

Montlake Community Club Board Minutes
March 8, 2016
Boyer Children's Clinic Lower Conference Room

The meeting began at 7:10 pm. In attendance were Bryan Haworth, Yvonne Werner, Sharsti Sandall, Michele Layton, LeAna Alvarado-Smith, Lori Sabado and Kathy Laughman.

Approval of the Minutes: The secretary presented the minutes from the January and February meetings. Sharsti moved that the January minutes be approved as written and LeAna seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved. Michele made a motion that the February minutes be approved as written and Yvonne seconded it. The February minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Michele reported that there were \$2,000.00 in contributions in checks that she received in the envelopes which were included in the *Montlake Flyer* distributed in February. Additional contributions are being received via the PayPal app on the *Montlake.Net* website.

Old Business

Update on NMF Grant:-Kathy reported that we received three complete Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Montlake business development project and has distributed them to the 5-member hiring committee composed of Bryan Haworth, Juan Lopez, Carla Leonardi, Tomitha Blake and Kathy Laughman. This committee will be meeting on March 9, 2016 to discuss and rank each RFQ.

Block Watch Meeting: A Block Watch meeting was held in the Montlake Public Library on March 7, 2016. Terrie Johnston, Crime Prevention Coordinator, from the Seattle Police Department was there to meet with approximately 25 Montlake residents plus one resident from the Roanoke neighborhood concerning crime in Montlake and to share some ideas for combatting it. The most effective method, she said, was to know and keep in touch with your neighbors so that they would be inclined to report suspicious activity to the police. Bryan chaired the meeting and noted to the group gathered he hopes to re-activate the block watch program.

Neighborhood Boundary Change Ballot Update: Bryan noted the voting is still in process and will close on March 14. There will be another reminder on the Forum to vote by the deadline. Michele commented about a concern that changes to a Montlake boundary could impact our status as a historical district. Bryan reported that this concern is without merit per Michael Houser, our national register coordinator, who confirmed that any extension of boundaries will have no effect on this status.

Bill Dawson Trail Update: Sharsti, Bryan, Lionel Job, and Lyle Bicknell met with a Seattle City Yacht (SCY) representative about redesigning the trail so that it has access to E. Hamlin through yacht club property. Sharsti reported the SCY membership would need to approve this plan and that it will be a challenge to convince the membership. She was however encouraged by the opened dialogue. Yvonne who is a yacht club member will work with Sharsti to show other members, particularly those

with young children, that this plan is an opportunity for them to gain easier access to the Montlake community including the playground.

Meeting with Metro, Upcoming Bus Route Changes: Bryan and Barbara Wright—meet with five representatives from Metro to talk about the neighborhood’s concerns with the 43 bus route changes. Metro will be taking surveys when the route changes take place. It will be important for the bus riders to participate because the Metro representatives indicated they want to hear comments from people who use the No. 43. Bryan’s take away from the meeting is that they are listening.

KCPQ Ch. 13 Fox Story about Montlake: This interview has been rescheduled to coincide with the opening of 520 on April 2nd.

New Business

Art and Music event: No one has come forward to be responsible for this event which Nathalie Gehrke organized the last three years. It was suggested this event could transition in one to three ways.

- 1) We work together with the Arts and Music Festival which the Montlake Community Center sponsors;
- 2) Or we have a presence at the Montlake School’s Art and Walk Festival, such as a booth and/or financial contribution;
- 3) Or our local businesses could take it on like the pop-ups that were featured last summer.

LeAna and Sharsti will explore with the Montlake Community Center and with Montlake School PTA, respectively and Kathy will share this idea with the business consultant team that is soon to be hired. They will report their conversations at the next meeting.

Turkey Trot Fund Raiser: Sharsti will investigate the possibility of the MCC sponsoring a turkey trot fund raiser around Thanksgiving and will report back at next meeting.

News on the 2016-2017 Board and Board Elections: LeAna reported on rules governing board elections which are detailed in the By-Laws.

Bryan agreed to serve a second and final term as president.

The following positions need to be filled:

- 1) Three 3-year trustee positions (LeAna’s and Tomitha’s terms as board members end with the May meeting. The third position has been vacant.)
- 2) Secretary position* (Kathy Laughman completed her two years as board secretary and has agreed to serve in a one-year trustee position **

The following positions may need to be filled:

- 1) Vice president, if Bob DeLay does not agree to serve a second and final term. ***
- 2) Treasurer, if Michele does not agree to serve a second and final term. ***

**Officer positions can be held for two years only.*

***The board agreed that Kathy will be eligible to serve as a trustee regardless of her new residence since she will be working on the Montlake Business Development project.*

**** An officer position must be filled by a trustee who is currently serving on the board which would leave one to two more trustee positions to be filled in addition to the three noted above if a second term is not served.*

LeAna also distributed a list of possible candidates who expressed an interest in serving during our recent campaign when the hard-copy Montlake Flyer was distributed.

Trustee Nominating Committee (TNC): Sharsti, Yvonne, Kathy and Bryan will serve on the nominating committee to recruit and recommend candidates. The first step will be to email residents whose names are on the candidate list asking them to confirm they are still interested and to include a copy of their bio. Final details on the nominating process will be determined when the TNC meets together. The nomination process must be completed before the May 10th Board meeting which will also serve as a general meeting for the election.

Disaster Preparedness Meeting in April: Bryan asked for a volunteer(s) to organize this meeting. Sharsti mentioned she thought it would be more effective if there were disaster preparedness activities at this meeting.

Block Watch signs: Bryan asked if the MCC board would like to purchase Block Watch signs and post them around the neighborhood. Sharsti made a motion and LeAna seconded it that MCC buy 10 signs. It was approved. Michele will make the purchase for the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Laughman
MCC Board Secretary