

Minutes of Magnuson Park Advisory Committee
October 14, 2015
Lower Conference Room, Building 30

Members Present: Loren Hill (Chair), Ed Bronsdon (Vice Chair), Julianna Ross (Secretary), Pete Zimmerman, Gabrielle Gerhard, Arden Forrey, Aaron Hoard, Adrienne Karls, Mary Anne Ward, Lynn Ferguson, Tracy Bennett, Tom Kelly, Humberto Alvarez

Absent: Peggy Printz, Herb Curl, Ken Sparks

Magnuson Park Staff: Cheryl Fraser

Guests: Alisa Luber, Elizabeth Kiker, Dee Hillis, Carol Valdrighi

Call to Order: Loren Hill calls meeting to order at 6:01pm.
September minutes are approved with changes.

Public Comment: None.

Elizabeth Kiker, Cascade Bicycle Club (CBC): They are done renovating their new space in Building 11 and now concentrating on the exterior parts of their leased property which is the Phase II public benefit portion of their growth. They'll do many things, including a traffic garden and a fix-it shed. They are asking Seattle Waldorf and Sail Sand Point for input. Their architect is well aware of historic preservation guidelines and making sure nothing they are doing to exterior can't be reversed. They have a 30 year lease. They will be modifying their front door. They have many amenities to offer, including close access to Burke Gilman trail.

Lynn Ferguson presents some questions re: signage and plantings. Elizabeth will send an email of signage plans. They are also talking about incorporating art onto the building. Tracy Bennett expresses that everyone in Building 11 cares about the guidelines but also need to be able to express the identity of their organizations. The partners will work together to create a unified appearance. Ed Bronsdon proposes MPAC vote in support of CBC's plans. Approved.

Humberto Alvarez, Solid Ground: Solid Ground is undergoing a realignment, which is funder driven, an initiative from King County after studying the costs of housing homeless. They will be replacing transitional housing with permanent supportive housing over the next 12 – 24 months. Solid Ground did not initiate this. As the building empties, units will be freshened up, does not include any exterior work. 10,000 people are homeless in King County on any given day. What we're doing is not working so everyone is looking at lessons learned. There are 800 transitional housing units in King County, KC wants to reduce to 100 – 150 and instead create 1000 new affordable housing units by 2020. Permanent affordable does not need a lot of services and support.

SG is going for permanent supportive housing which addresses the root causes of chronic homelessness per the Feds. SG has the expertise and will provide a 24/7 staffing model. Will

have clinicians, mental health and addiction specialists, case managers and child advocates. They will have kids for a long time now, giving them a pathway out. Five agencies are in a cohort scaling up for this new service model to start in 2016. The whole homeless situation is changing and by 2020 will look very different.

Lynn says this is very different than what the neighbors agreed to and they would like to see more veterans included. Wonders how SG screens for residents. Dee Hillis conveys SG now has 17 veterans, 10 of which live in transitional and 7 that are in permanent. Their average age is 57. The new model is more families. Where single adults live is where veterans are mostly housed. Aaron Hoard knows that Sand Point Elementary is concerned with fluctuations in their student body population. This change should ease that. Humberto says this move comes from funders saying “move this direction or lose your funding.” Explains the difficulties in screening for “no felonies,” etc. Carol Valdrighi expresses concern about the potential to have poorly screened tenants so close to Sand Point Elementary. The bonus, says SG, is that they’ll have the services to help the root causes. If people can move up and out, they will. Others will always need services. The new model includes staffing increases and hours.

Due to length of discussion, off leash area updates and informational/directional kiosk subjects are deferred to another meeting.

Director’s Report, Cheryl Fraser: Boyer lease went through city council on Oct. 8th and was approved. Permit process is moving forward and Boyer hopes to begin and complete construction within 12 weeks. Oiselle lease is A-OK.

November 19 the Superintendent will be at Magnuson in the Officers Club as part of his listening tour.

Magnuson Park staff is working hard on getting the RFPs out for Buildings 2 and 18 – they will remain open for several months. They are already getting asked for letters of support which they will provide to anyone who asks.

Parks Dept. is adding new member positions to MPAC; someone from Sand Point Elementary, someone from the Community Center Advisory Committee and another tenant.

Due to the Veterans Day holiday on November 11, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4.

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julianna Ross