**PRESENT:** Paul Gomez, Bill Mahoney, Anne Wickland, Rob Ward, Barbara Parker, Steve DelVecchio, Kate Sellers, Larry Reid, Anna Telensky, Stacey Kryman, Barney Mansavage, Jay McCrary, Deirdre McCrary

Bill opened the meeting with thanks to all who volunteered and participated to make February's Neighborhood Appreciation Day the success that it was. Mayor Murray will be invited to attend the 40th Mayfair celebration as well.

# EMERALD CITY BIKE RIDE:

Anna Telensky brought information and answered questions regarding the Sunday, April 3 (8:15am to 12:30pm), inaugural event sponsored by Cascade Bicycle Club. It will be a 20-mile ride that will include riding on the new SR 520 bridge and the I-5 Express Lanes (both without cars), starting and ending at UW Husky Stadium with rest stops at Madrona Park and Hing Hay Park and police stationed at street intersections. Participation is open to anyone; tickets are \$50 (or reduced for Cascade Bike Club members) and are available at <u>www.cascade.org</u>.

# MAJOR PROJECTS CHALLENGE FUND GRANT:

Bill distributed a preliminary draft for submission by March 31 if he receives necessary budget information and a firm endorsement of the idea from the Seattle Parks person in control. If Bill receives a decisive answer before that deadline, he will advise the MCC board. If he doesn't receive the needed approval from Parks in time, the board will pursue the plan for next year's distribution of grants.

## **MAYFAIR:**

Barney reports that required permits have been applied for. He suggests steaming the hot dogs in a turkey roaster as a way to prepare them on site within health department regulations, and he has bought two roasters for \$20 each. John Platt suggested that we could rent an electric hot box for about \$50. John's hot box doesn't keep the food at the required temperature. With various activities and services requiring a power supply, access to electrical outlets may need some finessing.

He reports that most sponsors for Mayfair are confirmed, with \$3,500 committed. Stacey will follow up with Aegis to see whether it would like to be a sponsor. Stacey added that Girlie Press will print posters for free, and the Ten-Man Brass Band has loosely committed to lead the parade. She proposed designing tee shirts for the event especially to identify Board members. Bill proposed and Rob seconded that MCC treasury pay for the tee shirts to be printed by Café Press. All favored the motion. Stacey reported that most major events and personnel are lined up: police and fire for the parade, Deano the Clown, Recess Monkey, break dancer, gymnastics, bouncy house, but Rob needs volunteers—especially those willing to oversee the bouncy house —possibly high school or college kids who need service hours or "Wonder Sitters." Barbara will run the list of sponsors and events in the April newsletter.

Regarding the missing tents and access to the shelterhouse, Holly called Masvida but hasn't heard back. MCC needs to buy four replacement tents and likely spread their storage among board members who have space because of the lack of security in the shelterhouse storage.

## BUDGET:

Paul summarized a routine month, with \$1,750 in newsletter ad revenue but a 16-page version of the newsletter, which costs more than the usual 12-page format. Sponsor revenue for Mayfair of \$2,500 has been received, with more coming.

### **READERBOARD:**

Stacey has submitted the request for proposals to all Seattle Public School vendors, and bids are due March 10 at 11am in the school office for opening, review, and selection. She requested designs that match the esthetics of the building and that reflect the charm of the neighborhood. Ability to illuminate and to incorporate artwork is also included. She expects construction to happen in April, with the unveiling to be a part of the 40th Mayfair celebration if construction is complete by then. The office staff will manage the board, and only non-profits (school, MCC, library) will have access.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Kathi Petrotta emailed Bill requesting that the Council consider the disheveled appearance of the two clay pots outside Madrona Deli. Barney will ask the deli owners whether they would take responsibility for improving the appearance of and caring for the pots or, if not, whether they would allow us to enlist volunteers and use some of our funds to plant and maintain the pots. One possibility would be to combine their maintenance with that of the nearby street beds or get the Blossoms caretakers to include the pots in their work.

Bob Edmiston emailed Bill with information regarding an initiative to adopt 20 MPH speed limits for neighborhood streets and reduce arterial speeds to 25 MPH. He requested MCC's endorsement with a letter to the Mayor and City Council before March 31 if we approve the measure. Barbara will put the information he sent into the April newsletter, and we'll decide at the April meeting whether to endorse the measure and send the letter.

Barbara reported that she now has the Carolyn Downs plaque (encased in its cement surround) in her possession. She proposes to ask property owner Brian and construction company Ben Diaz to take responsibility for replacing it into the sidewalk.

Thomas Lee, who is helping with the newsletter calendar, asked Barbara whether he might initiate a sign-up for those interested in receiving a self-maintaining, once-a-month email strictly about local events for the month. MCC will explore the possibilities for and interest in such a service.

Anne Wickland invited neighbors to attend the St. Patrick's Day community meal at Madrona Grace Church on the third Thursday in March at 6pm, featuring a baked potato bar and a beef or vegetable stew.

Adjourned at 8:25

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary