

MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL 1 November 2016

PRESENT: Bill Mahoney, Paul Gomez, Rob Ward, Ly Tran, Marty Liebowitz, Kristina Darnell, Steve DelVecchio, Sharon Safarik, Todd Foster, Jay McCrary, Deirdre McCrary

EVENTS:

Halloween seemed to go well, sponsored by Brianne and beginning in the Shelterhouse. Lots of small children enjoyed the event.

WINE TASTING FUND RAISER:

Ly will meet with someone at St. Therese on Friday to get the key and figure out logistics, and he is arranging with providers for delivery and pick-up. Ladder, extension cords, and possibly twine are needed for installing the three 25-foot and the three 100-foot light strands. Rob will post a reminder about the event on madronamoms.

- last year we discouraged sales at the door, but Ly has a Paypal swipe we can use this year for those who don't buy through Brown Paper Tickets.
- Holly (?), Casey (?), Rob, Ly, and Deirdre are available for set-up.
- Sharon will move the readerboard announcement to the more visible side.
- Rob will bring raffle tickets for the four, and possibly more, raffle items.

HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS AND HALA:

The disputed plan to allow homeless encampments seems to have abated somewhat with the Mayor's plan to create 3,000 additional beds, but the real proposal awaits budget action. Bill would like to know ways in which the Madrona community wants to be involved in the issue of homelessness, both from board members and the larger community. Seeing no ideas, he tabled the issue, to be re-visited.

Bill invited Marty Liebowitz to explain "HALA," which he described as the Mayor's contract to provide affordable housing in the city. It gives developers an extra story to build up (L2 becomes L3; NC 130 becomes NC 140, etc.) across the city, except Capitol Hill, downtown, and University District. It raises the permitted zoning in the city in exchange for developers providing units of affordable housing or putting dollars into a city housing fund based upon the dollar value of each unit. Then non-profits receive access to the fund. If units of affordable housing are provided in the development, they are distributed throughout the building. Marty described a flaw in the way distribution of wealth is obtained for the city's decisions about neighborhoods—using only maps of regions may lump both poor and wealthy areas together and thus not reflect the need for development in many poorer areas. He suggests instead using the property tax rolls to define areas in need of development. In a poor area developers themselves usually don't have the cash to develop the additional story on their building, but they are still required unfairly to participate in this "bargain" by either adding the affordable housing or paying into the fund. Thus it is the big developers that are going to benefit by adding extra stories. Because of its flaws, its political nature, and the need for an environmental impact statement, he thinks we won't see the measure approved for at least six months.

Seattle 2035 is another city plan to increase zoning in urban villages, and it is going forward as a framework for courts to judge projects and for city planners to formulate new policies. It originally passed to include increasing zoning throughout the city, but it was revised to include only urban villages. Jackson, Cherry, and Madison to MLK are all classed as urban villages and are highly gerrymandered and subject to zoning increases. Madrona is not included.

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BUDGET:

Because of the early date for this meeting, no bank statements are available. Paul will post them to the drop-box file when he receives them. In summary, we spent \$1,400 for the newsletter and took in \$400 in ad revenue.

Bill will email Holly regarding the outstanding ad revenue Holly was attempting to recover.

Paul announced his need to resign as treasurer because he and his family must move imminently for his job. He plans to complete the November accounting and will support a replacement in December, but the Council needs to find a replacement willing to take on the job involving spreadsheets, numbers, and about 2 hours a month.

Currently Casey and Paul are the only two authorized to sign checks.

Paul's address is used for most correspondence; could be changed to Bill's in the interim.

Bill praised and thanked Paul for his excellent service in the job of treasurer.

After the Holidays, Bill will write a letter for the newsletter asking for additional volunteers as board members to carry on after departing members. We first need to locate a treasurer and then an editor to replace Barbara.

NO NEW BUSINESS

Adjourned except for the board at 7:50

BOARD ELECTION:

Jay nominated Bill as president, Rob as vice-president, and Deirdre as secretary.

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Still Secretary