

Montlake Community Club Board Minutes
May 9th, 2017
Boyer Children's Clinic Lower Conference Room

In attendance:

Board members: Bryan Haworth, Sharsti Sandall, Kathy Laughman, Kerry Clayman, Carol Cordy, John O'Neil, Darcy LaBelle, Lori Sabado, Tyler Blitz, Michele Layton

Potential board members: Tim Burkart, Heather Hardin, Jamie Cobb

Meeting commenced at 7:04pm

Discussion of minutes from April meeting – Sharsti

- Minutes were approved a week after the April meeting.

Treasurer's report

- Checking, \$7782.85
- Savings, \$60.98
- Money Market, \$17,671.62
- Bryan asked how much Carla from Café Lago donated from the Holiday lights fundraiser. Michele reported that it was around \$550.

OLD BUSINESS

CSO Plan update – Tyler

- Tyler explained what the CSO is and re-capped what we learned from King County when they came to our October 2016 MCC meeting
- Tyler and John met with King County last night at the library. They are evaluating three options for an overflow solution in Montlake, two of which would involve the area at the Montlake Community Center playfield.
 - Option 1: underground storage tank (30 feet below ground), which would need to be set back 200 feet from the water. As such, it wouldn't directly impact the track as we initially thought, but would instead be under the soccer and baseball fields.
 - Option 2: underground tunnel 150 feet below ground
 - Option 3: green water filtration at various locations, which are still to be determined.
- The general consensus is that it doesn't seem like there is much likelihood that this project would impact the Montlake Market.
- They want to come back with Seattle Parks and Recreation to solicit more public feedback

- Board agreed that instead of having them come to another MCC meeting, we would ask them to write an article for the Montlake Flyer with a link to a survey so they can get Montlake wide feedback.
- Construction time frame wouldn't start until 2023 so they can meet their mandate by 2030

Montlake Business District Grant update – Kathy

- On April 12th Kathy and Bryan met with the business owners. 5 in attendance and others Kathy met with individually
- Natalie G. was at the meeting and wrote an article for the Flyer
- Kathy made her final report to the city. SDOT had some questions on the specifics of the graphics. Kathy is working with KPG to make the adjustments.
- Upon the final approval of the grant by the city, Kathy will start working on a new application for an amount up to \$100K. Kathy is working with KPG to come up with a budget. Part of the proposal will include a plan to commission art and buy art for the Montlake business district
- Bryan will take over as project lead for the new application

Montlake Market update – Bryan

- Talked to Aaron (manager) to find out if they have heard anything from WSDOT, but so far there has been silence
- After the meeting with WSDOT (acquisition coordinator Lisa Shaw) and a couple of assistant attorney generals they haven't heard anything. Speculation is that they might be backing away from the effort to take the market after realizing they might not have a strong case.
- Lisa was supposed to make a ruling the day after the hearing (6 weeks ago) and we haven't heard anything
- John also found out when talking with King County about the CSO, it looks like the CSO is not being moved anymore, which takes away one of the reasons WSDOT was arguing that they needed to take the gas station

Emergency Preparedness/Block Watch update – Carol

- 16 block watch captains, but Carol hasn't still seen them listed on the city website
- Volunteers are meeting Friday to talk about getting a HUB, which for Carol the deadline is August 1st - which is neighborhood night out.
- We need to decide where the HUB, which is a gathering location for the neighborhood. Options are the Montlake Elementary School, downtown Montlake, Montlake community center, arboretum, Montlake Market. Consensus is that the MCC is probably ideal, but might be hard to get to for some in Montlake. Question is whether we can have 2 HUB's
- Darcy is going to work on figuring out whether we can work on getting a vetted emergency kit for neighbors to buy that we can post a link for on the Montlake website.

WSDOT Noise Variance Application update – John

- City told WSDOT its application is unacceptable and incomplete in its current form
- Many neighbors submitted comments and several neighborhood communities also sent letters

- Jamie Pederson wrote a very strong letter that 21 other representatives signed
- WSDOT wanted this defined before the RFP went out. Which would mean they would either delay the RFP or wait until a contractor is hired.
- City gave WSDOT 67 days from the date that the outreach meeting was held to respond with a new proposal.

Montlake Transportation Drop In Session – Bryan

- Happened this evening, just prior to this meeting. Had a good turnout. Style was a “poster style” with a table in the middle for feedback. Nothing drastically different from what they have proposed in the past.
- 23rd Corridor improvement project: Bryan had a great conversation with Jim Curtain from SDOT and he said they are really close to being able to make a call whether the “road diet” or right-sizing is feasible in Montlake.
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“Play Street” June 17th update – Bryan

- 1.8 miles is proposed to be closed from Lynn street to Madison. Idea is to encourage neighbors to get out and play in the street
- Bryan met with Tracy and another neighbor from Madison Park. Still questions about what the city will allow, but nothing has been finalized or defined.
- Bryan will try and get something posted in the Flyer

Yard Sale update - Lori

- Greek church changed their festival date to September 23rd, which then gives us the option to use September 30th
- Will reach out to WSDOT about whether the bridge will be closed for any maintenance that weekend
- Lori will still lead the yard sale even though she is retiring, but she wants to rely on the board to help with sign hanging etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

New WSDOT Ombudsman David Goldberg

- WSDOT has officially hired the Ombudsman to help with community relations during the 520 project. He started on Monday. Seems like his background is great for being a good advocate for the community.
- According to WSDOT he will be in a portable near the construction area.
- Barbara Wright knows him and was surprised that the state hired him, since she felt like he might be a bit more adversarial than the state would like.
- Transportation committee will pursue a meeting with him as quickly as possible so that our needs get into the RFP.

Upcoming meeting with Representative Nicole Macri-John

- New to the House of Representatives and is eager to meet with a small group of people such as with transportation committee, other community group leaders, etc.
- She wants to know what we want from WSDOT, the CSO issue, stop signs etc. and is open to

meet with the larger community. John and Tyler proposed coordinating this public meeting with the CSO etc. September would likely be the best time.

MCC Recruitment Gathering-Kerry

- Idea is to have a wine and cheese event to come and learn about the MCC and opportunities for volunteering. Committee ideas are Turkey Trot, Yardsale, Holiday Lights, Transportation Committee, Emergency Preparedness, Communications etc.
- Talked about a volunteer coordinator to help solicit high school volunteers.
- Discussed trying to have it in June before summer and fall craziness. Suggested we reach out to Fuel or Café Lago to have it at these venues rather than Kerry's house.

MCC Candidates and Election

- Nobody is running for President, so Bryan will stay on for now. Sharsti will run as Vice President and consider taking over as President when after the Turkey Trot is over. Darcy will be Secretary and Carol will take over as Treasurer.
- Kerry has the ballot ready to go and it will go live tomorrow

5-way stop at Boyer

- Call from the neighbors to trim the landscaping to make it visible. Darcy and Michele offered to include this as a project for the Windermere office.

The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharsti Sandall
MCC Secretary