

MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL, MAY 3, 2016

PRESENT: Denise Ryan, Stacey Kryman, Bill Mahoney, Barney Mansavage, Anne Wickland, Mary Gallway, Paul Gomez, Didi Burpee, Sharon Safarik, Ly Tran, Viren Kamdar, Jay McCrary, Deirdre McCrary

BIKE WORKS:

Didi Burpee described her positive experience with the Columbia City Bike Works program, which collects bikes and bike parts and uses them to introduce children and adults to the operation and maintenance of bicycles as a way to recycle bicycles and build community. She will coordinate with MCC to announce the program for the day of the garage sale, June 18. Bill will email Rob to add Bike Works information to the garage sale. Requests for other bike paraphernalia like helmets, plus leftover soccer balls, will be included in the drive. Didi will coordinate with Bike Works and will also check on the organization's 501C3 status.

MAYFAIR:

Stacey provided updates on the May 14 event. Rob will buy hot dogs and water closer to the date of the sale, and volunteer slots are filled. Barney has taken care of the cooking paraphernalia. Stacey is still not certain about Central Pizza's participation, which will affect Rob's purchase of hot dogs. Permits are coming. Bill has bought two double-wide tents (20 x 10), and Rob bought one 10 x 10. Barney and Deirdre will bring fire extinguishers to have on hand to meet regulations. Stacey provided lanyards for Board members to wear. Rock, Paper, Scissors owner will sponsor a photo booth, this time in a more inclusive location, to print commemorative photos. Deano the Clown double-booked and so is not coming, but there will be high school circus performers. Seattle Public Library can't participate this year because of staffing problems. The Mayor will not be present.

READER BOARD:

Stacey reported that the completion of the reader board will be delayed by about a week because of staffing problems and therefore won't be ready for Mayfair. However, there will be tile painting at Mayfair for neighborhood children to add their own tile to the structure.

EVENTS:

Bill reiterated the request for volunteers to take over individual events from Stacey, who has been coordinating all events. Rob will help Amy Summers with the garage sale this year and then hand it off to her. Viren Kamdar will organize the summer concerts in August, and John Keeley will provide a sound system. Stacey reported little difficulty in finding a diversity of groups willing to perform, and Viren knows of some as well.

BUDGET:

Paul reported that Bill, Stacey, and Rob will be reimbursed for Mayfair expenses, and he will be reimbursed for costs related to filing taxes and mailing. We took in \$1,200 from ads, but outflow from Mayfair and the newsletter, plus reader board support, created a \$1,200 deficit. Mayfair currently has about a \$1,000 shortfall, but we hope to break even through donations at the event. Paul reminded those viewing the circulated statements that our accounts include a year's reserve of expenses as well as separate funds for the playfield, blossoms, and Kraus.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill asked the company that provides "Pianos in the Parks" to consider Madrona Park, but the company has a new approach this year that involves only high-traffic parks, and ours doesn't qualify.

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Susan Minogue, our representative on the Central Council, asked us to support a request to keep neighborhood pools at Peppi's Park and Powell Barnett filled during the summer months. There were no objections to supporting the request.

Esther Ervine of the James Washington Foundation asked MCC to write a letter of support to keep the fountain at its present location and give it historic status. Leschi Community Council and Barbara Parker are working together to try to acquire the status of historic preservation for the fountain and asked that we support their effort. Paul moved and Denise seconded supporting the acquisition of historic preservation for the fountain. All favored.

Sharon Safarik, Vice President of Madrona PK8 PTA, described efforts to re-design and improve the school's aging playground and garden to make them more open and inviting for both the school children and the community. They will be applying for grants for the various phases of the improvement and need community support to acquire the grants. The design would feature pedestrian gates with signs and art, and the school surroundings would look less like a prison yard and more like a welcoming greenspace. The school administration supports the changes, and the PTSA is raising funds by reaching out to the Council, neighbors, and small business owners to be part of the processes of design and building.

Bill reported on the plans for Madrona Playfield and Playground renovation. Replacing the grass with turf would cost approximately \$12/square foot, or \$600,000 for the whole field, requiring the financial involvement of large companies to raise the funds. Pam Kliment and another representative from Seattle Parks will meet with Bill to survey the situation before the next MCC meeting, at which neighbors can comment.

Bill will meet with the Garfield Community Center manager to try to come to an agreement about access, security, and use of the key to the shelter house.

Denise Ryan presented her findings regarding development of a community block watch to address what seems to be increasing numbers of crimes against property. She offered to be the coordinator to bring smaller block watches together to cover the larger area of Madrona. To that end Bill will put Denise in touch with Randy Apsel, who has established one watch around 38th Avenue, and offered use of the shelter house for a larger meeting of interested neighbors. He also suggested using the city-wide Neighborhood Night Out as an opportunity to coordinate the effort. Bill will coordinate with Denise to plan something for July or August when MCC doesn't meet. He will also make the various forms provided by SPD and circulated among attendees available on the MCC website.

Anne reported that Madrona Grace is no longer doing community dinners but is still trying to get the CSA called Farmigo, which requires that 15 people sign up and which would benefit Julia's Place, to succeed.

Adjourned at 8:30

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary