

**PRESENT:** Paul Gomez, Bill Mahoney, Holly Smith, Stacey Kryman, Mary Gallway, Barney Mansavage, Jay McCrary, Debra Tarpley, Sheryl Allen, Kathleen Gillespie, Therese Gorem, Dan Sanchez, Kate Sellers, Susan Minogue, Fran Wood, Barbara Parker, Rob Ward, Kim Herber, Wayne Duncan, Deirdre McCrary

**DRAFT LETTER OPPOSING MULTIPLE MARIJUANA STORES IN CD:**

Several neighbors attended the meeting to request MCC's endorsement of their letter. They believe that everyone in the state should be equally affected by the law's implementation, but, because the CD doesn't have strong, organized representation, it is being saddled with multiple stores, despite the CD's cultural value to the city and recent efforts to strengthen and improve its corridor. They explained that, not only was Uncle Ike's able to buy a second license from a Lake City winner of one of the 23 licenses awarded, giving Uncle Ike's location two shops, but now there is another license pending for a location one block southeast of Uncle Ike's across from Key Bank. [Dan Sanchez disputes the report that Uncle Ike's has two licenses, saying that the glass store needs no license.] These neighbors believe that Seattle should impose limits on the number of pot stores in a single neighborhood. Currently if a store is 10,000 square feet or greater and not within range of a church, school, or childcare facility, there is no restriction. Dan will take the letter to present at the East Pac meeting. Barbara moved and Deirdre seconded endorsing the draft letter. All voted in favor. Deirdre will send the letter on behalf of MCC to Liquor Control, Mayor, and City Council.

**TREES AND SIDEWALKS:**

Wayne reported that Jennifer Wieland urged sending letters at the end of March and again in April or May regarding our project in order to get a leg up on the budget cycle. Wayne will draft the letters.

**TRAFFIC STUDY:**

Bob Edmiston, who presented information about the traffic study SDOT implemented last fall on 37th and Lake Washington Blvd. East, has regrouped and put together a new proposal to do a larger study in design only as a way to start talking with the City about remedies. The City supports the approach and wants the area fixed as well. The City will spearhead the study but wants all communities involved this time.

Madison Valley's community Council is working on the effects of Arboretum traffic on the neighborhood. Next month SDOT will talk to us about the changes on MLK and 23rd. New left-turn signals are already being installed. MLK will be two lanes with a center turn-lane and a bus pull-out on the left and right.

The Madison Valley study was unopposed.

**NEIGHBOR APPRECIATION DAY:**

Saturday, starting at 9:30, awards a 10, in Madrona K8 library. Norm Rice, who created the day 20 years ago by proclamation and who was here in Madrona for the first event, will be present. Winners over the past 20 years will also be recognized. The mugs to be awarded will be ready by Saturday. Paul agreed to spending \$100 for refreshments.

**KRAUS FUND:**

The deadline is March 1, but no applications have been received so far. Stacey and Jackie Hubenet are working with Seattle Parks to apply for funds to finish the circle on Madrona

Playfield. Dave Neiman and Coyote Central are contributing architecture and art. Stacey hopes to use the \$1,000 left from the original funding to renovate the playground to repair the pump at Madrona Beach.

**EVENTS:**

Mayfair will be May 16, and the school will again have an auction. Barney will apply for Mayfair permits this week. Aegis will sponsor a yoyo contest, but the photo booth won't be repeated because it didn't pay. Stacey is looking for a marching band to lead the parade. Dan reported that the magician at the 23rd Carnival was a show-stopper, and he will send the information to Stacey. The reptile man's son will do the show this year. Stacey needs a recruiter to organize volunteers for this event, as well as a replacement for Pritty Boys. She'll ask the shop at 29th and Jackson. Coffee carts don't pay, but we'll need lots of hot dogs and water as well if it's hot.

The first in the author series was a great success, an excellent presentation by Ben Mikaelson, which resulted in a good turnout that hit a different demographic. Mikaelson spoke also to two groups of students, about 130 students in grades 4 through 8. Author schedules vary, so we may not be able to schedule an event every month, but there will be more in the series.

**BUDGET REPORT:**

Paul reviewed documents showing we had a net income in 2014 of \$10,255. Our operating expenses are around \$40,000 annually, and our current bank account holds \$50,000, so we are in good shape to cover our expenses. There was a shortfall of \$307 in January, partly because of Mayfair expenses and paying Girlie Press ahead. Paul received our 2015 business license, for which he will be reimbursed \$57.

Bill and Paul would like to centralize accounts so that Board members have access to documents and letters, which would also help to set us up for the succession of retiring members.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Amara property was bought by a development company, an LLC, and there are no outstanding permits. It would need a design review if permits were to be applied for.

Five live-works and five more behind them are planned or under construction on 34th, a change that will affect residential neighbors. Holly and Bill invited them to present the issue to MCC. The project at 34th and Cherry, and other projects that stay under a certain threshold, do not have to post informational signage. We also learned that "green" projects are allowed lower set-backs.

Barbara reported that the design person for Madrona News is leaving, and Barbara is looking for a volunteer to replace her. The current designer has the template and will train the replacement if we can find someone before June. The job requires 10 to 15 hours monthly, mostly during one mid-month week.

Adjourned at 8:15

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary