

**PRESENT:** Bill Mahoney, Barbara Parker Eric Ringger, Troy Meyers, Todd Foster, Susan Minogue, Dan Sanchez, Mary Gallway, Paul Gomez, Rob Ward, Marty Liebowitz, Beth Glosten, Jay McCrary, Deirdre McCrary

**MUSIC IN THE PARK:**

Bill summarized that the August series drew good turnout, nice weather, and favorable comments. Barbara suggested asking interested bands to let us know early if they are interested in performing next year. Stacey wondered about the feasibility of expanding next year to July and August, but cost, fear of diluting the experience, and over-stretched volunteers led to a decision to stay with August only.

- Central Area Collaborative is a re-granting agency whose mission is to fund such events.
- Todd reported that Epiphany Church offers concerts in July
- Maybe put together a Saturday with music in the park that included several bands
- Maybe offer additions to the event, like a basketball tournament.

**DISTRICT COUNCILS:**

Dan Sanchez, chair of the Central Area District Council, summarized the work of the CADC (about 20% of time reviewing grant proposals, the rest of the time is dealing with concerns of the 13 smaller councils comprising the CADC). The Mayor's plan to eliminate the councils would remove their \$50/month budget and their access to a Department of Neighborhoods representative, as well as likely removing their role in assessing grant proposals. The Mayor would effectively replace a grass-roots entity with an appointed entity. The CADC members present suggested that citizens concerned about the Mayor's plan call or write their City Council representative urging the city to slow down, look at the ordinance, and correct it to include greater community involvement and transparency. Barbara mentioned that information about contacting Seattle officials is printed in the newsletter and on the website.

**EVENTS:**

Halloween—Since BOOM is now defunct, there will be no coordination between the scavenger hunt and whatever plans MCC makes. Barbara checked with the merchants and found that most plan to offer something. MCC will do something at the shelter house on Halloween Monday between 4:30 and 5.

Wine Tasting—November 5 at St. Therese. Ly is the point person, and he needs the contacts for the lights, bistro tables, etc. We need to find a food sponsor or a budget for it, as Aegis is not participating this year. Possibly Ken could have their deli put together platters of appetizers, or we could ask businesses to contribute something and encourage attendees to patronize those businesses afterward for dinner. Bill suggested a couple of changes: adding soft music maybe from a trio or group from Garfield and placing tables down the middle instead of along the side. Bill will ask whether Garfield will send a group without cost. Ken is already running ads for the event; it's advertised in the newsletter to push people to the Brown Paper Tickets website. Todd offered to include an ad in the Epiphany Church newsletter, and Barbara will email him, as well as St. Therese's bulletin, the information. She suggested also printing up flyers to be placed in businesses where people congregate.

**BUDGET:**

\$3,200 came in for the three months over summer, mostly from ads. The garage sale made \$450. Spending was \$5,400 for the newsletter, concerts, utilities, and Paypal expenses, leaving

a deficit of \$712, which is 1.4% of our total accounts, a sustainable amount, with \$21,000 surplus in our funds. Paul commended Chris Kollas for his efficient management of the Blossoms account.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ultimate Frisbee with Leschi CC—Barbara will put the information in the newsletter. Susan Minogue is in charge of rallying a Madrona team for this event for charity.

Neighbor's Suggestion—New neighbor Scott asked about contracting to make available to residents the beautiful baskets now in front of businesses. Paul will direct Scott to Chris Kollas, as the Blossoms coordinator, to get more information about the possibility.

Scott also suggested an organized work party or clean-up day for Madrona, which he offered to co-lead and help coordinate. Eric Ringger is also interested in helping with the project.

City Proposals Affecting Madrona—Marty Liebowitz explained the two proposals, Seattle 2035 and Housing and Livability Agenda (HALA), and their effects on zoning in residential neighborhoods. While not taking a position on the proposals himself, he urged neighbors to become informed about the potential effects and actively advocate for themselves regarding decisions affecting their neighborhood that they are not currently being involved in making. He described decisions that will be made about density, parking, and boundaries for residential urban villages.

Providence/Swedish—will be closing its retail pharmacy because of a new operating agreement with Walgreen. Because Walgreen doesn't take Medicaid or indigent care, access to a pharmacy on the Cherry Hill campus will be restricted for the poor and elderly and those needing special discharge drugs. The Country Doctor may also disappear. Mary pointed out that Swedish, under its new relationship with Providence, no longer honors an individual's living will.

Adjourned at 8:45

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary