

MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 1, 2019

PRESENT: Barbara Parker, Bill Mahoney, Rob Ward, Reed Terry, Galen Kawaguchi, Rachel Scott, Sandra Bertoglio, Libby Hudson (Seattle Parks), Deirdre McCrary

MADRONA BEACH PLAY AREA: Libby Hudson from Seattle Parks presented renderings of proposed changes and upgrades to the play area. Suggested changes will decrease required maintenance, provide some ADA-required provisions, and enhance the shoreline for migrating fish. The total budget is \$550,000, including permitting and design; construction budget is \$350,000. The schedule has planning and design completed this fall and construction beginning next fall after Labor Day. Libby emphasized that the survey will remain online until Friday for anyone wanting to offer suggestions. The design for the next phase will be presented on October 30, 7 p.m., at Spectrum Dance Studio. So far opinions favor the following approaches:

- Natural play area (sand, rocks, logs) and open lawn
- Retain landscape features—views, trees, seating wall
- Promote activities like swimming, socializing, looking at views
- Enhancements desired—stream, pump, logs, increase trees (possibly madrones, which are touchy to install) and lawn

In general, opinions favored keeping the plan simple and natural and promoting water play, sticking with the original, good design.

Bill raised the issue of maintenance, the lack of which is the cause of this project, but these funds can't be diverted into maintenance. The plan is to create a site that requires less maintenance.

Christina will likely reach out to Libby (libby.hudson@seattle.gov) to create a posting for the next newsletter regarding the October 30 meeting.

WINE EVENT: Rob stressed that we need more ticket sales. Sandra will post with graphics on next-door. Rob will ask **Susan** to post on madrona moms. Reed offered to circulate 500 flyers around the neighborhood. Bill will print posters and get them to Reed by the end of the week to distribute. A vigilante has been removing both music and wine posters, which has limited the word getting out. Ken will likely post a notice in the Leschi newsletter. Rob will ask Audrey to post again to MDSS.

Rob will take delivery of rented items at the church on Friday. Ly is acquiring food and raffle items. Ken may donate promotional wine. Garfield will send two musicians. Deirdre will bring a lamp for the entry table. Sharon handled the square account last year, and we need to set one up again. Rob or Ly will pick up food. Audrey has young people to work the raffle. We need volunteers to set up at noon on Saturday, work the entrance, and clean up. Reed will ask other merchants about volunteering.

CHRISTMAS TREE: The link to donations on the website is up and running, thanks to Sandra, so that Audrey can publicize the event in the next newsletter.

OTHER EVENTS: 2020 Neighbor Appreciation day, now set for May, is the 25th year, and Barbara suggested that might be an occasion to do something special to celebrate.

Rob will ask Christina about putting the Christmas ship schedule in the newsletter calendar.

Barbara provided a delicious apple-rum cake for all to enjoy to bid Deirdre goodbye.

Signing off at 8:25