

MCC MINUTES November 3, 2015

PRESENT: Richard Mills, Yun Pitre (City of Seattle), Peter Stewart, Eileen Mandell, Bill Mahoney, Holly Smith, Marty Liebowitz, Kate Sellers, Steve DelVecchio, Mary Gallway, Anne Wickland, Larry Reid, Max Liebowitz, Jim Mattson, Denise Ryan, Stacey Kryman, Rob Ward, Casey Losh, Deirdre and Jay McCrary

Yun Pitre, City of Seattle District Coordinator for the Central Area, responded to a previous request regarding the placing of marijuana stores in the Central District. She announced that there will be a symposium on marijuana on November 17. She will forward the details to Bill when she has them.

DEVELOPMENT AT 34TH AND EAST SPRING:

Marty Liebowitz explained details of his plan for changing the zoning and developing the two lots he owns north of East Spring on 34th Ave. Currently containing houses and zoned for townhouses, Marty proposes to complete the business district to East Spring by re-zoning the middle lot (now containing a single house) to commercial NC1-30 and raising the height limit of the corner lot to LR3 from LR2 (increasing the density in floor ratio). He plans to feature retail on the street level with about 30 apartments above. The application is available to view on the City of Seattle website, along with the arborist's report regarding the grove of elm trees and the old maple. Neighbors would like to preserve the old maple, to which Marty has agreed. The comment period has been extended to November 25, if anyone would like to register a comment regarding the zoning or density.

Marty also reported that the development at MLK and East Union is close to starting, possibly in three to four weeks. It will feature retail on Union and MLK, 41 apartments, and a park on Union with lots of birch trees.

WINE TASTING:

Stacey passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the November 14 event. As of today 36 tickets have been sold, and she asked that we continue spreading the word because we would like to see 100 attendees.

MAYFAIR 40TH:

Stacey is working on special touches to honor the anniversary, and she solicited ideas to add to the day. A neighborhood art project is under consideration, but we would need to start such a project by next month. Susan Minogue is applying for the Dept. of Neighborhoods grant to help with funding. Rob urged people to volunteer early to help at the event in May. Kate Sellers asked for photos of previous events to display at the library. Barbara is working on collecting those.

UPDATES:

•Traffic speed on 34th—Bill asked that the stretch from Cherry to Howell be assessed by SDOT for speeding cars; the result showed that traffic did not meet the criteria required for mitigation, which is that 85% of cars are traveling at 35 mph or higher. Because the city didn't provide details as to where they actually did the monitoring, time of day, and what the actual collected data was, Bill has asked to see the specific data to assess highs and lows, etc. He has not yet heard from SDOT. Mitigations such as a sign that flashes car speed, raised crosswalks, and signs are possible.

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•Peter Stewart read for comment a proposed letter to be submitted to Madrona News in which he pointed out that 34th Ave. is an arterial and, as such, has an allowed speed of 30 mph. He opposes as counter-productive such measures as traffic circles and believes that people's proximity to the street noise rather than actual speeding might be the problem.

•No further information regarding Union St. traffic from 23rd to Madison is available.

•Paul sent copies of the treasurer's report for circulation.

OTHER BUSINESS:

•Holly and Bill will put together a proposal regarding Caldwell Banker Bain realtors Mary Ellen DiGennaro and Judy Honican's proposal to enter into a community partnership agreement with MCC. The partnership would allow them to contribute 10% of their commission from the sale of homes in Madrona (or elsewhere if referred by a Madrona resident). Holly and Bill will propose a plan for recognizing donors and maintaining fairness regarding the newsletter's advertising, and Bill will email it to the board for comment.

•A public safety survey by Seattle U is being circulated on nextdoormadrona, and Bill has a link if anyone outside that network would like to participate.

•There will be a meeting on November 4 at 7pm at the Central Area Senior Center to talk about how zoning decisions are made.

•Bill has not heard back regarding his request for a piano from the "Pianos in the Park" promotion.

•Mary Gallway has approached Paul Gray regarding joining the MCC board, and he has expressed interest.

•Stacey will notify the City that there is a time limit on the use of the Kraus/Playground funds for the proposed project that was to have been finished months ago. She suggested December 31.

RESULTS OF BOARD ELECTIONS:

Treasurer: Paul Gomez

President: Bill Mahoney

Secretary: Deirdre McCrary, with a back-up and possible replacement to be located

VP Events: Stacey will stay involved to complete the MayFair 40th, but will not continue after that. Stacey nominated Rob to replace her, and he was unanimously elected.

Holly received thanks and praise for his four years as president of MCC and saving it from disintegration. Instead of singing "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah" like John Boehner, Holly offered two suggestions for the new administration:

- 1) Engage the people who attend so that they are more involved than just listening without crushing them with new responsibilities.
- 2) Develop a plan for how we use the funds we are gathering.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary