

Minutes for Magnuson Park Advisory Committee
December 14, 2016
Officers Club – Building 30

Members Present: Loren Hill (Chair), Tom Kelly (Vice Chair), Adrienne Karls (Secretary), Carol Valdrighi, Gabrielle Gerhard, Chandra Hampson, Julianna Ross, Lynn Ferguson, Sandy Bricel-Miller, Jon Carver, Mitch Cameron (alternate), Pete Zimmermann (alternate)

Absent: Tracy Bennett, Nino Johnson, Emily Dexter, Scott Marshall, Herbert Curl, Humberto Alvarez, Aaron Hoard, Mary Anne Ward, Arden Forrey

Magnuson Park Staff: Brian Judd, Cole Dietrich

Guests: Tom Ansart, Alisa Luber, Diana Kincaid, Peggy Printz, Shauna Wagren, Marti Hefron

Call to Order: Loren Hill calls meeting to order at 6:30pm

Notes from the Chair – Loren Hill: this has been a great year and we have accomplished a lot together as a council. Keep the forward momentum; there's a lot of good work to be done.

Approval of September and November minutes: Julianna Ross moves to approve the minutes and Tom Kelly seconds. All members present vote in favor.

Public Comment: Lynn Ferguson – Arden Forrey has passed away. He was in good care through hospice; he will be missed.

SDOT presentation Re: Sand Point Way Corridor Study (NE NOAA Drive to Princeton Avenue NE) – Shauna Wagren and Marti Hefron: a grant of \$90K was awarded from NEDC for research and planning safer pedestrian passageways and improvements to Sand Point Way (SPW). Concerns are that there are very few places on SPW that are safe for pedestrians to cross. Plans so far include options for changing lane designation at 70th by creating a left turn only lane on the southbound side of SPW, creating curbed or sidewalk pedestrian pathways on both sides of SPW with parallel parking at 75th instead of current angled parking, a marked and flashing crosswalk at 77th, a narrowed slip lane option at 74th by creating a change in crosswalk locations, a T-intersection optional plan for 74th which includes removing the Warren G. Magnuson sign to another location inside the park. Q&A covered concerns of traffic flow, NOAA road opening, possibilities of lowering speed of 40Mph on SPW, safe passageways for Sand Point Elementary children, parallel parking change effects at 75th, elimination of access to Ave A inside park, and the effects of moving sign at entrance to park at 74th. Everyone is encouraged to attend an open community meeting on January 25th 2017.

Sand Point Elementary Crossing Guard Positions – Nora: SPE is offering paid crossing guard positions to cross kids at 65th and 64th. Shifts are flexible and may be split (or shared) with another person.

Naming Buildings Proposal – Peggy Printz: navigating throughout the park is difficult. Creating signs which clearly name the buildings and placing them where you can see it as you pass by could be done at a fairly low cost. Initial discussions were for names which honor the native species living in the park which could also create a fun learning experience for park users. Members presented the historical

landmark aspects and creating names which are relevant to the history of Magnuson Park while including the building number also. Doing group work would be a good start to creating a list and writing a letter of support to parks superintendent. Send ideas via email to peggyjprintz@gmail.com and we will revisit this topic when changes are made to current plans.

Building 2 update – Julianna Ross: there are many ideas for artistic use of Building 2 which include (a small sample listed here) plans for a mobile museum, studio labs, virtual reality groups, history both past and present, work possibilities through teaching trade to homeless individuals, Seattle Film Institute for shooting small independent films (local producers) and much more. This looks to be a great opportunity for Grass Roots formed non-profits available to accept volunteers.

Director’s report and introduction of new members to the committee – Brian Judd: many thanks to Julianna, Loren and Ken for their service to MPAC and their dedicated advocacy for parks and community. Jon Carver will now be representing as Sports Field User (Regional) and Sandy Brice-Miller for Tenants/Arts. Both shared their background and enthusiasm for joining MPAC. The seat for NEDC is being placed on hold and may possibly become another tenant seat; will reach out for another representative for the Audubon seat. Spike will be happily using Building 2 space temporarily. Brian noted that in the 2017 approved Budget Council added 800K to an Athletic Field Fund dedicated to improving and building sport fields and 800K to the Ball field lighting program, dedicated to improving or adding lights to sports fields. He suggested this might be a source to fund a project at Magnuson Park and maybe the Committee could discuss and make a recommendation to the Superintendent for these funds. Building 41 has a leaky roof and is in a compromised state. The roof must be replaced but it is going to cost a lot. Lynn suggests getting the roof fixed sooner than later so that the building doesn’t become totally unusable and the cost does not keep rising the worse it gets.

Review of year and look forward – Loren Hill: Brian has been a dedicated Manager at Magnuson. He does a tremendous job listening and bringing different groups together and truly loves his job. But remember to use and keep him engaged as he is a huge asset to this group. The Strategic Development Plan lists a lot of needs in high priority. Continue writing letters of support; resend them again even if it’s been sent. Follow up every year. If an asset management plan doesn’t feel like priorities are being addressed then you may need to follow up as well. Always remember to reflect and give feedback.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:48pm

Next meeting: January 11th 2017

Minutes respectfully submitted by Adrienne Karls - Secretary