

MCC 4 October 2016

PRESENT: Barbara Parker, Holly Smith, Ly Tran, Bill Mahoney, Paul Gomez, Sharon Safarik, Rob Ward, Susan Minogue, Tom Foster, Richard Marshall, Larry Reid, Deirdre and Jay McCrary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Halloween: Barbara is the point person. Brie plans something at the shelter house for which MCC may contribute funding toward decorations. Children will start at the shelter house and proceed to cooperating businesses.

Wine Tasting: November 5. Ly is the organizer. He has solicited food from many vendors this year—St. Cloud's, Aegis, Blue Water Bistro, etc. Some restaurants have donated gift cards for a raffle. Ideally we would have ten cards; Rob has raffle tickets, so Rob and Ly will coordinate the raffle.

- Ly will order tables, linens, etc. Last year we rented the lights; Bill suggested buying them this year at Costco for about \$50 each string, although the lights are fragile and break easily. Rental included replacement bulbs, which we would have to fund if we buy the strings. Ly will get the contact for delivery of items to St. Therese from Barbara and make arrangements for delivery and pick-up.

- Bill will look for set-up ladders at his house. Approximately four people are needed for setting up mid-day on Nov. 5.

- Bill has not heard back from Garfield regarding a group to provide music for the evening, so Ly will bring a speaker for recorded background music.

- Ads should be posted on nextdoor and Madrona Moms to encourage ticket purchase. Barbara will post on both. Ten tickets have been sold so far; last year we sold 50, and previously 100.

- Barbara reported that posters were delivered to businesses with the newsletter, and she has small flyers for board members to post. She'll send a digital version to us.

- Ly will put together a volunteer sign-up sheet, and we can finalize details at the Nov. 1 MCC meeting.

- Sharon Safarik from Madrona K8 is the point person for access to the Madrona readerboard. We want to post both monthly meetings and events like Halloween and wine tasting. We should post the Halloween event a week before Halloween and then follow with a post for the wine tasting.

NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT COUNCILS:

A gathering of all the district councils will likely be held, but otherwise there is no news. The Mayor's budget doesn't include the councils, but the Central Area Council will likely continue in some form. Larry Reid addressed the disbanding of the councils and the manner in which the Mayor did it, expressing concern about the profound effects the change will have on neighborhoods like ours, as described in detail at last month's meeting.

ZONING:

Since Marty wasn't present, there were no updates on zoning issues.

ELECTION:

There seems to be no Leschi candidate form, as happened in previous election years, planned for this year, but the Sound Transit 3 article published in the Leschi newsletter may be included in ours as well.

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COUNCIL MATTERS:

Bill requested suggestions for issues that neighbors would like to have brought before the council and potentially funded by MCC. He noted that many current board members likely plan to step down, if not immediately, within a few years, but no likely replacements have appeared. Barbara will place a notice in the newsletter regarding the November MCC election.

BUDGET:

Paul reported the month's financial activity: \$2,305 taken in from newsletter advertising; \$1584.55 going out for newsletter expenses; and \$42.09 for utilities at shelterhouse. Reserves held from our \$52,000 total funds leave about \$17,000 to work with. Blossoms donation envelopes go into the November newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sharon offered updates on Madrona K8's recent successes and changes. The school received a King County sports facilities grant for \$75,000 to be used for equipment (actual cost \$80,000) for the newly designed and more publicly accessible playground. A \$25,000 Department of Neighborhoods grant paid for the re-design of the playground. New gates will be open beyond regular school hours. Ideally the work will begin next July. The group needs to raise about \$30,000 more for landscaping and other needs. Three community meetings will be held over the next six months. Also, the school was just awarded the Washington State School of Distinction award for having made the most progress of any school in the state. Next fall Madrona K8 will become a K5 school, with Washington and Meany Middle Schools taking the small number of middle schoolers remaining at Madrona (only 55 with a capacity of 250). Sharon will post this information in the November newsletter.

The Mayor's budget will raise park fees, which might affect Mayfair and other special permit uses.

Barbara suggested having several musical groups perform at Mayfair instead of Recess Monkey alone for \$1,000. Barbara has connections to other groups that would like to perform and will send the contacts to Bill.

Mayfair will happen on May 13, 2017, and Paul will get permits. We need someone to organize the event.

Neighborhood awards will happen on February 11, 2017.

Adjourned at 8:15

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary