

Magnuson Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2026

Attendance

MPAC Members: King (chair), Hudacek, Furry, Nygaard, Mejia-Giudici, Talavera, Recinos

Absent: Humes, Hoard, Windhover

SPR Staff and Presenters: Morris (Birds Connect Seattle), Okano, Burtzos

Welcome and Introductions

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

There are no comments or announcements from MPAC members.

King introduces the consent agenda for approval:

June 10 MPAC Meeting Minutes

<i>Motion: Furry Second: Recinos</i>

July 8 MPAC Meeting Agenda

<i>Motion: Hudacek Second: Recinos</i>
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Without objection, the motions pass by unanimous consent.

Adopted: June 10 MPAC Meeting Minutes; July 8 MPAC Meeting Agenda

Neighborhood Bird Project at Magnuson Park

Joshua Morris, Conservation Director with Birds Connect Seattle (BCS), delivers the presentation.

The Neighborhood Bird Project began in 1994 and is active in 10 sites throughout Seattle. The project collects longitudinal data on bird populations and species variety. Magnuson Park has been continuously monitored since 1995.

Morris describes BCS methodology and results both citywide and locally. Species richness at Magnuson Park has held mostly constant but total counts have decreased more than citywide averages. Morris highlights some positive and negative trends by species.

Morris answers questions from MPAC members. Discussion topics include off-leash dogs, enforcement and signage, model planes and related items, pesticides and rodenticides, and window collisions.

Magnuson Community Center Report

Jarod Okano, Magnuson Community Center Coordinator, delivers the report.

The Magnuson CC gymnasium ADA lift is scheduled for its last repair on or around 7/16/26, followed by an inspection prior to resuming operation. This ongoing closure has prevented community access to the gym on several occasions.

Okano provides update on summer camps and programming, including special events to support SPR's ongoing Beautiful Games series of events.

Okano notes goal to develop a Magnuson CC advisory council to support activities at the Center.

Furry asks if all summer camps have full enrollment, and if MCC had sufficient scholarship funding to meet demand. Okano clarifies that not all camps are full, but that MCC did not have enough scholarships to meet demand.

Magnuson Park Manager's Report

Report not available as Manager is absent due to illness.

New & Old Business

King reintroduces proposed change in MPAC operating procedures, changing a portion of section 2.1 of the procedures from "1 member appointed by a local Seattle Public School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)" to "1 member appointed by organizations representing Magnuson Park athletic field users". King notes that a majority vote from a quorum of 9 members is necessary to change the operating procedures, and that Windhover (absent today) has already registered her vote via email.

MPAC members discuss potential advantages and disadvantages of the proposed change and the history of MPAC membership.

Hudacek moves to alter MPAC Operating Procedures as proposed; Mejia-Giudici seconds. King calls for a vote. The vote is 7 in favor, none opposed, with none abstaining. Noting that the vote still falls short of the 9 member threshold, King notes that he will reach out to absent members and provide emails with votes to Burtzos for documentation.

MPAC traditionally does not meet in August; the next MPAC meeting will be on September 9.

King adjourns the meeting at 7:27 PM.