

## Jan 7 MCC meeting

Board members attending: Holly Smith, Nikki Lundin, Barbara Parker, Rob Ward, Paul Gomez, Bill Mahoney, Stacey Kryman, Casey Losh. Also attending: Brian Mack, Jim Brown, Jim Richardson, David Raylon, Winky McCoy, Mary Gallway, Jennifer Wieland, Amalia Leighton, David Harms, Margaret Cesena, Marian Mullaly, Aly Frei, Sarah Westneat, Wayne Duncan, Anne Knight, Jerry Arbes,

Recording secretary Deirdre McCrary sent her regrets for missing the meeting; she fell and fractured her wrist

1. Brian Mack, member of St. Therese parish since 1993, and member of the church's Pastoral Council attended to seek feedback from the community on the church role in the neighborhood. The church is about to have a new priest assigned. He described the new blending learning model used at St. therese Ctholic Academy for the last two school years. He indicates there is a diverse membership in the school and the parish. The parish hosts an overnight homeless shelter three nights a week using Parish volunteers. The parish intends to send information for the newsletter.
  - a. A neighbor attending the meeting strongly encouraged St. Therese not to host Tent City again. There had been an altercation in the past; cigarette smoke from the residents in Tent City tended to drift to homes nearby. He does not object to the overflow shelter hosted three nights per week.
2. Update on Safe Sidewalks and SDOT plans from Jennifer Wieland who circulated printed information describing the program SDOT now calls the Healthy Trees and Safe Sidewalks Management Plan. She is the city's representative to move the process along, and advance to plans and implementation. The goal is to have a toolkit of options that can be used to address these kinds of tree/safe sidewalk conflicts city wide. She laid out four goals for the project and a related set of subgoals. The project has to move quickly because the contract extends to the end of July 2014; its value is \$200,000.
  - a. Amalia Leighton who is the project manager for SvR described the various organizations and people who will prepare case

studies, examine soil, revive trees where possible, etc. It is a multidisciplinary team.

- b. Jennifer described the project's timeline and toolbox approach. The goal is to finish by June 2014 and to be ready for some sort of infrastructure project for Madrona in late summer or early fall of this year. The final document for best practices should be ready in Feb. and they will plan for community discussions on the case studies.
  - c. For additional information, visit [www.seattle.gov/transportation/treesandsidewalks.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/treesandsidewalks.htm) or contact Jennifer Wieland at 733-9970; [jenniferwieland@seattle.gov](mailto:jenniferwieland@seattle.gov)
  - d. The group decided to talk additionally about the parameters of the Madrona corridor further in the Feb. MCC meeting
  - e. Madrona residents offered various suggestions about right of way spaces, planting trees such that they are not later removed for bus stops, sidewalk materials including permeable pavements, thinking about the corridor in a comprehensive design way. A community member asked if there another way for the community to work toward bringing in additional funds to get more done. The answer was affirmative, but since exact plans are not in place, Ms. Wieland suggested than any grant application indicate that the need is to move toward completing some percent of the project.
  - f. Ms. Wieland said that the project is open to solutions that could include removing trees, replacing sidewalks, or doing something else
3. David Harms described a startup called SwopBoard that helps people buy/sell materials with a minimum of 10% going to local schools. This could be relevant to Madrona K-8 School as a way to raise funds. People who want to donate any part of the sales to Madrona K-8 can do so by so noting on their sale.
4. Anne Knight brought letters that organizations and individuals can send to Metro; the central messages of both is to urge Metro to cut back frequency rather than cut routes if funds are not forthcoming to

maintain routes now provided. It is anticipated that the County Council will put a vote on the April ballot that could raise funds for avoiding 17% Metro cuts. Bill Mahoney read a proposed letter from the MCC to Metro; MCC members endorsed the letter and it will go to relevant legislators and Metro representatives.

5. Wreath sales summary discussion was postponed to the Feb. MCC meeting
6. Discussion on park playground upkeep and use of possible Playfield funds also was delayed for the Feb. MCC meeting
7. Kraus Fund Applications are due at the end of Feb.
8. May 10 is set for Mayfair; the Recess Monkeys are booked for entertainment at noon. Sponsors are being sought for the many and varied Mayfair activities.
9. There was a brief discussion of the Madrona BBQ; it was suggested that Mayfair provide a booth so people can sign up to help organize a neighborhood BBQ that might be held sometime in the summer.
10. Mary Galway said she thought the MCC should do more to publicize winners of Neighborhood Awards and the ceremony each year to better assemble neighbors at the awards ceremony. It was decided to choose winners a month earlier in coming years so people will know to attend via a newsletter announcement.
11. Treasurer's report: we are still solvent and even ahead of the same period last year. The Blossoms project cost more this year than last and they are in a deficit of about \$2000. Casey mentioned that a few people are not paid up for their ads in *Madrona News*.
12. Stacey mentioned she'd sent an email out to let us know that Madrona K-8 is seeking help of about an hour a week for a kindergarten class.

13. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm