

MCC, 5 January 2016

**PRESENT:** David Thacker, Winky McCoy, Barbara Parker, Mary Gallway, Anne Wickland (Madrona Grace), Denise Ryan, Stacey Kryman, Rob Ward, Barney Mansavage, Holly Smith, Paul Gomez, Peter Stewart, Susan Minogue, Bill Mahoney, Deirdre McCrary

**34TH AVENUE UPDATE:**

After learning that, according to the 2012 study by SDOT, 34th doesn't meet the criteria for mitigation of speeding, Bill inquired about the addition of a bike lane on the street and found that there would be no lane for at least five years. About a dozen neighbors have expressed a desire to slow traffic on that arterial, and a new study can't be done for at least five years without significant change—on the order of an Amazon building going in—so probably crossing flags that MCC either buys or makes are the only remaining option, since adjacent neighbors would likely be as unhappy with a flashing light as they are with speeders. Winky McCoy wondered whether a raised crosswalk might still be added to the existing proposal for the already torn-up section of street from Union to Cherry. Rob or Bill will inquire about the change from our SDOT representative, Maria. Susan wondered whether we might receive some additional help in the form of signs as a result of the re-routing occurring from work on 23rd. She will seek information, and Bill will advise those concerned neighbors who have emailed him where we stand now.

**MADRONA MAYFAIR:**

The date is May 14 for the 40th anniversary Mayfair. Stacey has booked Recess Monkeys and will get either the Ten Men Brass Band or Blue Thunder (Barney and Holly will follow up regarding Blue Thunder) to lead the parade. Other suggestions are a library display of historic photos, logo-embossed tote bags and coffee cups to sell, a candy machine, a kid-craft to take home for Mother's Day, and a piece of public participatory art. The public art banner (cost \$500 to \$1,000) could be covered by a small and simple grant, a sponsorship, or possibly the park fund. Another possibility would be to have it designed by Coyote Central (Barbara will call Mary Beth Saterlee about doing the design). Barney will take care of sponsors; Paul will secure the insurance. We might send invitations to the Mayor and our City and County Council representatives, especially if the **reader board** is complete and ready for a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Anne reported that Madrona Grace will send several volunteers to help.

**PLAYFIELD AND STAGE PROJECT:**

The project is in limbo, awaiting both Parks and designer action, and has incurred no expenses yet. We discussed whether to continue waiting (it has been a year) or whether to give the playground some needed maintenance with the funds. Plantings and lighting need revision, and such a project could bring neighbors together and answer why we are always asking for money.

Another idea is to add a Gaga ball pit, about which Bill is waiting to hear from Jon Martin from Parks.

Casey would like to pursue the idea of replacing the grassy field with turf. If the city would allow us to replace the grass, we could use such a project as a target for raising funds. Madrona K8's principal would also like to see turf on the field, so that MCC could make the effort in partnership with the school. One issue will be the current use of the grass for people running their dogs.

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**MISSING CAROLYN DOWNS PLACARD:**

Kim Herber sent the missing information about design and production of the original. Brian Lester, who owns the Pritty Boys building, hired the contractor, Ben Diaz, who removed the plaque. During the long delays caused by tree placement, etc., the plaque disappeared, and perhaps Mr. Lester would pay for its replacement. Rob and Bill will follow up with Mr. Lester.

**EXPANDING NEIGHBOR INVOLVEMENT IN MCC:**

Since there were no responses to Bill's request for ideas in the newsletter, he offered a few himself:

One idea would be to assign leadership of the various events to several people, one person per event. If others are in charge of projects, there will be more interaction.

Another idea is to hold a welcoming meeting with appetizers at Madrona Arms. Bill will arrange a specific month with Marcus, Madrona Arms manager.

The Council has some immediate needs—a website manager and a newsletter editor.

Denise suggested ways to launch a campaign to help grow the community by involving realtors, businesses, doctors, etc.

**BUDGET:**

Paul distributed the statements and reported strong donations for December, including a generous \$5,000 donation, giving us a profit of about \$8,000 for the year. Annual operating expenses are \$29,000, and he holds that amount in checking to insure solvency. Our sponsored events broke even; the newsletter was self-funding with a bit of extra revenue from advertising, and the wine event has a profit of over \$800. Blossoms, now managed by Chris Kollas, has raised enough money to pre-pay for the 2016 baskets.

**JAMES WASHINGTON SCULPTURE AT 23RD AND UNION:**

Barbara wondered whether it might be removed from the Bangasser property and re-installed in Al Larkins Park. Barbara will talk with Esther Irvine about moving it.

**CIRCLE GARDEN AT 32ND & SPRING:**

Mary and a successor have been maintaining it, but a replacement caretaker is needed. Denise will check with adjacent neighbors about re-planting and maintaining.

**STREET QUALITY IN MADRONA:**

Someone living on Newport expressed unhappiness with the condition of streets in Madrona but declined to be the point person on it. Susan described a fund instituted for low-priority items that never get funded, the Street and Park Fund. She said the work currently happening on a block of Spring Street resulted from a grant from that fund.

**MADRONA GRACE CHURCH COMMON TABLE:**

Anne described the next two common table dinners: one on January 21 at 6 pm, coinciding with Martin Luther King Day, will feature soul food and discuss with Christian overtone the civil rights movement and issues of social justice; the second, on the third Thursday in February, will offer legitimate Italian food and feature a pastor from Italy.

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**PARK LIGHTS FOR HOLIDAYS:**

Denise wondered about the feasibility of adding holiday lighting. She suggested inviting Jon Martin from Parks to a meeting to explore various ideas for the park/playfield.

**NEWSLETTER DESIGN:**

We agreed to reimburse the new newsletter designer \$300 for her purchase of needed Adobe software for her work. Barbara will give the invoice to Paul.

**NEIGHBORHOOD APPRECIATION DAY:**

Nora Award: Holly Smith

Local Hero Award: Musa Jatta, Madrona mailman

Local Hero Award: Peter Mason

Tyrone Love Award: Susan Steele

Good Neighbor Award: Madrona Sally Goldmark Library and Staff

Adjourned at 9:10

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary