Minutes for the Magnuson Park Advisory Committee

March 8, 2017

Lower Conference Room, Building 30

Members Present: Gabrielle Gerhard (Chair), Tom Kelly (Vice Chair), Mary Anne Ward (Secretary), Lynn Ferguson, Jon Carver, Carol Valdrighi, Humberto Alvarez, Chandra Hampson

Members Absent: Scott Marshall, Herbert Cole, Tracy Bennett, Sandy Miller, Aaron Hoard

Magnuson Park Staff: Brian Judd

Guests: Mitch Cameron, Lesa ?

Call to Order: Gabrielle Gerhard called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

Approval of February minutes: Tom Kelly moved to approve the minutes and Mitch Cameron seconded; all members present voted in favor.

Public Comment: Mitch Cameron would like a few minutes at the next meeting to discuss crime. Brian Judd will do a co-meeting about that and Mary Anne Ward offered to reach out to NW Security who patrols the North Shore about their statistics.

Lynn Ferguson reported Sand Point Landmark applications will be reviewed in the Lower Conference Room. They will be reviewing the intersection of 65 and 62 to review sidewalk changes. The grounds there are historic.

Review and Discussion of MPAC Operating Procedures: The procedures were sent out to everyone in advance of the meeting. There were questions: What are the Magnuson Park Supplemental Guidelines? What constitutes a quorum? The original documents indicated we needed 9 members to vote in favor of an operations change, is that still true? Also, the original documents states that if a member misses 3 meetings without due cause they may be asked to resign, still true?

Lynn suggested that if we change the number from 9 we would need to form a committee to discuss the change.

Gabrielle noted the list of vacancies is not consistent.

Brian is looking for diversity on the council and an additional fair representation of the new housing residents.

Brian and Gabrielle will discuss if the committee formation needs updating.
Discuss the delaying of MPAC votes when possible: Survey results suggested we delay votes when possible to allow people to go back to their constituencies to discuss or consider the matter. There was a discussion. Humberto suggested if the vote is needed the night of the meeting it should be stated on the agenda. There was also a suggestion that a topic should be earmarked if it is a draft and will need follow up.

Historic District Signage Update: Brian called a meeting to get an interested group together to create a road map for signage, to brain storm what that would look like and get a comprehensive scope. There is currently no funding so this is future planning. Brian is looking for volunteers for the committee.

Director’s Report: University Congregation Housing Assoc is partnering with the Park to build tiny houses. Parks donated the Hanger to allow the houses to be built there then moved to a homeless area,

SDOT and Parks went to NOAA with an opportunity for King County Metro to come through the Park. NOAA road would need to be opened permanently. It would qualify NOAA for a stop light. Parks is still waiting for an answer. Brian is still trying to find the right person to present the difference between funding of the Park District and the Parks Dept.

Mercy Housing will have a pre-construction community meeting May 2 in the lower level of Santo’s Place. They will introduce the contractor, traffic plan, hours of operation, and timeline of the construction project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

Submitted by: Mary Anne Ward, Secretary