

**Madison Park Community Council  
Minutes of the Meeting on February 15, 2010  
Madison Park Bath House**

Community Members present: Zach Hansen, Courtney Robinson, Lindy Wishard, Maurice Cooper, Jenefer Hutchins, David Hutchins, Mary Knauf, and Doug Knauf

Board Members present: Linda Cody, Alice Lanczos, Jim Quigg, Ken Myrabo, Gail Irving, Hoby Douglass, Kathleen O'Connor, and Doug Berry.

Meeting Agenda:

- Approvals
- LOLA Committee
- 520 Committee
- Communications Committee
- Deputy Mayor's Visit
- 501c3
- Nominations Committee
- Bank of America benches
- Madison Park boundaries letter
- Fundraising
- Open discussion

MPCC President Ken Myrabo began the meeting by welcoming Zach Hansen, a new resident who was attending his first MPCC meeting.

Approvals: Changes to the minutes from January's meeting were requested, so the minutes will be approved after those changes are made.

LOLA Committee: Dan Clancy moderated focus group meetings at Park Shore from 9am to 4pm during the past two Saturdays. The meetings were designed to gather input from people representing different interest groups such as history and art. It was evident during the focus group meetings that people do not yet realize that Murase is designing a space for quiet, contemplative, passive recreation. This project is not simply an extension of the recreational beachfront. Hoby Douglass suggested that the new space should be calling a "landing" instead of a "park" to help people understand the theme of the project. The focus groups also revealed people's interest in how the new park will change parking at the street end. The parks department has indicated that they will not make any changes to the parking situation at the street end until construction begins on the park improvements.

Next, the committee will host three community meetings in the Park Shore chapel on March 18<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, and April 26<sup>th</sup>. The scheduling on the weekdays is designed to make it easier for business representatives to attend. The



The committee was recently approved to begin the second phase of applying for \$200,000 - \$750,000 more funding. Also, a separate application was made for \$100,000 in construction matching funds. Lindy Wishard asked how the three community meetings will be publicized, and was told that the city Parks Department is mailing letters to local residents. Furthermore, people will be notified by blogger Bryan Tagas, MPCC's website, and an advertisement in the MP Times.

520 Bridge Committee: Lindy Wishard was thanked by committee co-chair Kathleen O'Connor for creating a list serve that enables people to stay informed about this issue via email. Kathleen explained that Madison Park residents must be informed about the bridge options now, because the legislature in Olympia will be making major decisions in a couple weeks. Kathleen has talked with many people around the neighborhood, at the Seattle Tennis Club, and the MP Business Association. She would also like to contact people in Junior League and Broadmoor. Meeting attendees were encouraged to call their "influential friends" who might be able to have some influence on the process. Lindy may provide a link on MPCC's website to the Sustainable520 website. Jim Hagan has distributed informational leaflets, and he took someone out in his boat to take pictures of the existing pontoons sections so that graphics could be created that show what the proposed bridge would look like. There have been reports that the currently proposed bridge would now be designed to run 30 feet above the water all the way across the lake. There could be 10-foot tall sound barriers and six lanes.



Considering how many years the process has taken, Lindy asked about the actual likelihood of WSDOT building the new bridge that is shown as Alternative A+. Committee co-chair Maurice Cooper explained that WSDOT has made great strides recently and that the A+ plan is WSDOT's currently preferred design option. The Seattle City Council has requested that WSDOT provide more time for public review and comment. Jenefer Hutchins said that it was her understanding that WSDOT is very close to choosing a design, and that the comment period will end in March. MPCC representatives plan to attend WSDOT's public meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Navy Building on Lake Union. Maurice encouraged people to send individual letters and emails to WSDOT, and to cc the yacht clubs who are monitoring the public's comment. The deadline for public comment is next Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. WSDOT wants to get a "record of decision" now, and they will be the funding later. WSDOT released the A+ plan at the end of October. The plan includes 8 lanes and increases the width of bridge by five times through the Arboretum. Maurice said the design would make it very difficult to drive to University Village from Madison Park. Maurice said that concern residents should send their email comments about the A+ plan to the Seattle City Council members. Kathleen O'Connor invited people to join her in doorbelling around the neighborhood and handing out brochures in front of Bert's. Ken Myrabo noted that Madison Park residents probably need more information, because his neighbor was not aware of WSDOT's plans.

Communications Committee: Committee Chair Lindy Wishard reported that the website is looks good, and is running well. She invited people to look at the Business Association's page. Lindy also welcomed people to join the list serve so they can be included on informative emails. Doug Berry asked that Lindy make it easier for people to understand how to join the list serve. Lindy reminded people to be careful about Replying To All when answering emails, because there are 65 recipients to every email. Gail Irving asked who updates the Business Association's page, and Lindy confirmed that she was handling that responsibility. Lindy plans to apply for a technology grant in the future, so that she can invest more money in MPCC's growing website.



Deputy Mayor's Visit: Deputy Mayor Darryl Smith and Neighborhood District Coordinator Ted Divina took a tour of Madison Park. Ken Myrabo, Kathleen O'Connor, Linda Cody and three members of the Business Association met with them at Madison Park Café, and then showed them around the neighborhood. Terry Short discussed the concerns of the Business Association. The LOLA Project and 520 Bridge were the major topics of discussion. The city representatives discussed the parking situation extensively. They recommended that MPCC and the Business Association join forces in promoting the LOLA project. They said that it could be marketed as a tourism initiative that will link Lake Washington to Puget Sound. Ted Divina suggested a walking tour to review signage to check that proper signage times are assigned to parking areas. There is no support for putting metered parking in Madison Park. Ted said that it is easier for the city to enforce the 2-hour parking than to enforce the 1-hour or 4-hour parking. Linda Cody invited people to join in the walking tour and discussion of the parking issues. Ken thanked Darryl and Ted for the city's prompt attention to his calls to clean up graffiti. The group also discussed how to improve lighting in front of Bert's.



501c3: Ken Myrabo reported that the application has been submitted.

Nominations Committee: Ken Myrabo said that a Nominations Committee must be formed so that new members can be elected to the board. Ken said that board members should be charged with specific duties.

Bank of America benches: A drunk driver hit the tree and benches between Bert's and the Bank of America parking lot. This may be an opportunity to beautify that space.

Madison Park boundaries: Bryan Tagas asked that MPCC send a letter to the city concerning the neighborhood boundaries shown on its website. This letter has been signed and mailed to the city.

Fundraising: The Volunteer Nonprofit Service Association ("VNSA") hosts the largest book sale in the nation during one weekend each year. The books are sold for regular prices on Saturday and for half prices on Sunday. MPCC may host another fundraiser book sale using the VNSA model.

#### General Discussion

- MLK School: Lindy attended the meeting concerning the future use of the building. Lindy was asking people to support the Community Center proposal. The announcement of the final decision will be made soon. More details are available at [www.mlkcommunitycenter.org](http://www.mlkcommunitycenter.org).
- Beaver lodge: The permitting agency has not yet made a decision concerning Broadmoor proposal for fixing its water pumping system that is located near beaver lodges in Lake Washington. The matter was being monitored by Gene Brandzel, and he recently returned from vacation.
- Chase Bank: Kathleen O'Connor was told that Chase intends to change out its large blue signage along Madison Street.
- Crosswalk painting: Alice Lanczos explained that the city has repeatedly declined request to paint a crosswalk across the street in front of Starbucks. Cars do not slow down for the painted crosswalks.