

**Minutes for Magnuson Park Advisory Committee
Oct. 9, 2019 Meeting
Lower Conference Room, Building 30**

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

Members Absent: Lhorna Murray, Diana Kincaid, Humberto Alvarez, Atsuko Tamura, Chancy Gibbs, Jon Carver, Mitch Cameron

SPR/Magnuson Park Staff: Robert Stowers, Klaus Goodrum

Guests: Bill Rumpf, Mercy Housing; Seth Muir, Sail Sandpoint; Tom Ansart, Seattle Musical Theater; Aurora Blackmore, Waldorf School; Alex Pedersen, D4 Council Candidate

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

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

Public Comment/Member Announcements

Aurora Blackmore from Waldorf School announced that Dr. Pamela Taylor will lead a conversation at the School on Oct. 24 at 7:00pm . It will feature the documentary *Cracking the Code, The systems of Racial Inequity*.

Gabrielle reminded everyone the deadline to nominate for the Denny awards is next week Friday Oct 18. SPACE is holding a Gala Fundraiser for the gallery and radio station Oct. 26 6:30 PM. OneLife Community Church hosts a free dinner in the Brig every Monday 5 – 6:30. Volunteers are needed by Solid Ground to help with a photo shoot of residents on Saturday Dec. 7.

Seth Muir of Sail Sand Point announced that there would be an outreach process for the renovations to the Boathouse. Thursday Oct. 17 **at** the Community Center from 7-8:30 pm (along with the Haunted House). Saturday Oct. 19 at Sail Sand Point.

Report of Robert Stowers, Director of Enterprise and Partnerships in Community (EPIC)

Building 42: Musical Theater is moving out gradually. Negotiations have been started with Broadway Bound Theater Group.

Building 2: MP Center for Excellence proposal is moving along. They have obtained funding from City and State.

Building 18: Outdoors For All proposal going through due process They have received a \$1 million grant from the Mayor's Office.

Both groups have raised matching funds.

Jan inquired as to whether SPR includes the topic of the carbon footprint in their plans. Robert stated that The City has a comprehensive policy ("environmental score cards" for each division/ each project has to comply with strong requirements and with building requirements.)

Work is progressing on the strategic plan for the next 6 years. Mayors budget for parks relatively unchanged from the past.

Brian Judd spoke about Magnuson Park at the National Recreation and Parks Association Conference in Baltimore.

Tom praised park events staff and Joanne Orsucci for being responsive and increasing the time required for posting cyclo-cross pre-event notification signs and for having the event promoter comply with sign size, material, and location specifications. Never before this year had signs provided park users with enough advance notice

Part Manager's Report from Klaus Goodrum, sitting in for Brian Judd

Building 406 (the Brig): Remodel scheduled to start the first of November. It will be a 4 month process in 2 phases. Staff is working on finding space for tenants during the process.

Bldg. 30 Officers Club and Hangar: a work schedule is being created. Some tenants will be temporarily relocated to Building 30. A schedule is being created

Tom raised the issue of the Magnuson Park Events Calendar which seems to have disappeared from the website. It will be looked into.

Jan again raised the issue of no signage, other than the wetlands, about dogs needing to be on leash in the park, and asked for an animal control phone number on them when they are created. Klaus stated that there has to be 1 sign for the city, that it can't be a sign unique to Magnuson Park; Jan clarified that such a sign already exists at Discovery Park. Klaus will talk to Brian.

Sandy raised the issue of safety now that there are more people living in the park. Klaus reported no change from last year, and that most of the "activity" was opportunistic in nature. It was suggested that we find a way to get more people to

know about the park's various buildings and sites and thereby gain more respect for them.

The issue of fires in the park was raised, in relation to the wading pool area. If you see a fire you are to call 911. Jan suggested having signs for the park, as is done in other cities, which list "no fires, no camping, no dogs off-leash."

Update on Magnuson/Sand Point Collaboration for School Aged Kids from Bill Rumpf, Mercy Housing (Solid Ground, Friends of Youth, Mercy Housing)

Bill passed out a Collection Action Plan Progress Report listing the status of activities. The group is now moving to quarterly meetings.

Every Wednesday from 10am to 2Pm there is a food bank in Building 9 community space that is open to the public. Volunteers are needed. 180 families have used it so far.

Mercy Housing has two full-time resident service coordinators. If you would like to reach the residents, he will put you in contact with them. Bill said he would like at some point to get a list of the public benefit opportunities that are available and could be accessed in the park.

Magnuson Park Environment Concerns/Challenges from Jan Bragg

Jan would like the committee to make a recommendation to parks that all decisions regarding Magnuson be seen through a green lens and concern for reducing the carbon footprint. The committee will ask Brian if there is a checklist for this similar to the Race and Social Justice Toolkit, when making decisions re equipment purchases, buildings and event proposals. Gabrielle and Jan will work on the language for the request.

Letter of Support Issue

Aaron suggested that we request that an applicant provide a synopsis of their proposal when they make their request. Gabrielle will notify everyone that a vote on the requirements for a letter of support will be made at the November meeting.

Motion to Adjourn approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm