

MINUTES -- Magnuson Park Advisory Committee
Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 6 – 7:30 PM

Members: Diana Kincaid, Tom Kelly, Juli Horan, Jan Bragg, Lynn Ferguson sitting in for for Dianne Hofbeck, Karey Kessler, Brian Judd, Aaron Hoard, Gabrielle Gerhard

Guests: Carol Valdrighi

1. Call to order, Introductions, 6:05 at Building 30 Conference Room
2. Introductions
3. Request for Secretary
 - a. Jan and Gabrielle offered. Gabrielle will do, ask Jan for comments.
4. Approval of the minutes from December 11, 2019 Mtg Committee
 - a. Lynn offered a correction for the December minutes: says a “Lynne” in the text of the Dec minutes should be Lynn.
 - a. Minutes were approved by general agreement, with Lynn’s offered correction.
 - b. Lynn suggests that minutes should be sent to Parks Board chair and Alex Pedersen and to Lhorna on his behalf (after approval)
 - c. Lynn also would like to get the minutes. As they are sent out. Minutes go to the committee before they are corrected and then Lynn wants them to go out to her after approval.
 - d. Says that that posting the minutes online has fallen behind on the website.
 - e. Carol wants a copy of the agenda, can we try to get Agenda on the web site as well before meetings. Brian says yes, if they are ready earlier. For example the Friday before the meeting.
2. Public Comment, if any & Announcements
 - a. Lynn shared that Alex P will be at the NEDC meeting tomorrow. He is asking people to attend.
3. Executive Report, SPR, Robert Stowers
 - a. Robert did not attend this meeting.
4. Park Manager Report, Brian Judd
 - a. He will give Gabrielle the printed report.
 - b. The EV charging stations are up, in the Jr. League Parking Lot, not yet functional, will be on soon.
 - c. Brig Construction project started Monday
 - i. New HVAC, new roof, new ADA compliance
 - ii. Klaus coordinated a lot of this with the tenants and building, so Thank You to him.
 - d. Rash of break ins and vandalism in Building 2 in last 4 months or so
 - i. Brian has convened an institutional parks group to try and deal w that and to identify the buildings vulnerabilities
 - ii. Still 2 - 3 years away from a final plan for building 2.

- iii. Lynn wants murals and plywood, has been effective on other sites
- iv. People are using different routes into the building each time
- v. Not officially mothballing it
- vi. Vandalism, playing, graffiti, living in a side building, broken windows
- vii. More information to come on this in future
- e. Building 11 outdoor restrooms (so called because on external face)
 - i. For winter took off key pad, added back an actual key. Sign says “restrooms closed”, so the “mis-users” will hopefully move on.
 - ii. Sail Sandpoint still has key access to the restrooms
 - iii. Building 11 restrooms
 - iv. What restrooms are open in the park? These are, may be others:
 - 1. Magnuson Brewery, Arena Sport, Tennis Center, Brig, Honey buckets, Beach restrooms
- f. Mayor Durken just today sent out a document (executive order) on the City’s approach to addressing the Green New Deal
 - i. Joelle Hammersted was supposed to present tonight, we will get her on the Feb agenda. She will present how the City of Seattle is committed to reducing its carbon footprint to fight climate change.
 - ii. Brian will send out this document and gave Jan a written copy of it.
 - iii. Diana shared that sidewalks will be implemented along SPW in Spring, up to NOAA
 - iv. Also questions on the intersection at 74th and Sand Point Way in Spring, up to NOAA
 - 1. Brian says there should be an announcement soon
 - 2. Diana suggests having SDOT come and present at soon
 - 3. Lynn - any movement on NOAA? Brian says no progress to date and no signs of any to come
- g. Jan wants to talk about the Mayor’s Exec Order.
 - i. Report from the city looks good, studies, general statements, ideas about what to do first
 - ii. Jan wants us to send a recommendation to the superintendent that before Magnuson Park does certain things that they consider the carbon footprint of any new policy or expenditure, for example, before purchasing new equipment, before scheduling events with gas generators or food trucks, when considering Mobile Customer Service Center truck, other changes.
 - iii. Lynn recommends that there be included in remodeling etc. of building, Jan says it already is. Lynn suggests this could guide adherence to or adjustments to future landmarks requirements for historic buildings.
 - iv. Lynn says we could consider doing a “vision statement” that said the environment is also important as well as the historical challenges

- v. Aaron says we can't make it too complicated that there is a no-win situation and then people will not invest in or renovate the buildings.
 - vi. Tom thinks we should target Parks, and maybe have a checklist on how we could target events, and fields
 - vii. Aaron asks about how to balance the language and the broader things as well, encouraging people to be in the park and use the services.
 - viii. We can continue the conversation
 - ix. Joelle Hammerstedt will have a presentation, and Brian will make sure that Jan gets a copy of it
 - x. Brian: we want policy to be sustainable
 - 1. Not have a policy we can't enforce, like when dogs are off leash out of the off leash dog area and the policy is hard to enforce
 - 2. Come up w policies and procedures we can sustain and which are measurable
 - 3. Lynn suggests historic district should not be left out of this discussion, e.g. that trees can be trimmed back so it's safer without necessarily adding more lighting
 - 4. Jan said she was not proposing to discuss buildings, more equipment and programming.
5. Priorities and Budget 2020 - Committee Discussion - Diana wants to open the discussion on priorities and budget for 2020
- a. Brian, discussing the process, says budget calendar not yet established, but the internal budget timing works mainly from February to April, when Parks works on the budget internally and deals w city budget office and submits requests for 2 years: 2021 and 2022.
 - i. So now is a good time to decide what our priorities are and lobby for them now, with Council and budget office
 - ii. September when budget comes out is okay, but almost too late. When the mayor announces it, that is too late, we must be a part of the process early on in order to lobby for the changes you want.
 - iii. Parks Superintendent had a parks district meeting at the park in Summer 2018, he sees the Magnuson community as important to listen to and wants to hear directly from us.
 - b. Discussion of ideas:
 - i. Aaron raises a question - how do we meld what Parks wants with what MPAC wants to lobby for?
 - ii. Diana says start with what we already see the park needs based on what the people at this table see as priorities
 - 1. Brian reminds us to inform him
 - 2. But to DEFINITELY report directly to Jesus, this is a way to begin to advocate for the park

3. Diana says to maybe invite Jesus to one of our meetings, maybe in March after the priorities have been decided
 - iii. Tom, what's already in the pipeline, whats going on and already budgeted for
 - iv. What about the projects already working on?
 - v. Brian can bring that info to the February mtg
 - vi. Maybe have some follow up on this - have Jesus come to our meeting and then a final follow up meeting
 - vii. Brian says yes strategic plan is still valid and the update is valid and he will redistribute that.
 - viii. Brian says that all the MPAC priorities are also folded into his report.
 - ix. Diana reminds us that Magnuson Park is a neighborhood as well as a regional park and wants equity and social justice also as a lens in the park.
 - x. Tom, also there is a Parks strategic plan coming out
 1. And building off the SPR mission statement
 - xi. Carol says there is a possible change to the major projects challenge fund, wants to get more information on that
- c. Other ideas
- i. Jan wants money set aside for wetland drainage function in that area, need to figure out why the Shore Lagoon and NE arm of Promontory Pond have drained the past 2 summers such that nearly empty, i.e., hydrology no longer functioning.
 - ii. Lynn wants a master plan, a design plan for everything, and we are not following all the parts that we do have. Land, not buildings
 - iii. Diana concerned about shoreline and pedestrians and we also have a limited amount of arts
 - iv. Karey, Jr. League parking lot could be safer, hard to know how to improve it, lots of kids, Brian said arrows fade, flow and safety are priorities for her
 - v. Brian say way finding study has already been funded, that is under Oliver
 - vi. Diana: 2 mile walking loop in the park so it is safer to walk here.
 1. Signed, safe, and clear sight lines
 2. Cheap exercise
 3. A lot of agreement on that
 - vii. Tom - focus on wayfinding but really also social trails, where we may want to diminish use of some trails and increase use of others, to make a long term plan for the trails and still maintain wildlife.
 - viii. Brian: Ave A also funded in a future project, just fixing the area w the buckling of the cement

- ix. Tom: Also wants more art in the park, maybe some temporary art, external rotating public art.
 - 1. City dept on art and culture had vending machines w quotes
 - x. Aaron mentioned the monolith that was on Kite Hill in the past in the park and Lynn mentioned a piece with silhouette of soldiers
 - 1. Has to be placed close to trails etc
 - xi. Agreed we liked the idea of more guerilla art in the park.
 - xii. Tom - more veg restoration
 - xiii. Aaron suggests we review what Brian sends and we all talk more in the next meeting with a set of top several things we want.
 - xiv. Decided to each come up with 5 things as our priorities and then the committee can discuss. Gabrielle recommended that Diana remind everyone to come up with the 5 ideas before the next meeting.
6. Adjourn Meeting - about 7:28. Jan moved to adjourn and Gabrielle seconded.