

**PRESENT:** Barney Mansavage, Susan Minogue, Holly Smith, Casey Losh, John Lahti, Barbara Parker, William Nichols, Nikki Lundin, Karin Richard, Jason Cook, Jerri Ninesling, Jay and Deirdre McCrary

The meeting began outdoors because of a missing key to the shelterhouse, which led to a discussion of the difficulty of getting a second key from Garfield and safer options for storage of the key or keys and whether we can get or make another once the original is found. Karin requested that she keep one key herself because she needs it frequently for the various events she plans for the shelterhouse. Casey suggested getting a lock box with a sign-out sheet, both to be stored somewhere off-site. Holly will find out the cost of a lock box, possibly to be kept at the Bowling Green property if Marty is agreeable, and Karin will keep the second key if we get one.

**Nomination and Election of Officers:** Barney nominated Holly Smith as President, and Susan seconded the nomination. Holly nominated Susan Minogue as Vice President, and Barney seconded the nomination. The voice vote was unanimous for both officers, who will serve until new elections are held in the fall.

**Bobby Forch, Candidate for City Council Position #1,** introduced himself and described his background, qualifications, and platform. He is a Central District resident; former school teacher; former flight attendant; and former contract manager, safety director, HR director for the City of Seattle. There he handled contract equity for big projects, helping small- and women-owned businesses navigate the red tape for city contracts. He is campaigning on job creation, helping small businesses, and reforming public safety and the police department. He ran in 2009, but entered late, for the seat won by Michael O'Brien. Forch started working for Seattle as a maintenance worker putting in parking meters and believes he has ground-up knowledge of how this city works and the role neighborhoods play in the process. The primary is August 16, and there are now four people running for Position #1, now held by Jean Godden. There are five council positions opening this year.

**Blue Angels' Noise:** Deirdre distributed the Leschi Community Council's letters to Rear Admiral Sizemore and the Boeing President (sponsor of the Blue Angels) requesting adjustment to the flight practices that produce damaging noise over their neighborhood, as well as a copy of the recent *Times* article about safety violations in a Virginia air show that led to the Commander's resignation and replacement. In light of last summer's clear violations of FAA regulations, which resulted in sonic booms over Madrona as well as Leschi, Deirdre plans to write a letter similar to that of the Leschi Council and wondered whether the Madrona Council would endorse such a letter, since it would have greater weight coming from a community than from a citizen. Those who spoke expressed great love for the Blue Angels and wouldn't want to do anything that would prevent their show, but agreed that the council could endorse a request that the planes observe minimum legal levels during their SeaFair practices and show. Deirdre will draft a letter, describe it in the "President's Corner," and possibly post it on the *Central District News*. People could support or object through the June newsletter.

**MayFair:** No one was certain how much money MayFair made or whether donations from Molly Moon and St. Cloud's had been included, but the amount is probably between \$500 and \$800. Casey will get the finances switched from Steve Orser this month and will do a cost accounting to tell us the exact figure. He expects to be able to mail the information in a couple of weeks.

**New Editor Barbara Parker** was introduced. She distributed the reminder she is taking to all the merchants to give them information about deadlines and email addresses. The MCC website has been down for several days, so Barbara will manage the summer calendar events herself. There will be an Epiphany concert series and Bottlehouse events as well as others to be listed in the June issue, which will come out a bit later this month to accommodate the special board meeting next week. The June issue will be Barbara's first but done with Kim's help. Stories should be sent to [madronanews@gmail.com](mailto:madronanews@gmail.com). All expressed thanks to her for volunteering.

**EVENTS:** Karin reported on the garage sale, June 18. She would like to have 25 families signed up and now has 21. She has been communicating with BOOM, offering them a spot on the map if they want to include a coupon. Maps will be distributed at the homes holding sales. People can mail the \$15 fee to Casey, who will provide his address to Karin. The following people agreed to drop off maps at the garage sale residences between 8:30 and 9:15 on the 18th--Melissa, Barney, John, Nikki. Karin will send the information about the sale to Madrona Moms, craigslist, and other listgroups. Hours are 9 am to 2 pm, although individuals may choose to run longer hours. Estimates of number of map copies needed ranged from 200 to 1,500. Karin suggested having several people print them at their offices.

Susan has tabled the disaster preparation event until fall, probably October, when the Madrona K-8 library will be available. Barney and Susan will work with the school to arrange a time when the custodial staff is there. Susan will follow up with the city to get the minimum of 20 participants that is required. She sees this workshop as not only disaster preparation but also another opportunity for neighbors to connect with each other.

Susan suggested inviting a slate of candidates to an MCC meeting before the fall elections. Next week's board meeting will include a discussion of ways to bring people to the meetings. The summer barbecue is dead, and Barbara will remove it from the website. BOOM will put on the previously discussed outdoor movie event in late August in the park. We discussed possibilities for selling money-making stuff at movie-theater prices and advertising that the money supports MCC. Popcorn and water were suggested. We discussed the importance of letting MayFair visitors know that their donations of additional money for inexpensively priced food offered at the event goes to support the community council. Karin recommended the Epiphany Carnival system of a one-stop station for money whereby people buy tickets (5 tickets for \$5) and then "spend" the tickets for the various offerings, but that would mean charging for events that were previously free.

Neighborhood CleanUp Day--It hasn't happened in Madrona for a while, but there is a city-wide date and we might revive the event. Susan will find out what that date is. She will also find out about getting the stolen Peaceable Kingdom sign formerly on MLK and Union replaced.

**Wading Pool:** Melissa reports that she has almost succeeded in raising the necessary funding. She tried for the \$13,000 but realized that was impossible and so negotiated with Parks to open the pool on certain days between July 2 and August 20 if the weather is right. There is one rain-check, and Parks will refund any unused money to Leschi if weather requires more cancellations. Over 60 people have contributed toward the \$4,400 needed, but some of that is a loan that must be repaid, so she is still fund-raising. There will be a fund-raiser on June 13 and 14, in which ALL-PURPOSE Pizza will donate a portion of sales for those two days toward the \$850 still needed. Donations can be sent to Leschi Community Council or through a link on the *Central District News*. Barney will post the information on Madrona Moms.

**Karin's Various Activities:**

Shelterhouse Agreement: Masvita wants suggestions about the lease agreement, which is long overdue for renewal. Casey will negotiate with him. Our uses of the facility must be approved by Parks. Karin would like to be able to hold random events there without a fight. Maybe we would negotiate for one or two events per month beyond the council meeting. With the increased programming now happening, maybe we shouldn't have to pay the monthly electricity. The agreement should also include two keys.

Shelterhouse Toilet: Karin applied for funding from the Kraus gift to provide an indoor toilet for the shelterhouse. She was awarded \$2,400 on the condition that the remainder of the funding was achieved and the work completed within a year. Karin requested and was granted an extension of one year on that deadline because of the ongoing negotiations with Parks, which is looking for money to make both toilets handicap-accessible.

Karin proposed a shelterhouse committee, comprising councilmembers or users of the services, to replace her single management of the roster of events now happening--yoga, tennis, storytime, Legos, soccer. She would like to expand on the offerings and get help in working with Garfield to relieve her from all the work of setting dates and times and reserving fields. She and Masvita will make a request via the newsletter. Melissa suggested creating something on the model of the "Friends-of" groups as a way of getting something cyclical going. Karin reports that she has asked people to participate but not received any positive responses. Posting signs was suggested.

Karin described Madrona K-8 as a school in trouble and urged people to rally in support of this neighborhood school. Enrollment is so low that funding is impacted, although they did manage to get the music program fully funded for next year. Karin asks anyone who has anything to give to the school to do so. The most important criteria for a school is community involvement; the health of a school reflects the health of the

neighborhood. Once a school is designated as a “failing school,” based upon performance on a battery of tests, students are permitted to leave it for other Seattle schools out of their neighborhood. MCC can promote the school by holding events that attract neighbors into the school, so that they become familiar with what is happening there. Karin pointed out that a healthy school is a draw for a neighborhood and can affect property values. Barney pointed out that the facility itself is top-notch. Karin suggested co-sponsoring an event like a spaghetti dinner and sharing the money. Karin, Barney, and Susan will make some suggestions at or after the upcoming PTA meeting. Susan suggested hosting a reading with the authors of *Seattle in Black and White* or with Madrona resident and author, Sherman Alexie.

**Board Meeting, Monday, June 13, 6:30 at Holly's--1511 - 31st.**

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary