

November 10, 2021 • MPAC Minutes

Webex Meeting • 6pm-7:30pm

In Attendance: Brian Judd, Elisa Law, Mary Ellen Bicknell, Janice Bragg, Robin Melvin, Juli Horan, Katie Parker, Garrett Arnold, Karey Kessler

Guests: Neal Simpson, Tom Kelly, Kevin Volkmann

INTRODUCTIONS

6:04 Juli calls meeting to order, chairing in lieu of Diana. Calls for introductions.

Mary Ellen Bicknell - Magnuson Environmental Stewardship Alliance, Elisa Law - Executive Director of Friends of Magnuson, Brian Judd - Seattle Parks, Janice Bragg - Audubon Society volunteer and environmental representative, Garrett Arnold - Associate Director of Facilities and Events at Mountaineers, Karey Kessler – Artists in Building 30 West, Kate Parker – Mercy Magnuson Services, Robin Melvin – Represents the neighborhoods, Neal Simpson – Communications Team at Solid Ground, Tom Kelly – Former MPAC Member, Magnuson Environmental Stewardship Alliance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elisa – Building 41 murals have gone up and we are very proud of how they turned out.

Tom – Encampments in the park have surged in the past months. Some are in the restoration areas where the hard work of many people is being damaged. I realize there isn't much that MPAC can do but if the message can be passed up the chain.

Karey – The lines in the parking lot by the soccer fields have faded and people are parking erratically and dangerously.

Brian – I agree it's a problem. I put in an annual work order to have the parking lots restriped and the City will get to them in the order they can.

Neal – Wants to know what youth were involved in the painting of the murals. Elisa comments that they were 27 youth, 12 from Mercy Magnuson and Solid Ground.

Jan asks where the news will be shared. Elisa answers a Press Release will go out on Sunday the 14th immediately following the event. Jan suggests the radio station SPACE 101.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

Juli asks to approve minutes with Jan's edits, Elisa moves and Karey seconds. October 13th minutes approved.

Garrett moves to approve November agenda, Jan seconds. Agenda approved.

BRIAN'S REPORT



Magnuson Park Advisory Committee (MPAC)
Report from Magnuson Park Manager – Brian M. Judd
November 9, 2021

Topic	Update
CPTED Status Report	I re-sent this update to MPAC yesterday. Happy to field questions about the status report.
2022 MPAC Slate <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Positions• Leadership Positions Ideas for Adjustments	Revisiting open leadership roles and positions with members.
Building 41 Murals	Thanks to Friends of Magnuson Park for installing murals on Building 41 to improve how the building looks and assist with securing the windows. Brian will walk through a slideshow with MPAC.
Broadway Bound Children’s Theater Gala	<p>SPR issued Broadway Bound Children’s Theater (BBCT) issued a conditional letter of award in 2019 in connection to bid process for the Building 47 theater. BBCT has eyes on a long-term agreement for the theater.</p> <p>On Saturday, November 6th, BBCT hosted a fundraising gala in the Officers Club. Klaus Goodrum and I provided tours of the building for prospective donors. BBCT seems to be energetically moving forward on possibilities.</p>

Jan asks about rental vehicles used by Parks resources. Brian responds that there could no longer be two people per vehicle because of COVID. But the fleet will be reduced by 10%.

JAN SPORTS FIELD UPDATE



Jan: Black rubber pellets on the concrete by the sports field. I've been in touch with Lance Myers who is chief on the turf maintenance team. He wasn't aware that it was an issue until our correspondence. The team blew the rubber pellets back onto the field. I'm not clear if they were cleaned up in any way other than blowing them on the field. Lance thinks it gets blown out from the turf and into the surrounding environment. They have no device to suck up the pellets. The fields will be replaced sometime next year which should fix the issue.

Robin asks how the new fields with cork infill are doing.

Jan: Apparently the fill is made from cork and I'm investigating whether the cork is natural or synthetic. Awaiting a response.

Garrett: Did Lance mention a way to mitigate the pellets from coming out. Are there barriers that can be put up or any other ideas?

Jan: The only thing they said is that they can blow it back into the field once it's blown out. Jean Lee, an environmental engineer, said they could blow it from the concrete to the field but not vacuum it up from the grass because they would get other debris as well.

Garrett: Wondering why the decision was made for these pellets in the first place. I'm sure it had to do with not using pesticides and the cost benefit analysis pointed towards a synthetic field.

Brian: The new Arena Sports field is being reviewed, request is so far off in the future that it hasn't even been brought to Jesus yet.

Mary Ellen: If the pellets are going into the water, you may be able to raise that to the State or Federal level as a concern.

Brian: Andy Sheffer might be the person to talk to about environmental concerns of the turf.

ROLE OF MPAC

Juli: The purpose of MPAC is to raise and discuss issues facing the Park and bring those issues to the Superintendent. Any changes you'd like to see made? Already on the list are additional signage, speed limits, cross walks.

Elisa: Friends of Magnuson Park's letter about safety and maintenance.

Brian: When you stand outside Sand Point Way on either entrance, there are signs that say Warren G Magnuson Park. There are multiple land owners on Sand Point that neighbor the Park. But yes, Juli if there is a tree on Solid Ground's property that is down, that's their responsibility. Use the Find It Fix It app to address issues in the Park.

Katie: If the trees are close to our buildings they're our responsibility but closer to the street is SDOT?

Mary Ellen: More signage would be helpful to get to the sailing area or the Brewery. It would be helpful to have more directions.

Brian: We've been working with a consultant on a Wayfinding Plan for that area.

Elisa: Did signage for the Historic District make it in that Wayfinding Plan?

Brian: I asked them to include it and that request also came through in the public comment.

Karey: The road around Building 2 to Mountaineers and Sail Sand Point needs a sidewalk.

Brian: We've asked SDOT for a sidewalk and more lighting back there; road on east side of Mountaineers is SDOT road.

IDLE FREE ZONE

Juli: Did you want to discuss the idle free zone idea, Jan?

Jan: I was thinking about idle free zones outside hospitals or at boat launches. I've been at events at the Park where there were trucks unloading with their motors going the entire time. There are security guards at the Children's Hospital parking lot (E-5) and they charge their

phones with their gas powered cars. It's a pipe dream but it would be a great City-wide ethic to not idle cars.

Juli: If there was an idle free zone at the Park, how would that work?

Brian: There was a previous Park Superintendent named Timothy Gallagher and he passed legislation that stated no smoking on Parks property. It would be difficult to enforce such a thing, but if we passed a Parks-wide ordinance it would only be enforceable on our own property.

Mary Ellen: I think it would be very useful, even with exceptions.

Brian: Jesus came to a meeting in August and MPAC presented to him. The Superintendent values the opinions of the MPAC and I'm here to liaison on behalf of the department. It's up to you to decide what to elevate to the Superintendent.

Juli: I suggest the new Board next year reviews goals and decides then what to elevate to the Superintendent.

Jan: We last did the review goals in August of 2020.

FUTURE OF MPAC – WHAT SHOULD IT LOOK LIKE?

Juli: Diana and I are both stepping down from MPAC and so we need new leadership. Perhaps this should be tabled until next meeting in December, but one idea that has been brought forth that there should be a rotating chair. Or that we do a meeting every other month so the meeting is less time consuming. We've brought it up numerous times

Garrett: There isn't a process where the Chair hands the position over?

Brian: Usually folks volunteer and let me know that they're interested. I put together a profile for the Superintendent to review and he gives me a thumbs up. It's really whoever volunteers to do so.

Elisa: Having one meeting to chair is much less daunting than signing up for the whole year. I think it's a great idea.

Jan: I liked having the continuity of the same chair to keep us on track every meeting.

Juli: It's nice to have a resident as a chair. That's what I would advocate for. Any other comments?

Jan: I believe that Samantha is the only resident we have.

Neal: Are there a certain number of allotted seats for residents?

Brian: We have one for Solid Ground and one for Mercy Housing. Lhorna does have a nomination in mind to replace her. We have Katie as a representative from Mercy as a professional staff as well.

Juli: Could Mercy and Solid Ground reach out to their residents to gauge interest?

Brian: We can do fewer meetings, we can co-chair. Those changes are all welcome.

Garrett: I agree with Jan that I like continuity. It's important for everyone to have a sounding board to go to. Maybe we don't have a lot of burning issues but the platform is important to have.

Jan: Juli, a couple months ago, you had a process for putting forth agenda items. I think part of that process would mean discussions going very long if we only met every other month. We could always cancel a meeting if there were no issues.

Elisa: Is it possible for another format for MPAC meetings? Perhaps using a message board like Slack where conversations can be ongoing and then Zoom or in person meetings would be to make decisions on what was discussed?

Brian: However the MPAC meetings have to be fully publicly available. It has to be a publicly accessible format.

Garrett: Coming from the Mountaineers, we are a massive organization. We use Base Camp to communicate and that's been helpful to have ongoing conversations. Our organization would have base camp and then a meeting to make voting in person.

Garrett: Would like to see in person meetings in the future to get back some of the pre-COVID energy of the meetings.

Jan: Zoom is much less stressful than meeting in person was at some points. The Zoom meets have been wonderful.

Mary Ellen: I would prefer meeting in person to meet everyone and get to know you all.

Juli: Other comments?

Jan: I would be thrilled if any of you volunteered to Chair.

Juli: We'll adjourn early. Thank you for joining and participating.

7:16 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

