

MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 5 June 2012

PRESENT: Holly Smith, Marty Liebowitz, Susan Minogue, John Lahti, Bill Mahoney, Nikki Lundin, Karin Richard, Stacey Kryman, Rob Ward, Liz Ohlson, Marie Doyle, Ouida James, Larry Reid, Kevin O'Doherty, Barney Mansavage, Kim Herber, Jason Cook, Deirdre McCrary

Holly opened the meeting by acknowledging everyone's sadness at the passing of neighbor, Justin Ferrari, and suggested holding off on discussion of issues related to his death until later in the meeting.

MAYFAIR RECAP: Stacey summarized this year's Mayfair--self-funded, perfect weather, well-attended (Bill suggested possibly 800 in attendance in the morning), lots of hot dogs and pizza sold, 60 to 70 attending pancake breakfast, ponies arrived on time, Charles the Clown was captivating, reptile man had a good crowd despite a few leery onlookers. She said that, though the concert had perhaps 100 attending, it was expensive for the amount of participation, and the kids were burned out by noon. Stacey was not sure about the business owners' reaction to the new format, but the sponsors seemed happy, and Nina reported doing about \$2,000 in business that day. Next year we'll need another person to help Mazvita run the bouncy house. Nikki suggested using older kids needing service hours as volunteer help next year, and enlist them early. Stacey wants to scrap the tee shirt printing next year in favor of a banner with the advertising logos. The success of the individual vendors--lemonade stand and jewelery--suggests that allowing individual participation and asking for a donation from their profits is a good idea, both a way to help MCC and to help kids learn about business enterprise and contributing

to community. Feedback from Madrona Moms indicated that many loved it, but many would have preferred the event to be smaller, as it was in its early days. One way to address that concern would be to have a more intimate and strictly neighborhood event like a BBQ at a different time.

MARIE DOYLE REPORTED ON AN IDEA FOR NEIGHBORHOOD TEE SHIRTS:

She would like to celebrate and advertise the neighborhood and make money for the council by creating an inventory of neighborhood tee shirts that could be sold at local stores and at neighborhood events. She has done quite a bit of groundwork, including enlisting local designer, Kyle Shepherd, to work the peaceable kingdom logo and the name into a design. The design symbolizes the history and attitude that Madrona would like to promote. Marie sought to know interest and possible seed money available if she were to pursue the idea. The Council members liked the idea but feared that the coffers weren't stable enough to provide funding, so she generously agreed to add start-up costs to what we owe her already. She will survey cost and interest as well as demand for various sizes including onesies. The shirts would be great to have onhand for Mayfair; they could be sold through the MCC website/Paypal as well. Marie will approach business owners about carrying them to sell. She will prepare a survey that can be offered as a link in the next email announcement to the GoogleGroup.

MADRONA K-8 WORK PARTY: Susan has made arrangements for the painting party to happen on Saturday, August 4, starting fairly early in the morning. Sign up with

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Susan to come on that day and paint. Although it is Seafair weekend, she is counting on a good number from the Council to participate.

CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL: Susan brought news of the Juneteenth celebration happening on June 8 (starting at noon), 9, 10 at Pratt Park. Sunday, June 10, will be Church in the Park. Juneteenth began in 1865 when slavery was finally ended in the last hold-out state, Texas, and General Lee surrendered. Susan is urging each representative of the Central Area Council to share what is going on in his/her own region as a way of avoiding duplication and of helping to make connections among neighbors. Madrona residents can take issues to the larger council themselves or send them through Susan. Susan also announced that, according to an email from Melissa Cate-Christ, the wading pool at Powell Barnett will be open on Saturdays this summer, thanks to its having received funding through Ask.com because it was one of the best attended and most requested ideas.

MCC BUSINESS: A newsletter copy editor and a calendar person are needed to help Barbara. No one has volunteered, so we need to recruit help by asking around. Kim will find or make up a job description and Jason will post it on the website. Bill reported that we are now mostly caught up with Thank yous, so that it should now be easier to keep up. Most donations come in around Christmas and Mayfair.

There will be an informal summer council meeting in order to keep up the momentum of the year's work, past and future. It could be the same week as the school painting party. Tuesday, July 31, was suggested. We'll decide by email.

COMMUNITY-BUILDING: Holly opened the discussion by asking what brought non- Council members to the meeting.

Marie Doyle spoke about working with Garfield students and parents to build a tighter community. One avenue is Alleycat Acres, a community garden similar to Green Plate Special, in which local people help out every Monday night with the work and then share in the harvest. The location is a lot, leased long-term for a minimal charge by an absentee landlord, next to the church on the north side of Cherry. The church sells them water, and the students do the work. Marie suggested naming it Peace Garden in honor of Tyrone Love and Justin Ferrari. Marie is looking for additional interest and someone to help build a sculpture for the garden. Garfield students receive service hours for their work there. Coyote was suggested as a resource for sculpture ideas and building.

Karin mentioned a neighbor who is trying to get the city to bring in more safety and land- use changes; Marty suggested that land-use ideas and changes need to be public so that all can evaluate and participate in such changes--i.e., the neighbor wanted to change the zoning on the block where Alleycat Gardens is. MLK is single family north of King's Deli. Someone offered criticism that Judkins improvements didn't go as far as the City says they did.

Marty reported that Fetch Doggie Day Care is moving to the space previously occupied by *The Facts*. Fetch bought the property and is currently remodeling.

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After the special meeting last week at Garfield CC, the YWCA put out a list of opportunities for volunteering with schools and local organizations. Bill reported from the Garfield meeting that the ideas offered that evening by the

police were much the same as were presented at our meeting--know neighbors and what's going on, call 911 whenever you see anything suspicious, etc. Some present found the idea of our promoting or funding lights and video-cams would be an effective response. Marty urged the Council to move slowly and thoughtfully and suggested that cams seem like a good start. Ouida suggested that the Council could create a new problem by acting too hastily. She urged listening and remaining calm, setting the stage for using the Council as a vehicle for listening to the community. She suggested that the harder work is less tangible. We shouldn't grip too firmly the specific loss and lose sight of the deeper issues. Stacey talked about the underlying causes of these incidents--education, poverty. She suggested we work in small, structured ways to spread information and connect. We need to make the Council a diversely representative group. Karin said we each need to go outside ourselves to make these friendships, actions that will be uncomfortable at first. Larry suggested creating an award for Justin similar to that for Tyrone Love. Bill pointed out the inevitable push-back from citizens who object to surveillance. Marie reiterated the suggestions made by Bruce Harrell and the Mayor at the Garfield meeting to pressure Olympia as individuals and Council to close gun-sale loopholes. Others believed that the gun issue is too divisive for the Council to touch, but a letter from the Council regarding cameras would be acceptable. A note of condolence to Justin's family seemed like a good idea. Jason, a friend of the family, felt that such a note would be appropriate; otherwise the family is feeling overwhelmed right now. Jason will write the letter, and Holly will sign it on behalf of the Council. He also suggested offering an award for some environmentally related accomplishment to honor Justin's conscientious

environmentalism.

Beyond the newsletter and neighbor-to-neighbor, other ways to connect are schools, which are diverse communities, volunteer fair, fund drive specifically for school uniforms (Kevin is currently working on that idea). We came up with a community response in the form of a one-page summer bulletin that will link people who aren't aware of ways to help and get involved with agencies that need volunteers. Stacey will publish it. Marie will put together the wording. Speed seemed important to capture the momentum, possibly publishing during the week of the garage sale?

STREET TREES: Kevin reports that nothing has gone forward since the last meeting, and the last half-block will be finished, but nothing more will be done in the near future, except for one more tree in the 600 block that Liz Ellis wants taken care of soon. Someone has nominated our tree canopy as a historic landmark in order to slow the changes. Larry Reid is interested in the tree issue.

Adjourned at 9:05 Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary

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