

PRESENT: Anne Wickland, Ly Tran, David Wiggins, Susan Minogue, Stacey Kryman, Barney Mansavage, Holly Smith, Rob Ward, Bill Mahoney, Joe Gregory (Healthy Youth CAN AmeriCorps), Casey Losh, Jay McCrary, Deirdre McCrary

HEALTHY YOUTH CAN: Joe Gregory explained his role in working with Garfield and Washington MS to focus on drug and alcohol prevention. His job is to use community events as a means of informing parents and helping kids. One event will be a dinner on Thursday, May 26, with restaurants providing food. On June 11 his organization will join Hop Scotch. There will be a “good-bye-to-summer” concert later in the summer, with no date set yet. That event will feature all-day concerts in a park with free food provided. Joe will send information to Barbara for publishing in the newsletter.

MAYFAIR: Stacey reports that events and details are coming together well. Rob is still soliciting volunteers for set-up, clean-up, selling hot dogs and water, pony rides, and more than the two presently signed up for the bouncy house. Holly volunteered to do a shift with the ponies. Edie is managing the bake sale. Barney will help with cooking and be present all day. Stacey and Barney will make a map of the planned layout. We will likely need more rectangular tables than we have in the shelter house—possibly Madrona Grace has some we could borrow? Pizza is not confirmed, and so may not happen. Tee shirts for board members proved too expensive at \$35/each, so board will wear lanyards with the Mayfair logo. Stacey suggested waiting until closer to the Mayfair date to ascertain predicted weather before deciding numbers of cotton candy and hot dogs to order.

READER BOARD: Heath NW will be installing the illuminated, double-sided reader board before Mayfair. It will provide space for children’s art. There will be a table at Mayfair for children to design commemorative or other “community-related” tiles to be installed later.

SPEED LIMIT ON ARTERIALS:

Madison Park CC is circulating a letter proposing a suggested 20-to-25 MPH speed limit on arterials. The letter has been signed by several other community councils, and we have been asked to join them in signing. Bill suggested that we go ahead and sign it, since it is advisory only, and see where it goes from there. He summarized the general responses he has received from community members regarding traffic speed, saying Madrona generally prefers to see slower traffic. Susan suggested that in future we publish the gist of such letters for the whole community before the Council signs off on them. Bill will send the draft letter to Deirdre to put on letterhead.

MADRONA PLAYFIELD AND PARK:

Bill reported that the conversation between Seattle Parks and us regarding the upgrading of the park and field continues, with no mandate from Parks to move forward on securing grants. Because the playfield is not a regulation field, Parks can’t use it for its activities. The city says we need quotes and timelines, as well as fund raising and community outreach in order to achieve its approval. Bill would like to get a commitment from the city before we launch fund raising, but we can start now to get public response—newsletter article, community meetings. Grantors will want to see evidence of outreach and community support. Barbara has the file that shows the scope of the previous renovation. If we do all that we plan, we’ll need corporate sponsors in addition to community support. Consider making our June meeting a community meeting to explain plans and invite public comments.

BUDGET: Board members received Paul’s summary of expenses and income as well as totals in the various accounts.

Bill described future expenses as Mayfair, lanyards for board, flags for traffic safety (Four double-sided sites to start, so eight 12 x 12 flags @ \$2.30 each). Bill moved and Holly seconded and all favored buying that number of flags and installing them at major, non-crosswalk intersections between Pike or Pine and Cherry and on Union by the school.

YARD SALE: Rob wondered whether the community wants another yard sale. It seems to be lots of work for little return. He prefers not to run it this year, so we need a volunteer to coordinate it if it is to occur on June 18.

SIDEWALK PLAQUE:

Barbara reported that Ben Diaz will re-install the long-missing plaque by mid-April.

BIKE WORKS:

Didi from Bike Works would like to come to a meeting and explain their program involving a community event in which people donate bikes.

SHELTERHOUSE KEY:

Holly has had no reply from Masvida regarding our original agreement with him to share the use of the premises, including having a key, in exchange for paying the monthly gas bill. Holly will get the records of past payments from Paul to use in negotiating a new agreement.

DELI FLOWER POTS:

Barney has not spoken with the deli owner, but he'll continue trying.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:

A volunteer will be needed to coordinate it. Bill will ask Justin Arnold whether he would be willing to organize it. Those present agreed that the concerts should still be on Thursdays, both because that seems a favorable weekday and because we already have the banner, despite Madison Park's summer concerts being on the same day.

STREET MAINTENANCE:

Holly offered to write a letter to the mayor and city council asking that more money be spent on street maintenance, especially in Madrona. Those present supported his plan.

JULIA'S PLACE:

Anne reported that there will be an open house at Julia's Place on April 21 from 7 to 8pm. A mailer is coming soon. People are being asked to donate dollars and things the shelter needs for its families.

Anne also handed out information regarding "Farmigo at Madrona Grace," an online farmer's market to get fresh food from small farms and pick up orders at Madrona Grace on Wednesdays. Details online at www.farmigo.com/madronacommons. A percentage of orders, once the minimum number of signers is achieved, would go toward maintenance and upkeep at Julia's Place.

Adjourned at 8:15, as promised! Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary