

Madrona Community Council:

September 10, 2013 meeting notes

In attendance:

Holly Smith, Barbara Parker, Kevin O'Brien, Nikki Lundin, Stacey Kryman, Casey Losh, Rob Ward, Rich Appleton, Mary Galloway, Joan Rettman

Items from the community:

Joan Rettman, from Aegis (Madison&22nd, a retirement resident (assisted) community) introduced here community to the MCC and talked about their new building and upcoming outreach activities they have planned (i.e., Yo-Yo competition on the 27th, etc.). Construction is expected to be completed in early Nov, after which tours will start (virtual tours are available now).

Rich Appleton, representing Nora's Woods (720 29TH Ave) wants to replace a rotting bench in the park with matching grant from Microsoft. To utilize the MCC's 501c3#, he will work with Casey and Jason to establish the line-item within our budget.

Mary Galloway requested for (1) the council to write a letter to Metro to restore bench at the 33rd/Union bus stop [Holly volunteered that either he or Susan will follow-up with Metro]; (2) the council write a letter to Parks to return the "do not play in the woods" signs (probably removed when Parks cleaned up the brush and invasive plants) to the wooded area between the shelter house and 34th. [Stacey volunteered to contact Gary at Parks.]

Agenda items:

1. New Board Member:

Paul Gomez was voted to member of the MCC Board – congratulations.

2. Halloween in Madrona

The annual gathering at the shelter house and trick-or-treating at the Madrona businesses will take place on October 31ST, from 4:30-6:30pm. Stacey is following-up with John (St. Cloud's), Soni (Bottlehouse), and Susan (MK-8) to confirm the scavenger hunt will be occurring throughout the neighborhood, as well.

3. Wine tasting/fundraiser

The annual MCC wine tasting at Glassybaby (3406 E. Union St) is scheduled for November 2nd, from 6:00-8:30pm. To date, 16 tickets have sold (including 5 Glassybaby candles!). Leschi market has announced the event in their newsletter, and is working with a wine importer to provide light appetizers. Kevin will sponsor the linens/glassware, tables, etc., but we discussed the possibility of opening this up as a sponsorship opportunity in the future. Joan Rettman (Aegis) said they'd be interested in participating (sponsor?, food donation?) as well.

3. Newsletter advertising

A discussion of the availability of space in the MCC newsletter to promote MCC sponsored activities was held. Barbara/Casey emphasized that it's important to keep the issue to 12pgs, and not have more ads than articles. Rather than writing articles about both the wine tasting/fundraiser and the holiday wreath sale, Stacey and Kevin will design a graphic to use instead. In the future, we should keep these issues in mind for the newsletter published during the month of a major MCC-sponsored event.

4. Holiday decorations/banners

It is MCC's understanding the Soni (and additional members of BOOM) will be taking care of the holiday decorations.

5. Renovations of shelter house

Stacey friend (a designer/decorator) worked up some design concepts for the shelter house (e.g., .enlarged historical picture for fireplace, cushions

for bench, paint schemes (magnetic blackboard paint?), window treatments, new light fixtures, etc. Parks has been contacted, and Casey will contact the treasurer of the park renovation account to see if we can access those funds for this purpose. Once everything is approved, MCC will organize work-groups to prep, paint and install new light fixtures.

6. MCC officer elections

Elections will be held at the Nov mtg.

7. Wreath Sale/Fundraiser

Kevin has coordinated the wreath sale/fundraiser again. Wreaths will be sold for \$30, with \$10 coming to the MCC. We had discussed previously that the proceeds would go to support MK-8. Susan will check to confirm that they're still interested and would like a donation for their library. We decided to purchase an additional 10 wreaths to see on the pick-up day, December 7TH (Amara parking lot), which is the same day as the "Merry in Madrona" event. Kevin will look for additional opportunities to sell wreaths in the surrounding neighborhoods, especially Madison Park.

8. Mayoral candidate event

We are co-sponsoring a meet-the-candidate night with the Leschi and Mt. Baker community councils. The date is still being worked out. The event will be held at Mt. Baker community center.

9. Other items

- Bill will follow-up on the status of the Kraus Fund and the possibility of adding a turf field to Madrona park.
- There were no updates on the new location for the post office.
- Nickelsville was supposed to have moved to 22nd/Union, but there's no sign of an encampment.
- If there's community news, be sure to let Barbara know so she can add it to the newsletter.