

PRESENT: Holly Smith, Susan Minogue, Barbara Parker, Bill Mahoney, Rob Ward, Barney Mansavage, Dan Sanchez, Casey Losh, Jay and Deirdre McCrary

TREES/SIDEWALKS

Bill reported that a proposal for us is due from Wayne, who will follow up when he receives it. MCC is the fiscal sponsor for the group that won a Sparks grant to replace existing street-side crabapple trees with more appropriate street trees in keeping with the plans for 34th Ave. The group will be added to our insurance and work will begin in November or December.

EVENTS

Kudos to Stacey for a successful Halloween celebration--food, costumes, decorations, and turnout were all great, and children had a good time.

The wine-tasting has reached 66 (out of 100 desired and 200 possible). Susan and Dan will figure out sandwich-board informational posters to be placed at key Madrona intersections on the day of the event to remind people of the new location. All volunteer spots are covered. Holly will check with Aegis about food and their existing glassware, tables, and tablecloths. Susan will check with Stacey and Kevin via email to make sure all needs are covered.

Neighborhood Appreciation Day is set for February 7, 9:30 gathering and 10 AM ceremony. Jerry Arbes has invited Norm Rice to attend this year because he was the Mayor who made the original declaration to begin the program. Barbara showed a sample of the insert she would like to include in the January newsletter. It would offer residents a format for individually and briefly recognizing and thanking people they appreciate without nominating them. Susan suggested including either on the insert or in the article an invitation to submit a line or two stating "What I love about Madrona." Barbara will obtain from Girlie Press the cost of the insert to mollify our frugal treasurer. The December newsletter will call for nominations; decisions in January; ceremony in February.

Bill requested that we delay open solicitation for Kraus funding until March, so that we would solicit applications in February, filter in March, and award in April.

Barbara will see about taking everything off the old "wetpaint" Madrona website and leaving a message on it that directs people to the current site.

The candidate forum put on by three communities in October was deemed successful, despite the small turnout, and will be done again in 2016 when a larger audience can be expected.

By-laws update was postponed because Paul is traveling.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Casey circulated current bank statements. Envelopes for donations to the Madrona Blossoms are included in the latest newsletter. The Blossoms fund is currently inadequate for the required January payment, and the current bank restriction requiring maintaining a \$2500 minimum in savings prevents Casey from moving funds easily to cover such situations. Holly and Casey will ask BoA to relax its rule.

NEW BUSINESS

Susan reported on the recent District Council discussion and vote concerning voting eligibility and possession of by-laws, and our Council agreed on support of inclusion of all members and additional effort being made to involve as many people as possible and enabling them to participate.

Barbara suggested that changes in traffic on 23rd Avenue might require changes on MLK that should involve MCC. Jerry Arbes and Anne Knight have experience and advice to offer on managing such changes, and we agreed to invite them to the December meeting to offer suggestions.

Minister Zimmerly of Madrona Grace Church invited us to meet once in the church's newly remodeled common room as an entrée into opening its use to other community groups. We agreed to meet there one time when their project is finished.

Two ideas to increase diversity and community involvement were offered.

- 1) Bill will meet with Josette (a contact through Jerry Arbes and Anne Knight) to hear her suggestions and ideas.
- 2) Susan and Stacey are discussing possibilities for hosting an event for Black History Month in February--a speaker, book reading, local history, etc.--in conjunction with Madrona School.

NOMINATIONS/ELECTION

Fortunately everyone currently in office agreed to continue for one more year, despite two officers no longer living in Madrona. We nominated and elected Stacey (in absentia) again as VP for events but all agreed that she has a big job and needs an assistant.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary