

Minutes for Magnuson Park Advisory Committee
November 13, 2019 Meeting
Lower Conference Room, Building 30

Members Present: Gabrielle Gerhard (Chair,) Tom Kelly, Dianne Hofbeck, Janice Bragg, Aaron Hoard, Lhorna Murray, Megan Castellano, Juli Horan, Sandy Miller

Members Absent: Diana Kincaid, Humberto Alvarez, Atsuko Tamura, Chancy Gibbs, Jon Carver

SPR/Magnuson Park Staff: Brian Judd, Park Manager

Guests: Seth Muir, Sail Sandpoint; Jack Collins, neighbor; Aurora Blackmore, Waldorf School

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

Minutes of previous meeting were approved. Tom moved to approve the minutes and Jan seconded. All voted in favor, except Lhorna, who abstained.

Public Comment/Member Announcements

Seth Muir invited people to submit input on a proposed design for Building 31 of Sail Sand Point.

Jan Bragg announced that herbicide was still being sprayed as recently as 9/19/19 by “Green Seattle Partnership” in the park. The goal is to kill Himalayan Blackberry plants. She brought in examples of the signs that were being posted.

Gabrielle Gerhard said that the SPACE Gala fundraiser on October 26th in the Officer’s Club of Building 30 West was a great, positive event. Good turnout and significant funds were raised towards hiring a radio station manager for the Magnuson Park Radio Station.

Gabrielle asked if the group would like to have a potluck at the next meeting in December. The group agreed to have the potluck and Aurora Blackmore offered to host the meeting at the Waldorf School.

Aaron Hoard reported that a storm broke several large branches from an historical Deodar Cedar Tree adjacent to Building 25. An arborist has been contacted and will be taking preventable measures to protect the health of the tree.

Park Manager's Report

Brian Judd

Public Benefits Highlights

Cascade Bicycle Club

- 147 scholarships for major ride events - \$17,787
- 807 children participated in bike safety classes - \$2,150.72
- 17,000 volunteer hours - \$517,820
- Free bike repair and maintenance for public - \$1,000

Tennis Center Sand Point

- Public restroom Access - \$12,000
- Free court time for youth/seniors - \$14,250
- 12 scholarships provided - \$14,250
- Free clinics offered to Brettler youth and other groups - \$4,820 plus \$1,000 in free coaching time

Arena Sports

- 80 Rock the Park Scholarships - \$2,800
- 1,155 Lil' Kickers Scholarships - \$19,635
- MPC Youth Care Scholarships - \$15,552

Sail Sand Point

- 67 youth scholarships for camp - \$22,729
- 27 adult scholarships for classes - \$4,067
- 37 Shipmates Group Scholarships - \$9,960
- Various public events - \$7,800
- Discounts on Boat Rental Passes - \$10,618

Sand Point Arts and Cultural Exchange

- Free access to Magnuson Park Gallery - \$16,760
- Artists Receptions and Open Studios - \$11,150
- Volunteer Engagement - \$40,572

Camp Good Times

- 225 Summer camp participants - \$405,000
- 15 Kayak Adventure Camp participants - \$30,000
- General programs offered to families - \$30,000

Earth Corps

-Investment in new Building 30 windows - \$485,000

-Restoration Services in SPR parks - \$9,884

-160 Volunteers engaged in projects - \$34,896

Building 11 Outdoor Restrooms

Due to regular misuse of the restrooms by a small group of people, access is temporarily limited to Sail Sand Point participants. Combo locks were installed earlier in the year to manage access and challenges are still emerging. Magnuson Admin staff will continue to problem solve to find a resolution.

Tom recommended that sharps disposal containers be placed in the restrooms.

Building 2 Vandalism

There is an increase in vandalism and break-ins at Building 2 over the last several weeks. SPR Security will be involved and SPD will conduct regular “building watch” for the next few weeks.

The Brig (Building 406) Construction Project

Scheduled to commence on Dec 2. This project will be completed in 4 - 6 months and will include a roof and HVAC replacement, and substantial ADA upgrades.

EV Charging Station Install

Installation will begin on Dec 2

Magnuson Admin Office Transition

Klaus Goodrum is now the permanent Parks Concession Coordinator. Kenya Bostic accepted a permanent job with SDOT and we are in the process of filling the office admin position. Please have patience with us during this transition time.

2020 MPAC Slate News

Brian will provide update on the 2020 MPAC slate.

End of Manager's Report

Concerns about Dogs Running Off Leash in the Park

Jan Bragg addressed concerns about dogs running off leash in the park. She inquired if Parks has ordered signs to be posted with appropriate phone number to call and report. Signs are needed near athletic fields, along shoreline and in parking lots.

Brian responded that he has put in an order, but needs recommendations on where to place the signs.

Jan stated that signs are already present in wetlands, near athletic fields, and along shoreline but are needed in parking lots.

Tom added that signs should be posted at exits for off leash area.

Environmental Policies at Magnuson

Jan

- Is there a checklist for considering carbon emissions impact when scheduling events or ordering equipment for the park?
- Would it be best for MPAC to work on creating a Green Standard?
- Concern over the Mobile Customer Service Center that has a van parked and engine running with windows open for a large part of the day.

Brian

- No checklist when scheduling events
- MPAC needs to advocate for what they value.
- Mayor Durkan wants to reduce the fleet by 10 % citywide

Gabrielle

-Suggested that we could bring a rep from the Environmental Sustainability Department to meet with MPAC.

MPAC Motion for Vote on Letters of Support

(please see attached page for outline of Motion)

Gabrielle opened up the floor for any further questions or suggestions about the Motion.

Following light discussion, Jan moved to adopt the Motion.

Dianne seconded

The Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Miller

MPAC Motion for Vote on Letters of Support - November 2019

Motion: This motion is for the Magnuson Park Advisory Committee to adopt the following policy guidelines and language to use with groups who would like to get a letter of support from MPAC.

Proposed Guidelines for “Letter of Support” Process and Scheduling - Nov 2019

1. MPAC requests that organizations requesting a possible letter of support from the Committee, for example for a grant request, contact MPAC approximately 6 weeks in advance of when they may want a letter. MPAC meets on the second Wednesday of every month, except for August, when there is no meeting. So contacting us near the end of a month should allow groups to be considered for the upcoming MPAC agenda.
2. If the chair agrees, and the upcoming agenda has time available, this allows for the organization to come to the MPAC meeting and briefly present on their request. The chair may ask the organization to also submit a brief written summary of the request, to be forwarded to the committee prior to the meeting.
3. The committee would then vote on the request at the meeting in the following month, so one month later. This allows members time to consider the request and possibly research it, if it involves something they are not familiar with. (Given the broad range of MPAC membership, this is possible.)
4. Not giving an organization a time on the agenda, or not having a vote on a letter of support, or voting to not write a letter of support, all of these do not mean that MPAC is not supportive overall of an organization. It may mean that their work is not a priority for MPAC at the current time, or that we are unable to accommodate their request on our schedule.