

MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 9 January 2018

PRESENT: Bill Mahoney, Ly Tran, Galen Kawaguchi, Ruth Anne Garcia (Epiphany), Kristina Darnell (Library), Julian Helmer (Library), Jenifer Fuqua, Sharon Safarik, Mary Gallwey, Rob Ward, Christina Shires Lundeen, Deirdre McCrary

VOLUNTEERS: Rob reported that Jenifer Fuqua (jenifer.fuqua@outlook.com) is present and was one of three people who responded to his request for volunteers to lead MCC activities, as the Council seeks to elicit greater community involvement to relieve board members of some of the organizing. Another volunteer was Sandra, who has helped in the past with the bake sale for Mayfair, so she might be willing to work with Barney on this year's Mayfair.

- Need to put out a call again for volunteers, both digitally to social networks and with posters for businesses.

- Mayfair is coming soon, May 12, and involves a lot of permitting, with which Barney is familiar, so it is important to find out whether he is willing to work on this year's Mayfair. Rob knows who the regular performers are; they need commit in order to procure the insurance.

NEIGHBOR APPRECIATION DAY: February 10. Sharon indicated that the school is ready. Bill will get certificates for awardees and will also get pastries and coffee. If the city decides to change the annual event to April, we might move to April in future as well.

NEIGHBORHOOD BANNERS: The city has cited us for having our Mayfair banner across a major intersection, and it has objected to the condition of the street banners along 34th promoting Madrona's businesses, saying they need to be cleaned or replaced and permitting fees paid. The city's objections came to MCC by default because BOOM (Business Organizations of Madrona), which put up the banners, no longer exists. An additional issue is the permitting fee required by the city, which hasn't been paid. Some business owners expressed interest in keeping the banners but failed to show up to the meeting. Christina will talk with business owners to look for a resolution; Susan Fondren has expressed interest in starting a new business organization, which might address the problem. Rob and Bill will reply to the owner of Juniper (who received the city's citation) and to Sony and Christina with the suggestion that MCC would pay for the annual permit if business owners will take care of the banners.

BUDGET: Galen presented both the monthly and the annual statements. Calendar issues made December look good with a net gain of \$13,000 because of money coming in which will go out later. The newsletter held its own. The wine event made about \$5,000. Overall the account is up between \$17,000 and \$20,000 for the year. She wrote a check for \$18,000 for blossoms but has not yet paid out the Kraus or Leschi Overlook funds. Galen has Quickbooks set up and ready to run for 2018, which will make her job much smoother and easier than the present system.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE: Sharon from Madrona PTSA reported that the new equipment was installed in November. Phase 2 will begin with requests for bids to do landscaping and concrete work for 33rd and Spring. The plan is to break ground in June when school ends, closing the playground for the summer, and be finished by September. Two local artists will contribute work — a sculpture mirroring his original work from Tom Flood and a rock mosaic from Denise Takahashi. Sharon is also working with SDoT on the traverse across Spring St. For this public part of the project there will be a greater push to involve neighbors in work parties. There will be more fund-raising to reach the \$40,000 still needed to close the gap in funding. The group has raised \$250,000 so far and will continue to sell the donor-engraved bricks including at Mayfair.

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MESSY SIDEWALKS: Mary described the problems created when neighbors don't clear leaves from adjacent sidewalks and when absentee owners of multiplexes don't provide occupants with information about dealing with their garbage, and she requested that the Council address the problem. Bill suggested the "Find-it-fix-it" app that has proven effective for singular clean-up tasks. Christina offered to put a note in the newsletter suggesting that people take responsibility for their adjacent public area. Bill will arrange for someone to take a photograph to put on the "Find-it-fix-it" app.

GRANTS: Bill mentioned two new grants being offered: A waste-free communities matching grant for \$2,000 to \$5,000 with a 50% match required, and a Parks and Recreation major projects fund grant that is now open for applicants. Kristina mentioned that neighborhood improvement ideas can be submitted to the city now for voting in June, and all library branches have the necessary form.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Neighborhood Awards as follows:

- Resident for Life - Wayne Duncan
- Tyrone Love - Paul Gray
- Nora - Bill Mahoney
- Local Hero - Mike Stegmann
- Business - St. Therese

Sharon Safarik accepted the nomination to be MCC President and was unanimously approved.

Galen hopes that conversion to Quickbooks will simplify her job to the extent that after taxes are complete in April, she would consider taking over the job Barbara is currently doing as advertising manager for the newsletter.

Bill explained that, through a series of interactions and negotiations worthy of *Parks & Recreation* he now possesses a shelter house key solely for our use. He will change the contract to indicate Sharon as key holder, and he has specified our dates of use through June. If we lose our key, MCC will have to pay to have the locks changed.

Adjourned at 8:40

Submitted by Deirdre McCrary, Secretary