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PRESENT: Holly Smith, Barbara Parker, Kate Sellers, Steve DeVecchio, Bill Mahoney, Mary Gallway, Barney Mansavage, Paul Gomez, Anne Wickland, Rob Ward, Esther Ervine, Sheryl Allen, Stacey Kryman, Susan Minogue, Jodi Arnold, Larry Reid, Deirdre and Jay McCrary

WASHINGTON FOUNTAIN:

Esther Ervine, Director of the James and Janie Washington Foundation, reported on what she knows so far about the fate of the fountain/sculpture on the southeast corner of 23rd and Union. It is owned by the Bangasser family, owner of the surrounding property, and is unfinished, with some tiles yet to be installed, and is in disrepair. Ms. Ervine said that ultimately it would be best for the fountain to remain where it currently sits, but the suggestion to move it to Al Larkins Park in Madrona could be considered if removal is necessary. The fountain is not yet on the City Arts rosters because it is privately owned, and the property, though up for sale, has not yet been sold. She will know more after February 18 and will let Barbara know what she learns about the fountain from the Bangassers. She suggested MCC draft a letter of support for its preservation in case it is needed, and she will write an article about the Foundation's need for volunteers for our newsletter.

NEIGHBORHOOD APPRECIATION:

Because the city-wide event overlaps with school vacation, our event will happen on Saturday, February 6 in Madrona K8 library; doors open at 9am for set-up, conversation and food and drink at 9:30, awards begin at 10. Mayor Murray will attend and give opening remarks (or Bill will adjust). Bill has the schedule and certificates and will get the list of past winners from Barbara for printing. Bill will take care of beverages for 50 (coffee from Mary at Cupcake Royale). Susan will post the event on Madrona Moms. Someone (Susan?) will get pastries from Cherry St. Bakery.

MAYFAIR:

Permitting—Barney is working on permits. He suggests that food handlers get a one-day city permit. He intends to take the easy online class for \$10 and suggests that a few others do so as well. The permit is good for two years. He will check with the two restaurants involved regarding the potential presence of a health inspector after Stacey formally invites St. Cloud's and Central Pizza to participate. Barney is working on strategies for maintaining required temperature for hot food and for hand-washing.

Event—Stacey reviewed the attractions she has booked:

- Deano the Clown will kick off the parade and stay for the whole event with games
- Reptile Man scheduled for 10:30
- Ponies
- Bouncy House
- Balloons
- Library
- Madrona K8 Auction
- Cotton Candy
- Recess Monkeys band
- Sponsor Cambium is doing Pots for Tots

Other possibilities are a dog parade along with the kids (possible objection—no dogs in the park), tee shirts, mugs, or tote bags printed with 40th anniversary logo for sale (possible objection—if we sell things we have to give Parks 10% of sales); cardboard mazes with Deano

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(possible objection—cleaning up, so only if Deano manages the activity); dunk tank (possible objection—cost, so only if it acquires a sponsor and some volunteers to get dunked) Barney is contacting sponsors from the past and seeking new ones (printing deadline: mid-March). Bill is investigating printing costs and timing.

BUDGET:

Cash received was about \$1,200; newsletter cost about \$1,500 (increase of about \$40 in mailing costs), but advertising revenue created a small surplus.

Paul submitted 17 hours of treasury work to his employer, which matches his volunteer hours, resulting in a donation to MCC of <\$400.

Best email for Paul is mcc_treasurer@live.com

Bill reported that the seasonal garland display in the business district wasn't well coordinated this year. The Blossoms group is interested in combining with BOOM next year to resurrect the display and would like MCC to help financially as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

•Madrona Playfield Improvements—With no progress in the award for the playground design, Bill terminated the award and consulted Jon Martin of Seattle Parks about re-directing the funds toward renovating the field and playground. Jon Martin suggested that the next step is to approach Pam Kliment, community coordinator for Parks. Susan suggested seeking a grant through a neighborhood challenge fund that requires pitching a project for up to \$1.6 million with a 2-page letter outlining the proposal and funding needs.

•Brass Rings—Mike Walker says he knows a person who found the Carolyn Downs plaque in a dumpster, and he will get in touch with Barbara when he knows more or receives the plaque.

•Woodland Park Zoo Offer: Bill reported that the Zoo seeks ideas for use of the 3-acre parcel that formerly housed the elephants, and offered to send a representative to a future MCC meeting to receive our suggestions. Susan suggested instead that they go to the various District Council meetings to get a larger representation.

•Dorffel Drive Study—Bob Edmiston has received a \$40,000 Park-and-Street-Fund grant to re-design the Harrison intersection.

•Tents and Keys—Masvita's replacement at Garfield CC disputes MCC having its own key for access to the shelterhouse. Bill seeks any written record of the arrangement that was made to have our own key available when Karin Richard was using the shelterhouse for her events. Susan will ask Karin and report back.

The four tents MCC purchased at \$70 each are missing from the storage room of the shelterhouse. MCC may seek an alternate place to store their replacements, possibly in Holly's rental house.

•Website—Barbara reports a volunteered to manage the MCC website.

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•Metro layover—Mary reports that Metro drivers on the #3 park the buses on the grass, presumably to get off the street, and make a mess of the turf at Spring and 34th. Holly will look into the problem for Mary.

•Madrona Grace Events—Anne Wickland reported that there will be an open house February 11 at 5pm for Julia's Place homeless shelter for women and children at Madrona Grace. It is a chance to see the facility and to donate to its continuation. For specific items needed, see the list on the website for Mary's Place, the umbrella organization. Postcards are coming soon for the open house.

A pastor from Italy will attend the monthly dinner of Italian food on February 18 at 6pm.

•Kevin O'Doherty is busy with a construction project but will return to MCC in the future.

Adjourned at 8:45

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary