

PRESENT: Barbara Parker, Susan Minogue, John and Betsy Darrah, Dan Sanchez, Bill Mahoney, Winky McCoy, Kate Sellers, Steve Del Vecchio, Adam Dreiblatt, Rob Ward, Larry Reid, Sheryl Allen, Deirdre and Jay McCrary

TRANSPORTATION ON UNION:

The plan is not yet published; therefore, no discussion at October meeting. Dan and Susan will get more information from the Central District Council and the CDA (Central District Association), which comprises a group of business owners along the 23rd Avenue stretch currently undergoing changes. Plans for bike lanes are not connected to the BRT plan for Madison.

WINE TASTING:

Planned for Saturday, November 14, at St. Therese. Aegis will cater. Stacey is reviewing the space and devising ways to make it less gym/lunchroom and more conducive to an evening wine event. Tickets are available now through Brown Paper Tickets; two sold so far.

40TH ANNIVERSARY MAYFAIR:

Hoping to make the anniversary celebration bigger and better, Stacey is looking into a city grant, possibly using Urban ArtWorks, to create a memorable piece of art to commemorate the event. The cost would be the artists' time; a representative will attend the November meeting. Barbara has a contact for Coyote Central as an additional resource or possibility.

Stacey and Bill welcome additional ideas to add events to this Mayfair, events such as a dunk tank or beer garden. Bring ideas to the November meeting or email them directly. Also discussed was getting one of the "Pianos in the Park" for our park through a sustained two-year community arts grant.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

- Sidewalk on 34th in front of Pritty Boys was poured today, with spaces for 3 or 4 trees, but, according to Barbara, the original building permit required 7 trees.
- The new Madrona Ale House is in progress and may open in October.
- There is no update on the playground stage structure. Stacey and Barbara will check with the planners—no design yet, so no money has been paid.
- Stacey has applied for the city matching-fund grant for the reader board to be co-sponsored by Madrona Pre-K-8 and MCC. Bill clarified that it could be used by any Council-related not-for-profits besides MCC and Madrona School.
- Lake Union Partners and Capitol Hill Housing will talk about housing in the Central District on Thursday.
- Annual nomination of MCC officers happens in November. Jason and Nikki are no longer on the board; Barbara will inquire whether Kevin intends to continue on the board.
- Budget Report from Paul via Bill:
\$529 in donations; \$1070 in advertising, with more expected from Casey. With expenses, September was positive \$93.93; without Casey's additional ad revenue, still short approximately

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\$2,300 for the year. The goal is a reserve of \$30,000 (aside from bequests and special funds that can't be spent on other operations) to fund the newsletter and other activities

- Dan circulated copies of a letter, already sent, from CDA to SDOT regarding the lack of community involvement in the design of protected bike lanes along East Union. Maria Koengeter of SDOT recommended that any concerned citizens and groups send letters requesting community participation in the design. Bill agreed that MCC could support requesting Madrona's involvement in the process, but others reiterated the unmet need for a study of the traffic on Union first, noting that 2-hour parking is to be implemented on Union and Providence on Cherry will be expanding. Bill will write to SDOT on behalf of the Council, and individuals are encouraged to write their own letters advocating first a traffic study for all of East Union and second, involvement of us and other local councils in the design. Barbara will publish parts of the letter in the newsletter to enlist more citizen involvement.

- Barbara brought up Samara Berlin's request for a traffic-calming study in Madrona's business district. The program requires a preliminary assessment in order to qualify. The suggested span would be 34th Avenue from Howell to Cherry. If we qualify, we could work with SDOT, possibly adding raised crosswalks as part of the trees-and-sidewalks overhaul.

- Sheryl described some neighbors' unhappiness with some recent increased property tax valuations. The Council will invite Lloyd Hara to the December meeting.

- Common Table will happen on October 15 at Madrona Grace Church, continuing every third Thursday of the month with a dinner and discussion.

- Barbara would like to reiterate in the newsletter the facts about the cost of the Move Seattle levy. Bill suggested she do so with a disclaimer and a byline, just presenting the math.

- Adam introduced his local business, StuffHopper, an on-demand selling service that currently uses the former postal distribution center on Union as a warehouse. Adam will write an article for the newsletter.

Adjourned at 8:25

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary