

**PRESENT:** Anne Knight, Jerry Arbes , Nikki Lundin, Holly Smith, Bill Mahoney, Susan Minogue, Barney Mansavage, Barbara Parker, Fran Wood, Terrie Johnston (Seattle Police Crime Prevention), Ellen Page, Wayne Duncan , Jim Mattson , Sarah Morris, Monica Ramsey , Edward Krigsmann , Mary Gallway, Rob Ward, Stacey Kryman, Jason Cook, Shoshana Driver

**TERRIE JOHNSTON, Seattle Police Crime Prevention:** Terrie Johnston, community organizer for Seattle Police for 25 years, is the person who responded to Stacey and Susan's request for help with the issues of lighting and disruptive activities at the playfield. She worked to get lighting for the park and to get the vandalism in the bathrooms cleaned. The exterior bathroom will now be closed at night. The program, which used to have 22 specialists, now has been cut to 2, although they will be hiring one more person. She occupies no physical space in the East Precinct but meets regularly with Sgt. Shen. She will do individual home security surveys for free, as well as block watch meetings, and is an expert in crime prevention through environmental design. Individuals who supply her with their email addresses will receive regular notices regarding sex offenders as well as holiday safety e-alerts regarding mail theft, package theft, purse theft, pedestrian safety, workplace safety, school safety, how to comport oneself as a pedestrian and on the bus.

She reported that residential burglaries from October 1 to date total 19; same period last year was 18. However, car prowls, the most frequent and under-reported Seattle crime, total 31 this year versus 21 last year for the same two-month period. Seven of the 19 residential burglaries involved unlocked doors, and most happened during the day from 9 am to 4 pm, when it is easy to blend into the neighborhood. She offered business cards and handouts, and she can be accessed through the website, <http://www.seattle.gov/police/prevention/coordinators.htm>. Ask to be added to her email list or set up a safety profile for yourself through "smart911.com," which lets people with smart phones set up a safety profile for themselves that brings help without speaking into a phone.

**SAFER SIDEWALKS UPDATE:** Wayne Duncan reported that SDOT will be funding \$200,000 to create a plan to try to resolve tree/sidewalk issues throughout the city, using Madrona as a test case to try new technologies. SVR, an international design firm with strong expertise in trees and infrastructure, was chosen to do the study and seek solutions. The work will begin soon, and the program manager as well as someone from SDOT will attend our January meeting to update us. Wayne Duncan also reported on the resolution of an issue regarding the size of trees to be planted in front of the Madrona Refuge building, with Charter agreeing to put in a slightly larger-trunked tree at his group's request. The existing tree will be removed because it couldn't be root-pruned sufficiently to allow the sidewalk to meet ADA requirements. Mary Gallway raised the issue about the effect on the canopy as the trees grow larger and reduce the amount of light reaching the sidewalk. She also reported on her inability to create a circuit walk around the Madrona business district that is safe for the very young and the very old. Fran Wood reported that the installation of new, bright lights at the Leschi Overlook has enhanced sidewalk use and reduced undesirable activity.

**BUS 2 RIDERS:** Anne Knight, Jerry Arbes, and Shoshana Driver brought a plan to confront the latest attempt by Metro to move much of the line to Madison. Anne studied the new proposal and found it to be essentially the same as what was proposed two years ago and believes that her group can call upon the same constituents and arguments as were assembled before to fight the change, but this time she proposes a broader strategy that encompasses many routes, not just #2. Routes 8, 12, and 14 will also be severely reduced, eliminating inner city residents' flexibility in getting around. Routes 3 and 4 promise increased frequency to pick up some of the lost service. Anne believes that we need to propose a way that Metro can save money because the cuts are happening, but she would like Madrona to present a united front in asking for cutbacks in frequency but retention of the overall network that serves residents so well, lest it be lost for good. Although votes to increase Metro funding likely won't happen until spring or summer, the County Council and Metro need to act in May, so Anne wants to work with elected officials to put pressure on and educate Metro to understand the importance of routes serving the Central Area. The inner city is more transit-dependent all day and should be evaluated differently from commuter bus services. Anne is starting with Madrona and hoping from there to reach other affected areas. Thanks to Anne's efforts, Metro is now looking at installing a bus-only lane downtown on Spring St. that promises to improve traffic flow without eliminating the whole bus route. Anne would like to get a lot of letters from different rider groups with the same message to Metro and elected officials in early January. Local County Representatives are Gossett, Phillips, and McDermott (and Toms). Gossett is president, and Phillips is chair of transportation. Bill Mahoney suggested that even more important than letters is face time with officials. He suggested asking Council members or their staffs to attend a meeting and have those discussions. Signs, petitions, and meetings with other people are needed. Anyone interested in working on the effort can reach the group at [bus2riders@gmail.com](mailto:bus2riders@gmail.com). MCC will draft a letter with Anne's advice and will put something in the next newsletter (deadline Dec. 9). Susan suggested that the Central Area District Council could also be mobilized.

Next Tuesday from 12 to 2 is a meeting at Union Station to learn about Metro's proposal, which doesn't have as much response time as do the other proposals. There will be no Madrona meeting with Metro, but Anne suggested a community meeting with or without Metro to inform people. Perhaps MCC, Mt. Baker, and Leschi could coordinate a meeting, maybe using the Grace Church for space. We should also put pressure on Seattle Council members Kline, Santos, Pettigrew, and Chop, asking them to urge the County Council to act. Susan will be the point person for drafting the letter, and Barbara advocated sending separate letters to all the political constituencies. MCC's letter will be written to send in January, and everyone can write individual letters as well.

**TREASURER'S REPORT and MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:** Holly summarized Casey's emailed treasurer's report:

Kraus Fund--\$21,425; Checking--\$28,195; Blossoms--\$9,737

Wine Event brought in \$3,256.89; thanks to Kevin for donating glasses and linens.

MCC has received a \$4,000 donation from Peter Mason. Nora Wood's bench was purchased and put in place at a cost of \$500.

- The Kraus fund has reopened applications, and Barbara will re-run the information next month, also available at [www.madrona.us](http://www.madrona.us) or through a link in the newsletter.
- Barbara wants to do a year-in-review and asked that suggestions for inclusion be sent. She would also like a history of Mayfair in order to write about the event. Kim Herber was suggested as a resource.
- Neighborhood awards ceremony will be Saturday, March 22, 2014. Deadline for submissions is March 1 in order to decide at the March 4 meeting.

**GENESIS HOUSE:** Monica Ramsey advised the council that the organization will be selling its property in Madrona and she wanted the community to be first to know about the plan in recognition of the excellent relationship Genesis House has enjoyed with Madrona. The value of the property would better support the group's mission as an endowment because the real estate is uniquely valuable. Genesis might rent it back after the sale for a period of time. Changes in health care will mean changes in treatment of chemical dependency, although no one yet knows what those changes will mean. Washington is the last of all 50 states in treating such dependency, and our population has not been well served, but she looks for change for the better in the future. Because of cultural breakdown and the lack of community, Genesis House is treating fourth generation drug users in some cases, giving a structured, ordered life to its clients, from 12 weeks to adults in age. Stays range from 6 months to one year, but lately have been reduced to 6 months. There is almost no transitional housing available, so that patients just get stabilized and then go into an unstable environment and then back to using. With the several million dollars from the sale of the property, the group could use its endowment to help other organizations focus on chemical dependency.

The property is a full half-block of nine or ten parcels for single-family housing, 360 feet x 100 feet. The buyer could be a home builder or investor or institutional buyer. It could be a park, although the Parks Dept. has been contacted and is not interested in adding a park in Madrona. Genesis board wants to allow plenty of time for potential buyers to emerge, giving a chance to buyers not able to move as quickly as a developer. Ultimately, the decision on a buyer will come down to money offered balanced with responsibility to the neighborhood.

Adjourned at 9 pm

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, secretary