

Minutes of the Madison Park Community Council  
General Meeting  
Monday, November 7 at 7 p.m.  
Madison Park Bathhouse

Present: Gail Irving, Don Sorensen, Alice Lanczos, Maurice Cooper, Lindy Wishard, Julie Moberly, Roberta Cole, Bruce Brown, Linda Cody, Doug Berry, Bob Edmiston.

The meeting was called to order by President Gail Irving at 7:00 p.m. The minutes for the October meeting were approved previously by email. A treasurer's report was distributed that showed net funds available in the amount of \$1,341.07.

Irving talked about the Seattle leash law and neighborhood concerns about off-leash dogs. She invited Don Baxter, Enforcement Supervisor for Seattle Animal Control, to come speak at the meeting. He explained that the city has a zero tolerance policy when it comes to off-leash dogs in parks, and that they don't issue warnings: a first offense incurs a \$54 fine, and graduates from there. An off-leash dog in the general neighborhood earns its owner a flat \$54 fine. Dogs are not allowed on public beaches or in the water, and Baxter pointed out that fines are also issued for this kind of violation. The issue of barking was raised from the audience, and he explained the process of making a complaint to the city. Other questions were raised, including animal neglect, and threatening dog behavior, which Baxter also addressed. He gave everyone the number for the Seattle Animal Shelter, which is 206-386-PETS (7387). Irving thanked Baxter for coming to talk to the community, and he left his business card for those with further questions.

Linda Cody reported on the McNae Triangle. Seattle Public Utilities will restore the water meter to the park, and the Seattle Department of Transportation will repair the street after the installation. She explained the funding process for the project, noting that it is financially advantageous to get the work done before the end of the year. The MPCC needs to pay for a portion of the work. Cody thanked Alice Lanczos for her help with the project, noting that the Council has a very positive relationship with the city.

Irving reported on the fence meeting that took place on November 3. She introduced Bob Edmiston from the audience, Edmiston took notes at the meeting that Irving distributed at the meeting, and previously to the email list at large. She noted that the main concern of most attending the meeting is primarily the safety of children, and urged people to write no

matter which side of the fence issue one is on, to Sandy Brooks, Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, at [sandy.brooks@seattle.gov](mailto:sandy.brooks@seattle.gov) or at 100 Dexter Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109-5199. Letters will be accepted until December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Board Park Commissioners will meet again on December 8<sup>th</sup> and make a recommendation to the Parks Superintendent at that time.

A new newsletter, "The Caller," has been created by Lindy Wishard and Irving. It will be delivered to all postal routes relevant to Madison Park through a postal program called "Every Door Direct." The newsletter costs between \$800 to \$1,000 per issue, and will be distributed to 3,300 households. It is hoped that donations will help fund future issues of the newsletter, to be printed quarterly.

The Christmas Ship was the next item of discussion. The Madison Park Community Council and Business Association will have a presence at the Bath House this year as well as outside of Bings. Coffee, cookies and hot chocolate will be available. Dave Hutchins is currently working with the Montlake Community Center with these arrangements. The boats will be here Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:55 to 5:15p.m. and she asked for volunteers to come help, which several people did.

Irving invited the community to the next meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> to wind up the year. She will provide holiday treats and all are encouraged to join in the fun.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.