

MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, 7 April 2015

PRESENT: Bill Mahoney, Holly Smith, Susan Minogue, Kate Sellers, Steve DelVecchio, Wayne Duncan, Barbara Parker, Barney Mansavage, Sheryl Allen, Mary Gallway, Anne Knight, Jay and Deirdre McCrary

Meeting at Verité opened at 7:15.

23rd AVENUE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

Bill followed up on questions asked at previous meeting and learned that because MLK isn't in a construction zone, it doesn't count as part of the project and therefore is not eligible for protective left-turn lanes to access MLK at major intersections. SDOT's plan and standard operating procedure is to start the detours and respond if there is a problem. Bill suggested that numerous complaints from citizens using the route is likely the only way mitigation will happen. Bill has contact information for those wanting to register complaints, and Barbara will paraphrase SDOT's email to Bill and put it in the newsletter with the operative phone number. Because utility work must be completed first, the actual road work likely won't start until at least May.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES:

- Stacey reported that Mayfair is going well with lots of sponsorships, thanks to Barney. Rob is looking for volunteers for everything from set-up around 8 or 8:30am to clean-up after 12:30pm. We decided to sell the remaining logo-mugs at Mayfair for a \$10 donation. Bill will send a photo of one to Barbara to put into the newsletter.

- Bill has not heard from Soni regarding the progress of the 34th Ave. parklet and has received no confirmation from her or the City about approval of the permit.

- Work on the Madrona playfield improvements has not started and therefore can't be finished by May for inclusion in Mayfair. Approval to use the remaining funds from the previous project on the playground (about \$5,000) for the current project has been received. The consensus among the grant recipients is that the necessity of City involvement will slow the process dramatically, likely to next year.

- Budget report is available for scrutiny if anyone wishes to look.

TREES AND SIDEWALKS:

Jennifer Wieland, our coordinator with SDOT, has moved to the private sector, and new people are taking over, which will likely slow the project. Wayne presented a draft letter to the Mayor and City Council requesting an increase in the budget for sidewalks. He asks an increase of \$500,000 over each of the next four years because he believes that to be a politically feasible amount. Susan pointed out that construction of one tree bulb costs \$90,000, and she will circulate the information she has about costs of other street repairs, in case Wayne would like to use the data to adjust the amount asked. Bill moved and Barbara seconded sending Wayne's final version of the letter on behalf of MCC. All favored.

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Mary Gallway described a slope at the edge of the playfield where ivy was removed and dirt is continually displaced onto the sidewalk, leaving increasing numbers of tree roots exposed. She believes a retaining wall or a different ground cover is needed. It might be possible to include this project as a part of the imminent playground improvements. Mary will draft a letter to Seattle Parks about the problem; Susan will photograph the area and help Mary to send the letter.

MADRONA NEWS DESIGN POSITION:

No one has responded so far, and the deadline is approaching to fill this position, or the newsletter won't happen. Bill will send a notice to Nextdoormadrona, and Susan will send it to Madrona Moms. Barbara will give Susan an MCC mug as a small token of our appreciation for her many years of service on the newsletter.

BRT METRO UPDATE:

Anne Knight has invited a Metro representative to come to the May meeting to talk about the Madison plan and its effect on Madrona.

GARAGE SALE:

We need to set a date and enlist a volunteer to manage it. Bill will ask Rob whether he would again volunteer for the job.

SMALL SPARKS GRANT:

It was agreed to apply for one of these (\$1,000 or \$2,000) grants next year in time for the 40th anniversary of Mayfair. Mayfair is largely paid for by sponsorships, but the summer concerts cost \$250 to \$400 per concert (for permits and paying artists). With the help of a small grant, we might do three or four concerts next summer. Susan will get and distribute details about the grants.

LIBRARY:

Anne Knight suggested re-planting the neglected planter on the library grounds. She thought it could be part of the Blossoms effort. Kate will check with appropriate library personnel and email Bill.

The library will be represented at Mayfair with material to check out and activities including science kits for small experiments. The library also runs a popular lego activity on the last Sunday of each month. They will run several programs at Madrona K8, including a movie-making project for grades 5 through 8.

ANNE'S LETTER TO THE MAYOR REGARDING THE *Move Seattle* TRANSPORTATION PLAN:

Anne Knight presented an early draft letter in response to the Mayor's transportation strategy, which she fears will be implemented without public process, allowing the City to spend the \$900 million, 9-year levy in ways that are too costly for the benefit provided and failing to consider a variety of community needs. Barbara moved and Bill seconded signing her letter to list MCC as one of the various groups and citizens endorsing her suggestions. Bill asked to know the specifics of what the levy money will be spent on

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before deciding whether its points are specific to our community. We would endorse Anne's letter and wait to see the details. Holly and Bill would like to see the final version if it differs from the draft.

Anne also had information regarding the two alternative routes to be chosen for the two new light-rail stations opening soon. The citizen sounding board meets in April and will choose one of the two proposals to be implemented in June by the City Council.

DORFFEL DRIVE PLAN:

The group that worked on modifying Dorffel Drive and is now working on Harrison St. has applied for a grant to make the street between Galer and Boyer a "play street" for a day.

MAY 5 MEETING:

Madrona Grace Church has offered use of its common area to host a future meeting to make MCC aware of its newly created spaces for public use. Barbara suggested holding our next meeting, May 5, there. All favored. Signs will be posted on the shelterhouse to alert anyone who doesn't get the message about change of location.

Adjourned at 8:35

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary