

MCC 8 September 2015

PRESENT: Holly Smith, Susan Minogue, Paul Gomez, Bill Mahoney, Barney and Arthur Mansavage, Anne Knight, Jerry Arbes, Mary Gallway, Amber, Paul Gray, Amy Johnson, Andrea Bowen, Wayne Melonson, Anne Couter, Sheryl Allen, Anne Wicklund, Dan Sanchez, Barbara Parker, Deirdre McCrary

ST. THERESE REUNION BLOCK PARTY:

St. Therese will hold its first alumni reunion on Saturday, September 12, from noon to 5. There will be some street closure on East Marion and parking will be prohibited on Spring from 34th to 35th. The event, including live music, a DJ, and a BBQ, is open to the neighborhood, with 300 to 350 alums from 1960 to 2015 expected. Newsletter article suggested.

MADRONA SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:

Applause all around, a great turn-out, with 75 to 125 people coming and going at each event. Bill praised the variety of music as a way to reach diverse parts of the community. All agreed that Thursday seems like a good weekday in August for our concerts, and we have a banner, so Thursdays stay.

TRANSPORTATION LEVY:

Anne Knight summarized plans for Union St. in preparation for planned October presentation prior to the levy vote on November 3 for almost one billion dollars in transportation improvements. However, there seem to be too many unknowns (BRT study in late October, bike lanes and buses on Union) to hold a productive discussion at the October meeting, but Anne and Jerry think there might still be time to affect the design of protected bike lanes and buses stopping in traffic on Union. Suggestion: Hold a joint meeting with other concerned communities to combine information and effectiveness. *Let's Move Seattle* will be at the next Central District Council meeting. Anne will let Bill know when the report from the city is available.

SIDEWALKS & TREES:

The sidewalk in front of former Pritty Boys is torn up and can't be finished until the large roots are dealt with. No one knows who or what agency is doing the work. Bill will follow up with the property owner.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME:

Bill recounted recent shootings in the CD, one or more around Powell Barnett Park. He suggested, in the absence of our ability to get guns off the streets, that we re-publish the list of ideas generated after the shooting death of Madrona resident, Justin, of ways in which neighbors can work to stop the pattern. Barbara will update the list and post it on the MCC website and in the next newsletter.

ANNUAL WINE TASTING:

Choices for a venue are St. Therese gym or Aegis. Glassybaby is already booked for the November 14 Saturday we need. Aegis would require expenses of about \$500 for glassware and tablecloth rentals but food is covered by Aegis. St. Therese is in the neighborhood, but we would need to transform the gym into a warmer-feeling room. Barney moved and Susan seconded trying St. Therese this year. All favored.

READER BOARD FOR MADRONA K8:

We had agreed to share the roughly \$10K cost of a reader board for the Union St. corner with Madrona's PTA, but the PTA won't be able to supply its half, so Stacy is applying for a city matching grant on behalf of the school, with MCC providing the match. Board members present agreed that Stacy should proceed with applying for the grant.

VOLUNTEER REPLACEMENT AND ENLARGING THE COUNCIL:

Amber agreed to consider volunteering to maintain the circular garden outside the shelter house, and Mary offered to advise her if Amber should choose to help.

A playfield clean-up sponsored by MCC might be scheduled for EarthDay in April.

A new newsletter editor and advertising manager will be needed in the near future. Bringing a new editor and a new advertising manager on while the present people are in place would make for an easier transition. Casey still needs to automate the ad-collection process so that the new person can do the job more easily. Casey will need replacing in June 2016 and Barbara in January 2017. Barbara reports that the design positions are filled and gmail accounts are set up to receive content for the newsletter.

The Board is also looking for additional members to represent the community—volunteers willing to show up for meetings and help out with occasional projects. Next month opens nominations for November elections.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

In addition to the slick new summary he sent to Board members, Paul reported that the budget is generally on target, with no excess income or expenses and a cushion of funds in the bank. Regarding the playground funds of \$10,000 to be used toward completing the stage project, with the deficit made up by Kraus funds, there has been no progress on the project, and Richard Marshall, the person designated to do the work, wasn't available to attend the meeting, so Bill or Stacy will follow up with him and decide what to do next.

NEW BUSINESS:

Anne Wicklund, an intern, announced that Madrona Grace Church will begin hosting community dinners on the third Thursdays starting in October. The first event will be tied into Julia's Place and feature an open house of that facility. There will be tables in the commons, live music, some religious message, open doors, and a free meal.

"Ponder" is a new pot shop on Union south of 23rd.

Regarding the traffic at 23rd and Union, Barbara will re-run the previous article explaining how to direct complaints about traffic problems.

Parkways—Pratt, Garfield, Judkins, and Powell Barnett Parks' surrounding streets will be shut down Saturday, September 12, 11 to 3, to allow people to walk or bike among Central District parks and enjoy food, music, and festivities.

Adjourned at 8:40.

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary

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