

**Montlake CC Board Minutes**  
**April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014; 7:00 p.m.**  
**@ Julee's home: 1526 E McGraw**

**Members present:** LeAna Alvarado-Smith, Connie Bain, Nathalie Gehrke, Arthur Lee Jacobson, Lionel Job, Michele Layton, Kathy Laughman, Rainer Metzger, Julee Neuhart, Jim Roe (late; empty-handed)

**Members absent:** Marilee Goebel, Bryan Haworth, Amanda Williams

**March 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes:** Nathalie moved to approve, Connie seconded, and the Board adopted them.

**Treasurer's Report — Connie:**

The April 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 Treasurer's report was discussed. Account balance then was \$24,992.97. YTD income is *down* relative to a year ago. We may pick-up some with additional effort at the arts & music happening.

**Reports / Continuing Business**

**A) Arts & Music Happening of May 18<sup>th</sup> — Nathalie:**

The planners (Connie, Julee, Kathy, Natalie, Patricia) met last night, and thus far have received minimal commitments from artists, authors musicians. They're not concerned, and will keep advertising. It seems there is a Montlake Forum website glitch that Rainer and LeAna must refer to Tom. Montlake School's artwalk is May 30<sup>th</sup>—*after* our event,

**B) West Montlake Park path**

A walking path that starts near the Seattle Yacht Club, ends near the dock. A Montlaker wonders if it can be continued to the Montlake Cut paved area. Jim Roe will follow up on this . . . Lionel piped in that maybe there can be a connection with the green storm-water draft infrastructure study underway.

**C) Nominating update—Julee:**

Regarding Board members and our May 18<sup>th</sup> elections, all nominations for all offices are needed by April 18<sup>th</sup>. Jim has talked to various people. Allan Seidenverg is a definite maybe; Kathy has two possibilities. Jim pledged: "I'll do what I have to do."

**D) Montlake Family Fitness update — LeAna:**

The fitness equipment was installed. It is for ages 13 years and up, and is being used steadily. The dog-poop signs are being worked on. LeAna dealt with an incident with some lacrosse players' bad behavior.

**E) East District Council neighborhood grants:**

The East District Council chose the Montlake 23<sup>rd</sup> & Boyer proposal as one of 3 finalists. Brian Dougherty (brian.dougherty@seattle.gov) will review this. Brian also helped us with the 19<sup>th</sup> & Lynn intersection — which is planned for summer of 2015. Incidentally, a resident adjacent to 19<sup>th</sup> & Lynn is Barbara Vane. Barbara allowed Century Link to install some relay boxes on her land. MCC has some possibility to do screening landscaping nearby. A few interested neighbors are mulling the options about this and the adjacent ROW path.

Lionel noted that when school children are present, a speed camera is operated near 24<sup>th</sup> & McGraw

**F) Seattle Community Council Federation report — Julee:**

At the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the big question was should Seattle voters approve a Metropolitan Park District? Julee is skeptical. This will be decided by voters. A public hearing will be held on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 600 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The other agenda item was discussing DPD's proposal to address backyard and side yard houses on small lots (2,500 square feet change from 5,000). Julee desires something on this matter written for Montlake residents; she wonders if Bryan or Michele will contribute their real estate perspective. A public hearing will be held on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 600 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

## **Old Business**

### **A) Historic District update:**

Nine Montlake houses have been identified so far by Jon Decker. Permission is needed by the owners. A public meeting on this topic is Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 P.M. at Montlake Community Center.

### **B) SR-520 bridge update:**

Coalition for a Sustainable SR-520 [Respect Seattle] will meet Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at Queen City Yacht Club, with representatives from the community councils around Montlake, and the leaders of the WSDOT SR-520 team, and maybe members of city council transportation committee. The Coalition will ask WSDOT important questions about this next phase of construction: the WABN phase that will be in Montlake. It appears that WSDOT has violated parts of the EIS that will have a negative impact on Montlake. It also looks like WSDOT has violated items in the Memorandum of Understanding with the City which dictates how the construction will occur. We should *fill the room* to show these folks that the neighbors are concerned about the plans. Rainer noted that the WA state legislature passed a Brady Walkinshaw bill that *requires* WSDOT to work with Seattle on SR-520. We need to talk with Mayor Murray's transportation specialist, because no one on City Council is ideal as regards knowledge of or concern about the SR-5020 impacts.

### **C) Seattle neighborhood summit:**

Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at Seattle Center from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. will be an opportunity to give feedback; a survey monkey form is also available (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GRDH58D>). It was suggested that Montlakers single out for praise Lyle Bicknell, Brian Dougherty, and Andy Sheffer.

### **D) UW Burke-Gilman Trail changes:**

The UW has destroyed part of the Burke-Gilman trail and some rare and unique trees near the future light rail station, and is trying to get federal funding to do more changes—that it calls improvements. It seeks a letter of support from the MCC. Opinions are mixed. The rationale is that there will be increased usage, so the trail must be enlarged, with separation of cyclists and walkers. Lionel will talk with Theresa Dougherty at the CUCAC (City/University Community Advisory Council) meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Julee will write a letter.

Meeting had begun at 7:10 and ended at 9:12.

**Next** board meeting date Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting will be held at Julee's house.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Lee Jacobson, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014