

PRESENT: Holly Smith, Bill Mahoney, Mary Gallway, Wayne Duncan, Brianne Ingertila, Stacey Kryman, Barney Mansavage, Casey Losh, Dan Sanchez, Deirdre McCrary

REPORT ON INITIAL SDOT MEETING ON TREES AND SIDEWALKS:

Wayne Duncan summarized the March meeting held at Madrona K8, which, despite posters and the mailing of 1500 postcards, was attended by only 11 to 15 residents, approximately 1% of the community. Attendees learned about the process being used to assess existing trees and were given a chance to express their viewpoints. Wayne believes that, despite the small turnout, the various Madrona constituencies were represented, and the presented plan seems solid. The March meeting laid the groundwork but is probably not the most important of the scheduled three meetings.

Wayne Duncan then summarized recent developments south of the Madrona Refuge building, where the developer had agreed to install larger trees of a somewhat larger caliper, trees which were later removed from the architect's drawing. SDOT had no plan to remove a third large tree to the south of the project, according to Jennifer Wieland, but a tree-removal sign appeared on that tree the day after the March meeting. The developer claimed inability to work around the tree and trimmed 1/3 of it; then City Light came through and trimmed it further to accommodate power lines. With 2/3 of the tree then gone, the tree itself was deemed by SDOT to be unworthy of retention and the arborist changed his previous decision, allowing the tree to be cut down, which has already happened. Wayne stressed the lack of coordination among city departments--SDOT, Planning, and City Light--resulting in the loss of the third mature tree on the east side of the street. Therefore, Wayne would like to include City Light and Metro in the planning to try to improve communications among the agencies. Jennifer could not be certain that there won't be any more tree removal because she doesn't know what building plans are currently under way. Wayne requested a resolution from MCC that would request that no more trees be removed until the plan is developed and approved, and he also requested that City Light participate in the process in order to address more of the community's needs.

Bill will build upon Wayne's prior email on the subject and add a request to halt tree removal and to add some departmental coordination to the process as the plan from SDOT is being finalized. Bill will cc both Holly and Wayne when he sends the letter. Wayne will write a short article for the newsletter deadline (April 8) summarizing the meeting and reminding readers of the remaining two meeting dates.

TIME BANK: The Time Bank is a concept for sharing goods and services akin to nextdoor.madrona. The representative who had intended to come to the meeting failed to show up. Holly will follow up.

MAYFAIR: May 10 with new vendors, new bounce house and pony concessions. There will be a photo booth sponsored by the dentist, and it will ask for a \$5 donation to the Council for the picture. The event will also feature the first silent auction for Madrona K8. Tents are ready in case of rain. Stacey requested help with marketing

besides a full-page ad in the newsletter, posters, and details available on our website--she'll send out information in jpg format to post on Facebook. Nikki will be soliciting volunteers and asking Council members to help between 7:30 set-up and 2 PM take-down. Parade line-up is 9:15 and parade starts at 9:30 with musicians from the school, fire trucks, and clowns. The new poster design has a logo we can use in future Mayfairs, and the designer has the ability to screen print the design onto anything. She will ask for a \$5 donation to cover her costs, turning back whatever money is left to the Council. Brianne will get lots of tee shirts from Goodwill in various sizes in case people want a printed shirt. Aegis is sponsoring a yoyo contest, and there will be pots-for-tots for Mother's Day the next day.

Stacey requested a donation from the Council to the school's silent auction in the form of a package using the shelterhouse and including cupcakes and balloons. Because of City rules, MCC would have to purchase the rental itself (\$70 for 2 hours) and donate it to the auction. Holly moved and Bill seconded a motion to approve the donation. It passed unanimously.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS: Stacey inquired about use of remaining funds in both the Park improvement project and the Kraus fund to use in leveraging the funds needed to complete prior plans for the park that remain unfinished as well as for refurbishing existing facilities, especially those for the older children. Jackie from Jackie's Place is interested in spearheading an effort to coordinate with schools that use the park, acquire additional donations, and make needed and desired improvements, including both the field and the basketball courts. Leftover park funding could be used any time, but she would need to apply in the autumn round of proposals for Kraus funds. Stacey will find out the Parks Dept.'s and City's requirements for changes. Rob had found in a previous effort to re-do the soccer field that the City doesn't believe the size of the field warrants its funding. There are neighborhood Spark grants and Department of Neighborhoods grants available at various times of the year. Some suggested that a larger project has more possibilities of accomplishment than a small one.

NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS: Bill summarized the successful event and reminded us of the plan to move the date next year to February to be in line with city-wide neighbor-appreciation events.

INFO. AND UPDATES:

- Dine-out-for-Madrona K8 will happen on April 8, and auction sheets will be posted in all participating restaurants.
- Susan has invited the City of Seattle to present its action plan for 23rd Avenue at the May meeting.
- Lack of funding has eliminated the *Central District News*
- All are urged to vote on transit-funding with ballots being mailed this week. Ann has requested a re-issuing of our letter of support for reduction in frequency instead of cutting Route 2 entirely. Some institutions--Town Hall and Virginia Mason--are also opposing any changes to Routes 2 and 27.

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- Dan Sanchez passed out postcards about the Jackson Street Jazz Walk this weekend along Jackson from 16th to 21st with 14 bands including Garfield's jazz band and 6 venues, and it's free.
- BOOM might be interested in sponsoring a movie night in the park with BBQ and donations instead of the previously planned party after Mayfair. Brianne and Stacey will work on it.
- Stacey will be unable to organize a November wine event but offered instead to partner with Madrona K8 and hold the event there in September. Both Ken and Steve would like the event to be bigger than the 100+ we get at Glassybaby, which actually wants only 75. To warrant Steve's promoting it in the newsletter, he'd like it to accommodate 200 people. There was general agreement that we'd make any accommodation needed to keep Stacey in charge.
- Casey requested a letter from MCC to the Dept. of Planning suggesting a change of address for the Shelterhouse, which currently is inaccurately listed as 3211 Spring St., making it difficult for people to locate it when they aren't familiar with the neighborhood.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Casey reports about \$21,000 in Kraus and \$24,500 in checking because he doesn't transfer funds in order to be ready for Blossoms' needs. We still owe Suzanne Sheppard \$2,400. There is a \$5,000 donation still sitting in Paypal. Mayfair costs are up about \$1,000 over last year, but we expect more revenue from donations and added activities this year. The insurance for Mayfair is about \$537.

Adjourned at 8:30

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary