

Magnuson Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

March 12, 2025

Attendance

MPAC Members: Furry, King (Chair), De Abreu, Mejia-Giudici, Hudacek

Absent: Recinos, Hoard, Humes

SPR Staff and Presenters: Orsucci, LeMay, Burtzos, Elisa Law (Friends of Magnuson Park)

Welcome and Introductions

King calls the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Members of MPAC introduce themselves.

King introduces tonight's consent agenda: 1/8/25 MPAC Meeting Minutes, and 3/12/25 MPAC Meeting Agenda. There are no objections; the consent agenda passes as proposed.

Adopted: 1/8/25 MPAC Meeting Minutes

Adopted: 3/12/25 MPAC Meeting Agenda

Announcements & Information Sharing

Concerns raised regarding potential noise due to proposed pickleball facility in Magnuson Park.

Due to technical difficulties, King suggests reordering planned agenda items.

Friends of Magnuson Park – Historic District Signage Proposal

Elisa Law, Executive Director – Friends of Magnuson Park, delivers presentation regarding proposal for Art Deco signage on the west façade of Building 138.

- De Abreu asks if lettering will/can match similar extant lettering in Magnuson Park and on neighboring buildings
- MPAC members discuss design features, including airplane images, font, and contrast with background surfaces
- King discusses timing for possible MPAC recommendation vote

Magnuson Community Center Report

Kim LeMay, Magnuson Community Center Coordinator, delivers the report.

- Winter youth basketball season has ended; Magnuson CC had seven teams this year
- The youth track season is under way
- Magnuson CC has undergone a staffing change; Assistant Coordinator Penny Atwood has transferred to another location and the new Assistant Coordinator at MCC is Xavier Walker
- Updates regarding summer camp registration, scholarship information, and class instructors

- Upcoming events:
 - 4/18 – Teen Glow Hunt 8:00 – 10:00 PM
 - 4/19 – Spring Egg Hunt 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Magnuson Park Safety

De Abreu and Ruth Fruland (Friends of Magnuson Park) deliver brief presentation regarding Magnuson Park safety issues.

- Fruland offers context for presentation. During 2024 and early 2025, Magnuson Park has experienced an increase in property and violent crime, including incidents of firearm use.
- De Abreu presents existing and ongoing efforts to address safety issues.
- MPAC members discuss various avenues to advocate for safety and CPTED improvements to the park

Magnuson Park Manager's Report

Joanne Orsucci, Interim Magnuson Park Manager, delivers the report [attached].

Orsucci and LeMay respond to inquiry regarding the ongoing handrail/ADA compliance project in the Building 47 gymnasium.

Old & New Business

King gives background presentation regarding the proposed pickleball facility in Magnuson Park. MPAC has previously sent a letter of advocacy to SPR Superintendent AP Diaz opposing the current plans for 25 courts at this facility.

- King suggests revising MPAC's stated position to oppose the installation of a pickleball facility of any size at this site
- MPAC members discuss efficacy of individual advocacy relative to advocacy on behalf of the whole group

King adjourns the meeting at 7:30 PM.



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Report from Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) – Joanne Orsucci

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Topic	Updates/Notes
MPAC Priority #1: Healthy People <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Infrastructure and Lighting• Improve safety and reduce crime	Ongoing Security Concerns SPD continues with a good presence in the park. SPD has had the mobile precinct onsite at Bldg 18 for a number of days in late February. As of March 5, no RV encampments on SPR property.
MPAC Priority #2: Healthy Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Address event-related traffic.• Addressing garbage/litter + animal waste in the park.	
MPAC Priority #3: Strong Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve Communication within Magnuson Park + surrounding community.• Inclusive and communicative planning.	The Broadview Planning final report is being reviewed and we are hoping to have it presented at the April MPAC meeting.
MPAC Roster and Recruiting	Four current vacancies on MPAC. Current interest from a Community Garden member.

Seattle Parks Updates	Budget issues: The City's hiring freeze continues and the normal team of 4 at Magnuson Admin Office is currently a team of 2 staff. We appreciate your understanding as we prioritize tenant operations work and put other projects on hold as we navigate this hiring freeze. Tenant renewals March-May 2025: 24 Artists Tenant Improvements: Sail Sand Point starts Phase I of its tenant improvements to remodel the former weld shop in Building 11. Project begins April 1, 2025, estimated 4 weeks of work. Magnuson Theater: post-fire restoration is 98% complete.
Responses to MPAC Inquiries	