

## MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES, May 5, 2015

**PRESENT for the meeting in Grace Church, Madrona Commons:** Bill Mahoney, Wayne Duncan, Dan Sanchez, Anne Knight, Jerry Arbes, Susan Minogue, Mary Gallway, Barbara Parker, Paul Gomez, Brian from Seattle Grace, Rob Ward, Jay and Deirdre McCrary  
Liz Sheldon, Darren Morgan, Barbara Gray, Maria, and Jack from SDOT; Amalia from SvR Design Co.

### **FINAL OPERATIONS PLAN FOR TREES AND SIDEWALKS:**

Amalia, consultant from SvR Design Co., as well as Liz and Darren from SDOT, presented the plan, which is now finalized and available on the SDOT website. Only work on the east side of the 900 block is currently funded and will begin within the next fiscal quarter, probably late summer. Because of bus schedules, work will be done on weekends. Sidewalks will be 4-feet in width, shortening the crossing distance, and all existing trees in that section will be retained unless they find otherwise during the construction. The tree bulb will be placed at the corner because of residents' concerns about parking. The estimated cost for the work on the block is \$90,000. SDOT has sufficient funding for only 20 to 30 sidewalks per year in the entire city. The fact that we now have a plan should help to leverage funding for the remaining work needed, and the current levy includes an increase in funding for sidewalks. SDOT is updating its standards manual to incorporate new ideas for private and city projects based upon what they have learned from this study. SDOT has been evaluating alternative sidewalk materials installed for testing 5 to 10 years ago, and they look good. One result of the project is improved communication between engineers and arborists. The city maintains a database of all trees, including those required to be installed by developers. Citizens are invited to report dead trees to the department for eventual replacement by the city, though not those put in by developers. Bill and Wayne thanked SDOT for bearing with us through this process, and all agreed that the results are positive for Madrona, the department, and the city. Two copies of the printed plan and research will be available at Goldmark Library.

### **BRT PLAN AND ITS EFFECTS ON MADRONA:**

Representatives from SDOT talked about the Mayor's Move Seattle levy of \$900+ million for improvements in transit, walking, biking, and freight. The Madison corridor is one of five identified as high-capacity and one that investment could significantly improve. The representatives assured the audience that Route 2 will not suffer from changes on Madison routes and that SDOT is investing in the #2 with increased service hours and peak-hour fixes. Some hours will be cut from the #11 and #12 in order to add service to the Madison corridor, but they see an overall increase in service. Those interested in the details of the plans are encouraged to attend the May 6 open house at Seattle Academy or take the online survey, for which Liz will send a link to Bill to share.

Bike lanes are not feasible on Madison, so parallel protected bike lanes are planned on Union. SDOT is looking for feedback on people's preferences regarding the alternative ways the lanes can be established. The issue of what the Madrona attendees believe to be SDOT's favoring of north/south routes over east/west travel and the agency's failure to mitigate the impact on east/west travel that will be caused by planned changes

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was brought up by various audience members. The cost of BRT is projected to be \$98 to \$120 million; it will run from the waterfront to MLK or 23rd, about 2 miles with 8 or 9 stops. The plan is funded only through the design phase, and federal transit grants will be needed for implementation. If the levy passes, we can expect opening in 2019. Information is online at [www.seattle.gov/transportation/madisonbrt.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/madisonbrt.htm).

### **MAYFAIR:**

Posters are available in the shelterhouse for volunteers to put up locally. Rob could use additional volunteers willing to show up at 8am to put up tents and stay after the event to clean up. Some clean-up can begin during the concert starting at 12. There was some discussion regarding an investment in quick-mount tents available for around \$100 at Costco. Dan offered to investigate whether Parks has such tents and would let us use them for free. We might include the cost of new tents in the June application for a Small Sparks grant for the concert series. The bouncy house is short on volunteers; Rob suggests a local teen. The bake sale is running its own show and getting its own volunteers. Permits are . . . coming.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES:**

The garage sale will be June 20. Maps and distribution are a hassle, so Rob will ask that visitors pick them up at a central location, likely Verité, as well as at the homes of the various participants. Rob includes the map in his online advertising. Fee will be \$25, payable through Paypal. The sale is thought to be a community service rather than a money-maker. Barbara will send Rob a copy of last year's newsletter article to be updated for publication in the June newsletter.

Barbara has lined up a designer who offered to shadow Susan and learn the process of putting together the newsletter.

Paul circulated current budget documents. All Mayfair sponsors have paid.

Barbara reported that Madeline Crowley is planning a book comprising her interviews, now posted on a Central District blog, of a diverse variety of residents of the CD. Madeline would like to be nominated for a Mayor's Award for cultural preservation of our local heritage (strictly "atta girl") because she believes the endorsement would help her in seeking funding for the publication of her book. Paul moved and Dan seconded nominating Madeline Crowley for the Mayor's Award. All present agreed. Barbara will send it.

Anne Knight offered a follow-up regarding her draft letter to Mayor Murray about moving bus routes. Because of various delays and re-drafts, she believes it is now too late to affect the mayor's proposal, and Bill said that without knowing what the proposal is, we can't commit now to a plan or letter about the effects of the proposal on the neighborhood.

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Bill summarized the ongoing discussion on nextdoormadrona regarding drug activity in Powell Barnett Park. He suggested that the increased police attention to illegal activity in that park could drive the drug activity to other nearby parks.

Adjourned at 9:15.

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary