial traffic wholly. Jon Decker noted that the project's *impact* specifically was to be addressed. Since SDOT is involved, and its point person for the project is a Montlaker (Lyle Bicknell), there is hope. Jon has a draft traffic plan, and said he will share it with all who care. Arthur moved, Kathy seconded, and the Board approved a motion that MCC host a general meeting on April 17th, to feature proposals for traffic improvements within the neighborhood focusing on non-arterial streets.

Montlake School historic designation— Jon Decker:

Our historic designation report was submitted today to the Landmark Board. On April 17th, we get the results of the board's review. And, it is under budget so far.

Flyer, Website Updates, Advertising?— Bryan Haworth:

We all agree that the *Flyer* is not being read by as many people as was once the case.

Montlake map— Anita:

MCC has obtained copies of a 1960s map of Montlake, and donated copies to the community center and library.

520 Project Design Update – City Council, Mayor, SDOT— Rainer:

A Feb. 11th Seattle City Council resolution directed that the 520 project be explored for a wider range of options such as better bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, a wider lid, and the like. WSDOT says it doesn't have money budgeted to continue designing. Washington Park Arboretum announced that it obtained promise of mitigation funds. An open house by WSDOT at St Demetrios, showed the proposed half of the new west approach. KOMO is covering the project's cost over-runs.

All-Montlake evening of the Arts— Nathalie:

To be at the Community Center from 2:00 to 5:00 on Sunday, May 19th. Assisting Nathalie are Julee, Connie, and Patricia Shannon-Garvey. Some involvement with Montlake School looks likely. Mother Pluckers and other musicians will play. The title is All Montlake Music and Arts Happening (AMMAH).

Montlake Garden Tour June 2nd— Jim:

So far, at least 4 gardens on the Hamlin Shelby streets; more to come.

CUCAC— Anita & Elaine:

There is a desire to hereafter schedule the CUCAC meetings as needed rather than regularly.

Board meeting dates in 2013— Steve:

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 21st; the ideal is meeting on the third Thursday of each month, but holidays or other conflicts will result in adjustments—*e.g.*, April 25th is the 4th Thursday. Then, May 16th. Also discussed, was that the board needs a nominating committee, as our annual election will be in May, but the candidates slate must be public in April. The nominating committee ideally will have members who are certain to be returning next year.

New business:

Rainer raised the issue of the planned demolition for the “ramps to nowhere” adjacent to the Arboretum. He asked the board if the ramps are reminders of the neighborhood’s erstwhile history of freeway-opposition, dating back to the R.H. Thomson defeat. The board generally agreed this was an idea to support and discussed various ways to save a small piece of the ramps as a monument. Rainer said he would further look into it and report back.

Meeting ended at 9:18.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Lee Jacobson, Feb. 23rd 2013