

## **Madison Valley Community Council Meeting 5-15-13**

**Introductions:** President Lindy Wishard called the meeting to order at 7PM. Introductions were made. There was a quorum present.

**Treasury Report:** We have had a huge influx of cash so that our new balance is \$49.00 with the expectation of an additional \$120! These funds came from the sale of wine at the Sip and Dine Event! There has still been no repayment effort of the funds diverted by our former treasurer, Adrienne Bailey.

**Communications:** madisonvalley.org is our very successful website. Posts and other communication are via nextdoor.com. Please consider joining nextdoor. Just visit the website, nextdoor.com and follow the prompts. All personal info and emails are kept private.

**Spring Clean:** This was a very successful event. Painting storefronts, cleaning windows, pressure-washing sidewalks, removal of hundreds of stickers and eliminating graffiti were among the projects.

**Sip and Dine:** The Madison Valley Sip and Dining Group had their premiere function at Cafe Flora. We invited the Madrona Society that had pioneered the function to attend. Everyone enjoyed the fabulous food. Wildridge Winery donated the wine for the event and was much appreciated. We are planning to have the next dining experience at Luc's at a date to be announced. Let us know if you would like to be included by emailing Lindy at [lindy@madisonvalley.org](mailto:lindy@madisonvalley.org).

**Playground Efforts:** Ann McCurdy explained her years-long effort to construct a playground in the Arboretum by the new playfield. The latest grant application is now among the top 10 being considered. We are awaiting their decision.

Cathy Nunneley met with Matt Neely headmaster at Epiphany for an explanation of their open playground policy. She is now in negotiations with The Valley School to open their playground to the community.

The playground of FAME/MLK may be remodeled in the future as an additional area for our children to play.

**Elections:** The following members were elected:

President, Lindy Wishard

Vice President, Dan Schmitt

Treasurer: Kathryn Keller

Secretary: Cathy Nunneley

**Change of Bylaws:** We voted to create a board to vote and make decisions. The board will be comprised of the elected officers. Decisions will be publicized on the social media websites and posted in the kiosk at the Pond for comments. All board meetings will be open to the public and attending community members may vote on any and all issues. Bylaws will be formally revised at the June meeting.

**Triangle Restoration Effort Update:** Moving along swimmingly. The design company has been hired and we will be reviewing their proposal.

**Greenbelt Update:** Cathy Nunneley reported that the new plants are thriving. Summer efforts are focused on weeding. She is working alone this summer because her gardening partner, Evelyn Hall is away for 5 months. Anyone interested in assisting with the Greenbelt restoration effort is encouraged to contact her via Nextdoor. She will be extremely, extremely, extremely grateful.

**Storm water Update:** Opening ceremony May 22nd 10:00 on top of the storm water facility in the Arboretum. We look forward to the fences being removed for access to the new grassy areas.

**FAME Community Center Report:** There were no representatives from FAME at the meeting.

**Merchant Association Update:** A new Farmers' Market will begin next summer, 2014. It will be held on Tuesday evenings near Cafe Flora. The Spring Clean was successful. Members are working hard to organize the Bastille Bash.

**Meeting Space:** Bailey-Boushay has offered us a meeting space for our monthly meetings. We have enjoyed meeting there in the past. We will review our meeting options at the June meeting. Please let us know if you have preferences.

**Bastille Bash –July 13, 2013:** Tickets will be sold online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com). With a \$20 purchased ticket, merrymakers will be given a wineglass, which can be used at all the wine tasting booths. Wine offerings were quadrupled this year to meet demand. We will also be featuring breweries and distilleries for tasting. Food will be available from vendors along Madison. Entertainment will be ongoing. A few thousand Seattleites are expected.

Volunteers are welcomed! Contact Lindy at [lindy@madisonvalley.org](mailto:lindy@madisonvalley.org)

**New Business:** The Central District Time bank: [cdtimebank.org](http://cdtimebank.org) is up and going. This is a barter system for time and skills. Check it out!

The Seattle Foundation efforts this week have been very successful.

The Seattle Schools has received a grant for arts. The central area has been targeted for arts opportunities. The mayor has announced an additional \$5000 to be added to the original funds.