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Greater Madison Valley Community Council

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Volunteer and Skill Exchange

Talent, time and skills on your hands and looking for the place to work? Exchange your skills with others whose tasks need doing. Find someone who will work with you on your project. Our community abounds with people who have much to offer. Call and leave your name and number with Adrienne Bailey at 323-3738.

Ernie Hatfield

Our esteemed friend and jazz pianist has had a bout of serious illness. Ernie was recently at Harborview. You can call him there 731-3300 to give an encouraging word or try him at home. His playing has been the highlight of our annual gatherings at Bailey Boushay and for the Spaghetti dinners.

Golden Apple Award for MLKing Principal

Euhania Butler, MLKing school principal, has received the KCTS Golden Apple award, one of only ten granted statewide. Her leadership revived staff morale and raised academic levels in a school once threatened with closure. Today, with a student population over 250, King is a cheerful, busy place that attracts young families. Ms. Butler's positive relations with the community and neighboring Bush School helped her win this honor. A film of the award ceremony will be shown on KCTS 9 Thursday, February 26th at 8pm.

The school district makes quarterly assessments of student achievement in reading and math. King students have made improvements in reading levels. The results of the year's intensive efforts will be measured in April when the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be given. Classroom volunteers and tutors help greatly. Ms. Alma Brown, who is the MLKing parent-volunteer coordinator, is looking for more helpers to assist students. Can you offer even two hours a week to help at the school? If you can, call Ms. Brown at 726-6660.

MLKing Playground Reconstruction

Ms. St. George, co-leader of our site council, will present final plans for the MLK playground reconstruction at the GMVCC meeting Tue. Feb. 17, in the MLK portable which is accessible for persons with disabilities.

PTA Sponsored ML King Auction

The annual MLK Auction is coming Friday Feb. 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the school auditorium. A full range of delectable objects, a vacation and dining pleasures await. For information or to donate call Lisa St. George at 323-8295.

Work We Wish We Could Do

Our *Odd Jobs About Town* feature in January had many interesting responses. Real close to home is the story of Jim Ragland, a 12 year resident in the valley. Jim describes his work as "going from theater to theater composing music for their productions and designing sound." He has worked on almost a hundred shows at local theaters such as Seattle Rep, Seattle Children's Theater, ACT, Intiman and New City Theater. He has also worked in Houston, Chicago, California, on Broadway and at the Kennedy Center. Recently he composed the songs and incidental music for the August Wilson play entitled "Seven Guitars" at the Seattle Rep. Jim teaches audio recording and guitar at Seattle University.

Acoustic guitar was his first love in music. He taught himself to play at age twelve; since then he has taken on harmonica, keyboards, piano, mandolin and percussion instruments. Jim is a man who loves his work.

Next Community Council meeting: Tuesday, February 17th at 7:30 pm in the Martin Luther King School Portable Building

Bylaws of the Greater Madison Valley Community Council

Second Revision Draft

To be voted on at February 17, 1998 General Meeting

Article I. Name and Area Represented The name of the organization is the Greater Madison Valley Community Council (GMVCC). We are incorporated as a non-profit group in Washington State. Our address is 2802 East Madison Street, Box 184, Seattle, Washington 98112. The area we represent is bounded on the north by East Helen Street, the west boundary of the Arboretum and East Madison Street; on the east by Lake Washington Boulevard; on the south by East Denny Way; and on the west by 23rd Avenue East.

Article II. Purpose Our purpose is to represent the residents of our neighborhood, to provide a democratic forum for all members, and to protect and advance the interests of the community before municipal, state, and federal agencies.

Article III. Membership All residents of our neighborhood designated in Article I shall be eligible for membership. The amount of any dues will be determined by membership vote.

Article IV. Meetings, Quorum, Voting The Council shall meet at least nine times a year. All Council meetings shall be open to the membership. Time and place of meetings shall be announced well in advance. A quorum for conducting any official business shall be twelve members in good standing. Each member shall have one vote. Business meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Article V. Officers and Elections The Council shall elect the following officers: a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Co-officers may be chosen if the members wish. Terms of office shall be one year and officers may be re-elected. The responsibilities of these officers shall be defined from time to time as the Council decides. Nomination and election of officers shall take place at the May general meeting. Officers will assume their duties immediately. All records and documents must be passed on to the new officers before the meeting following the election.

Article VI. Executive Committee or Board There shall be an executive committee composed of the elected officers and heads of acting committees. Acting committees may be established from time to time by vote of the membership. The board, chaired by the President, may discuss policy and emerging problems and will do their business between regular membership meetings. Their actions shall serve the purposes of the Council as stated in Article II and must be reported to the general membership.

Article VII. Participation in Area Councils Greater Madison Valley Community Council shall send volunteer representatives to all appropriate city or district councils.

Article VIII. Public Relations The organization shall publish a newsletter regularly to inform members and the public at large of our activities.

Article IX. Adoption of Bylaws These bylaws shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of members present and in good standing at a regular membership meeting at which a quorum of twelve is present.

Article X. Amendment Process Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed by majority vote at any general meeting. Proposed amendments must be published for the entire membership and voted on at the next regular meeting. Amendments must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of members present and in good standing.

Support Your GMVCC Valley View Newsletter

I will help the GMVCC Newsletter by:

- ◇ Making a contribution of \$_____ towards the printing and mailing of this Newsletter
- ◇ Volunteering for mailing parties, writing, graphics, artwork or other:

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Greater Madison Valley Community Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting

January 20, 1998

The January meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. A quorum of 12 members was present. Peggy Sussman volunteered to take minutes; Cathy Nunneley volunteered to bring refreshments for the next meetings. Thanks to Cathy for the refreshments for this meeting.

The minutes of the November meeting were distributed for comments, additions and corrections.

Added to the agenda by Eli Stahlhut was discussion of the proposed construction at 34th and Union.

Treasurer's Report by David F. We had a balance of \$415.00. This includes the \$55.00 for the "City Woods" books sold at MOHAI. Relating to the low balance in our bank account, those present voted to pay insurance in installments and find ways to save money on newsletter costs. One suggestion was to find a less expensive paper. Another proposal was to get more business ads and make sure ads are paid for. A Café Flora person will aid us in doing this, but we will keep our own records. Also suggested that we get volunteers to hand deliver to different blocks.

Members present agreed to send an e-mail message to City Councilwoman Pageler about our hesitation to support cutting trees in the Cedar River watershed.

Eric Stroschein represented the "Yes on Medic 1" campaign and Aaron Ostrom represented "Schools First". We appreciated the information and their dedication of time to get these two important issues on the February 3rd ballot.

Jerry Sussman presented the proposed revised copy of the GMVCC bylaws. Corrections were made by the members present. A motion was passed directing that the proposed bylaws be published in the next newsletter and voted on at the next meeting.

There was a short discussion on what we might want to do about the increasing airplane noise. Peggy Sussman will get more information and possibly speakers for the March general meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

GMVCC Newsletter Bookkeeper/Ad Volunteer Needed

If you have about 10 hours a year and would be willing to follow up on an established ad trail, please call Celine at 323-5801.

February Is Black History Month

Watch for publications of three local writers:
Esther Mumford, Mary Henry and Jackie Lawson

House/Pet Sitter Wanted

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In This Issue: Bylaws, King School Auction, Golden Apple Award

Speak Out on Jet Noise - Spring is coming and with it increasing jet traffic over our neighborhoods. Lets join with the other community councils to fight this plague of noise. The industry can develop quieter engines. The FAA can reset flight patterns so altitude gain occurs over water reducing the impact of acceleration on our residential areas. Are they flying over our houses to save fuel and money? Does Mayor Schell have sympathy with our complaints? We'll find out. Call Peggy at 325-6308 and the Jet Noise Hot Line at 433-5393.

Recipe of the Month:

Sunburst Potatoes

12 small red potatoes (1.5 lbs)

1 medium head cauliflower

6 carrots

2.5 c. grated cheese (cheddar or Monterey Jack)

1.5 c. plain yogurt salt & pepper to taste

Scrub potatoes; place in pot covered
with water. Boil 20 minutes until tender.

Grate cheese. Measure out yogurt.

Bring water to boil in steamer.

Break cauliflower into flowerets.

Scrape carrots and slice thinly on diagonal.

Steam cauliflower & carrots 15 minutes.

To serve: Cut open potatoes and place in deep
individual dishes. Top with yogurt, vegetables and
then cheese. Put out the remaining cheese &
yogurt. Great with sourdough bread.

Follow with dessert of ice cream or sherbet.

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