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Madrona NEWS

Newsletter Of The Madrona Community Council

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From the President.....

The Madrona Community Council had another action packed business meeting in October. We even had some new Madrona residents attend. Again, I encourage all of you to come and participate in our discussions. One of the major areas we will be exploring this year is what are our neighborhood needs and how the Community Council can better serve the neighborhood.

As a first step, we have decided to forego a Home Tour for this year. Instead, we will be exploring new fund raising possibilities which still encourage neighborhood interaction and socializing and provide a benefit to the neighborhood. Our fund raising committee has come up with some excellent new ideas for community projects and programs, such as a series of neighborhood-oriented concerts, benefit dinners, "Trash for Cash" neighborhood cleanup programs, and others. If you would like to help develop the fund raising ideas, or volunteer for one of the projects, please contact me.

We have several other very active committees this year. The history committee has many exciting projects planned. The open space/habitat committee has a number of grant funded projects to complete and the traffic committee is looking for traffic problems and solutions. We can certainly use more community input and volunteers. If you are interested in any of these issues, or others, contact your neighborhood quadrant representative or myself.

Thank you again to all of you who participated in the renovation of the Shelter House in the Madrona Playfield. The dedication ceremony for the "Nora Wood Room" was very enjoyable and very well attended, with over fifty neighborhood residents, as well as City Councilmember Jim Street, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Holly Miller, and Department of Neighborhoods Director, Jim Diers.

We now have a great area for meetings and programs. If you haven't seen the end results, plan to attend the next program meeting of the Madrona Community Council on October 27th when we will be reviewing the draft recommendations from the Central Area Planning Committee.

For the Board,


Jill Gordon

Preschool Craft Sale

The Central Branch Preschool's annual craft sale comes early this year, the week before Thanksgiving. It will include a wide price range in gifts, toys, jewelry, clothing, and food. Many of the participants live in the area and return each year although they sell in catalogs, major craft shows and galleries. Prices are lower and the proceeds benefit the school's scholarship fund. The sale will take place at 2615 Mt. St. Helens Place S., on November 19, 7:30 to 9:30pm, November 20, 10am to 5pm, and November 21, 10am to 5pm.

The Preschool is looking for substitute teachers for mornings and/or afternoons. If you are a teacher or a competent, energetic parent, have some free time and want to earn a little money, please call the school at 723-1187.

Madrona Community Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 27, 1992 7:30PM
Madrona Shelter House, 34th & Spring

Central Area Action Plan

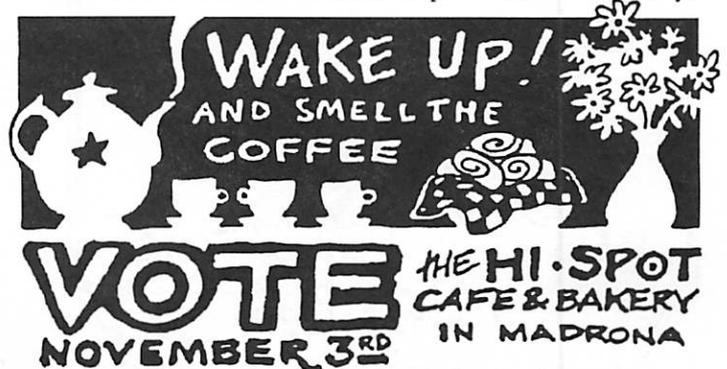
The Central Area Planning Committee was elected at the Central Area Summit last October to develop a Central Area Action Plan to be submitted to Seattle City Council in 1993. At the next meeting of the Madrona Community Council on Tuesday, October 27th at 7:30pm, members of the Central Area Planning Committee have been invited to give an overview of the Land Use Subcommittee's efforts to date. The Planning Committee was selected to represent area residents, business organizations, community councils and community service organizations. The Central Area was broadly defined as the area from 12th Avenue to Lake Washington, and Madison to I-90. The effort has been to promote partnerships and to identify visible projects that can begin to make a difference in the perception of the Central Area, with one of the primary goals being to improve the economic vitality of the community. The overview will be followed by presentations on three projects that are underway in the heart of the Central Area:

Garfield Community Center - A brief presentation will be made about the planning and design process. (For those interested in more in-depth participation, there will be a public meeting to review the proposed design on Wednesday, October 28th at the Garfield Community Center, 23rd and Cherry)

23rd and Jackson - The City has recently initiated the process of lease negotiation for office space for the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Little City Hall at the northwest corner of this intersection. A brief presentation will be made about the status of the project.

23rd and Union - There will be a brief presentation about the development that is in process at the southeast corner of this intersection.

Overall, the meeting on October 27th will be an excellent opportunity to learn about new initiatives that are happening in our broader community. Please note for your calendar that the Central Area Planning Committee will be hosting a Town Meeting on Saturday, November 7, from 8:30am to 1pm at Washington Middle School, 2101 S. Jackson to receive your input and feedback on the planning effort prior to preparing the Draft Action Plan which will be available for public review in January.



Madrona History Project Community History Archive

Madrona's interesting history has been recorded over the years by newspapers, in letters and photographs, on maps, and on tapes. Neighbors are now setting up a system of organization and preservation of these materials so that they will be easily accessible to the community.

Rich Boerner, Betsy Darrah, Barbara McKeon and Nancy Pew have begun to establish guidelines and to sort through materials. Boerner, a professional archivist, will determine broad subject categories which will be further subdivided chronologically.

The archives will be maintained at the Madrona Goldmark Library. Douglass Truth Library will provide storage for unprocessed materials and meeting room space for volunteers.

The committee's first challenge is to archive the clippings, notes and interviews compiled over the years by Nora Wood. Madrona neighbors with documents, letters, photos, etc., of general interest on the history of Madrona are also encouraged to contribute them (or copies) to the Madrona archives. Future findings of other Madrona History Committees will also be added to these materials.

Volunteers are needed to help organize these archives. We need help photocopying, sorting, labeling, and indexing donated materials. If you have lived in this community for years and enjoy exercising your memory, a few hours of your time can contribute to our goal of generating widespread interest in neighborhood history. Call Barbara McKeon (684-4703) to find out how you can volunteer time or contribute materials. Submitted by Kay Gordon (328-1327), History Committee

Remember to Vote

Remember that November 3rd is election day. In addition to the Presidential campaign, there are many important statewide races and local issues, including reconsideration of the Seattle school construction bond issue. Please remember to vote...and invite your neighbor along.

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Letter to the Editor.....

When Neighborliness Goes to the Dogs

With my dog Bruce on the end of his leash, I was out for a morning jog. Along the way, we were joined by a loose dog (not a stray, he had tags). I let him follow us for a few blocks (Plan A). When he showed no sign of turning back, I stopped and faced the pooch, stomped my foot, and commanded loudly — "Go home!" (Plan B). Unbeknownst to me, a neighbor was warming up her car across the street. Thinking I had been yelling at her, she got out of her car and began yelling at me. She was clearly upset, and I did not have a chance to explain the situation to her. The result: I felt badly, I assume she felt badly, and the dog took off no doubt to escape all the yelling that was going on. The interaction with my neighbor did not strike me as a positive one.

As a dog lover and neighbor, I am less concerned with the enforcement of rules (e.g., the leash law, the scoop law) than I am with the souring of neighborly feelings that loose dogs can create. Indeed, several of my neighbors have raised the subject of loose dogs. Their concerns are varied — dog droppings in their yards, dogs growling at them as they walk through the neighborhood, dogs approaching children in their yards and on the way to school, dogs chasing cats in their own yards, dogs initiating fights with leashed dogs, — and others. Even the most wonderful canine specimen poses a quandary when on the loose. One feels protective of the dog (Is it lost? Will it be hit by a car?), yet one is aware of the potential threat of the dog (Will it bite my child?). In the end, my neighbors' comments indicate their annoyance with loose dogs and their owners/our neighbors. The situation seems unfortunate and avoidable. If a dog must be left outside unattended, wouldn't a fenced yard or backyard dog run be a good solution, or at least a tether to keep the dog from running loose in the neighborhood? The next time I see my neighbor warming up her car, I hope we'll be able to exchange a neighborly "Good Morning!"

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Neighborhood Sign Project

The Madrona Community Council has received a matching grant from the Department of Neighborhoods to implement a neighborhood identity and information project. As part of the project the Community Council will develop portable community information signs, a community information bulletin board and neighborhood identity signs. The identity signs will be placed at five prominent locations on the edges of the neighborhood in order to welcome visitors to Madrona. Two possible designs have been developed for the neighborhood identity signs, which are shown here. The first is with a graphical representation of the four animals in the "Peaceable Kingdom" sculpture located at the Madrona Goldmark Library. The second includes a sketch of two of the animals from the sculpture. The signs will be approximately 3 feet square, with white paint on a green background. We would like your input on which design you prefer. Please send your comments to Jerry Arbes, 1122 36th Avenue, or call 329-9329, fax 329-0466, or come to the October 27th program meeting and let us know what you think.



Traffic Calming

In an effort to identify traffic problems in the neighborhood and to explore possible solutions, an Ad Hoc Committee on Traffic Calming is being formed in Madrona. For more information or to volunteer, please call Karla at 323-3078.

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Neighborhood Pay Phones

In an effort to reduce or eliminate some of the illegal activity at the corner of 34th and Union, Group Health removed the outdoor pay phone last summer from the corner of their parking lot. The Hi-Spot has installed a pay phone inside the cafe and invites residents to come in and use it. The pay phone must receive a certain amount of use or the phone company will remove it.

Autumn Art Adventures Continue

A new session of art classes for children will be offered during the month of November at the Madrona Shelter House. On Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am, an art playgroup is offered for children, ages 2+ - 5 years. After school art classes are offered on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30pm for elementary school age kids, beginning November 4th. Creative enjoyment is the focus for these mixed media classes, taught by local artist and teacher, Lynn Brevig. The classes are provided at reasonable rates and some scholarships are available from the Madrona Community Council for children who are unable to pay the fees. Please call Lynn at 528-0186 for information.



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Community Calendar

☛ **October 27** Madrona Community Council Program Meeting. 7:30pm, Nora Wood Room, Madrona Shelter House, 34th and Spring. Area residents are encouraged to attend to review Central Area Planning efforts to date and proposed Central Area development projects

☛ **October 28** Public Design Workshop for the New Garfield Community Center. 7:00pm, Garfield Community Center, 428 23rd Avenue. Everyone is encourage to attend this important meeting to review the preliminary design for the new Parks Department community center which is planned for the corner of 23rd and Cherry. This is your opportunity to comment on the design progress to date and to ensure that your concerns are being heard.

☛ **November 3** Election Day, polls open from 7am to 8pm.

☛ **November 4** City Council Budget Hearings. 7:00pm, Council Chambers, 11th Floor Municipal Bldg. Council Budget Committee will take public testimony on 1993 City budget. Additional hearing scheduled for November 6 at 9:00am.

☛ **November 7** Town Meeting on the Central Area Planning Effort. 8:30am-1:00pm, Washington Middle School, 2101 S. Jackson. The Central Area Planning Committee will host a town meeting to present their work to date and will be seeking your feedback and ideas on the future direction of the Central Area.

☛ **November 10** Madrona Community Council Working Meeting. 7:30pm, Nora Wood Room, Madrona Shelter House, 34th and Spring. Everyone welcome.

☛ **November 14** Design Charrette on Promenade 23. A community design exercise will take place to explore the opportunities presented by the mixed-use development proposed for 23rd and Jackson. Call Denice Hunt, 684-0212, for details.

Madrona Community Council

Working Meeting Tuesday October 6, 1992

Highlights (see related articles)

The board heard the budget committee's report and after discussion moved to adopt the tentative budget pending final figures from last year and a final budget for this year. The treasurer, Sonja Griffin, will prepare a final budget for next meeting.

The Board heard the Shelter House Committee's recommendations on the use and management of the shelter house. The board voted to pursue insurance matters and details of a City contract for leasing the space from the Department of Parks and Recreation. The shelter house committee will further explore options and report back.

The neighborhood sign committee presented a recommendation for the design of the "Madrona Welcomes You" signs. After much discussion the board decided to solicit additional neighborhood input. Those attending the October program will be asked to vote on their preferred design (see related article). The committee called for volunteers to work on the preparation of the neighborhood bulletin board.

Lynn Brevig has filled most of the openings for the children's art classes. In exchange for the use of the shelter house, scholarships will be provided to several local children who may have difficulty paying the class fee. Marty and Jill will solicit suggestions of children to fill the scholarship slots.

The October program meeting of the Community Council will include a discussion of the Central Area Planning Committee's work to date, the preliminary design for the new Garfield Community Center, and other Central Area Development projects.

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Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the meetings of the Community Council which are held the first Tuesday (Working Meeting) and the last Tuesday (Program Meeting) of the month at 7:30 in the Shelter House at the Madrona Playfield. Please call your neighborhood representatives if you have questions or would like to become involved in the Community Council.

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