

Meeting Minutes for the Magnuson Park Advisory Committee (MPAC)

April 10, 2019

Lower Conference Room, Bldg. 30

Members Present: Gabrielle Gerhard (Chair), Mitch Cameron (Secretary), Carol Valdrighi, Seth Muir, Jan Bragg, Megan Castellano, Tom Kelly, Juliann Horan, Dianne Hofbeck, Atsuko Tamura.

Guests: Alex Pedersen, Will Gibbs, Officer Nic Boys (Community Police Team), Ed Bronsdon, Aurora Blackmore, Moani Russell

Magnuson Park Staff: Cole Dietrich

Call to order: Gabrielle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Introductions were made around the table.

Approval of March minutes: Jan said she was just back from a trip out of town and had only taken a few minutes to look at the March Meeting Minutes Draft today and had found a few suggestions that she would like to have corrected.

1. Use of pronouns may be confusing, reference the full name for clarity.
2. Reword the description of Bob Dempster's attempt to fly around the world.
3. Explain what Budget is referenced to in the MCCAC meeting with Superintendent Williams about reform and inclusivity in the Park, and particularly the Residential District within the Park. The Superintendent agreed with the MCCAC and wanted to ensure than a budget that would sustain the reforms, training etc. is in the plan.
4. The question of how to refer to Christopher Williams as he occupies the office of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation. The proper address for anyone occupying an office for an Interim period, is to address by the Office name. For example, Superintendent Williams is a proper and appropriate form of address. The "Interim" is a detail of his permanence in the position, rather than a required public distinction.

Tom preferred the detailed Meeting Minutes rather than the minimum requirements format of the Secretary's duties.

Gabrielle asked if the proposed changes could be made, but could we proceed with the Approval vote? The MPAC member were amenable to this suggestion.

Tom made the motion to accept the minutes from March, Mitch did second that motion. The motion to pass the March meeting minutes, with the suggestions reviewed. The Meeting Minutes for March were passed unanimously, with one abstention.

Announcements: Dianne announced that the "Friends of Sand Point" have created a \$5,000 scholarship to be awarded to a qualifying high school Senior from Sand Point Housing, graduating this year. The Scholarship funds comes from Lynn Ferguson where she's done this a

couple of years in the past and makes this offering this year through the Friends of Sand Point. The Student hasn't been selected yet. Lynn Ferguson deserves congratulations for her donation of this wonderful scholarship.

Bob Dempster, the pilot who was slated to recreate the 95th Anniversary of the flight around the world with three or four other planes has cancelled his April 20th take off date completely and without any rescheduling indicated. Dianne had just received this information and hadn't had a chance to get any details. Dianne also said that there is a link on the Friends of Sand Point webpage that will take you directly to the Flight Around the World website.

Public Comment: Ed Bronsdon with "Outdoors for All" wanted to thank Officer Nic, with all the people that have passed through the Park and through Outdoors for All, in the 24 years that he has been affiliated with Outdoors for All, they finally had a kid come up missing last summer. Ed said that they dialed 911 and when the Seattle Police Department arrived they arranged for a search pattern that enable them to quickly go through the Park. There were a large number of people, volunteers and Park patrons that were looking for this young man, it was a great multi-level search group that everyone pitched in to help locate this one young man. The Seattle Police Department Officers were professional in their locating of this young person, who was located finally safe and sound. Thank you and hats off to the Seattle Police Department's professionalism in assisting in the search.

Ed also wanted to make sure that we were informed about the free Block Party held every year by his Rotary on the Sand Point campus. The University Sunrise Rotary Club holds the block party every year, and has done so for the past 14 years or so. . It is scheduled for Thursday June 27th 5 to 7 p.m. at Solid Ground. Open to all people and neighborhoods. Gabrielle asked if the block party was open to all, and Ed said yes, it is open to all that wish to attend.

Ed also said that after a lot of work and preparation, Outdoors for All has been selected to move forward in the lease negotiations with Seattle Parks and Recreation. Congratulations and good luck were expressed by the MPAC Members for the Outdoors for All selection for building 18's lease and renovation. Ed expressed that all of Outdoors for all staff and himself are very excited about the ability to move forward in lease negotiations for building 18. Ed went on to say that just as the Navy had used the Naval Air Station to launch their planes he sees Outdoors for All in building 18 as their launching pad in their Vision to serve the public. People with and without disabilities and their families will be better served by its consolidation at building 18.

Ed had one more thing to say and that was he signed a contract just last Friday April 5th, he's pleased to announce that the Seattle Department of Transportation has selected the Outdoors for All Foundation to be a partner in an Adaptive Bike Rideshare Program. Previously a disabled person would not have access to an Adaptive bike in the Bike Share program as it existed before. The Outdoors for All plan is to have building 18 as their business hub but they will be out throughout the Puget Sound area. As for schedules for these activities solidifies Ed promised that he would post them in appropriate places and Social Media. "We are working on

a press release for Seattle Parks and Recreation as well as Seattle Department of Transportation”.

He went on to say that Outdoors for All currently has over 200 adaptive bikes in their stock. They will be made available for free! If someone uses the Adaptive Bike, they use it for free. Ed also distributed a flyer titled Miles of Smiles for Sophie and briefly tells a story about a young woman who had never sat on a bike and never pedaled a bike and how she and her friends were given the opportunity and expanded on that opportunity on their own.

Director’s Update: Cole Dietrich is filling in for Brian tonight.

Cole began by saying that he was going to start with building 18’s RFP results but we’d already been given that report from Ed Bronsdon

Cole wanted to give a shout out to the Tennis Center staff when a rugby player was in need of an AED or automatic emergency defibrillator which they had at the Tennis Center. The Tennis Center staff was fast enough and knowledgeable enough to help that rugby player recover from the heart problems he was experiencing. Cole took the opportunity to inform us that building 30, the Community Center and the Brigs’ Lobby each contain an AED unit. The MPAC members & the Public are encouraged to spread the word about these life saving devices.

Cole reported that building 2 was broken into on Tuesday April 9th on the west side of the hangar section. The individuals who broke into building 2 used pallets stacked up on one another to get to the height of the windows and broke them out, then entered the building. The Seattle Police Department responded, the damage was repaired or boarded up and back to having a secure building.

The Building 47 (Theater) RFP is underway, Cole said they had their first site tour last Thursday (April 4), and the Park will have an Open house for Building 47’s Theater and additional storage areas tomorrow (April 11). Gabrielle asked for further clarification to ensure that it was just the theater. Cole replied that she was correct.

Gabrielle explained that she and Brian had a discussion about public benefits and how they would be presented to the Magnuson Park Advisory Committee earlier in the Leasing process but she recalled there had been a few changes that needed to happen, further delaying the process. Gabrielle said that it is likely that the discussion for Public Benefits for Building 47’s theater and pool maybe pushed back till the May meeting.

Mitch interjected that he knew of first aid training including the AED, across Sand Point Way at the Park Point Condominiums. Anyone interested in further information toward that training please let me (Mitch) know. Dianne was interested in any First Aid Training.

Magnuson Community Center Advisory Committee Update by Carol Valdrighi: There are two main areas of interest for the Community Center renovation. One of them is Programming for the kids, very important to have a vision of what the space should contain. Carol said that she was glad that the subject of Public Benefits & Park Tenants for the benefit of the Park patrons as well as the Park Residents was on the docket. This is another perspective the planners need to take into consideration. To consider what the Park Tenant will possibly provide the Park Community, enabling a clearer vision and less redundancy than is necessary.

Carol was very excited about how the vision was to become a reality. Carol appreciated the involvement of the many who share the vision with her, at the end of the day it's not about individuals, it's about a community coming together around a needed improvement in the Neighborhood and Park.

Carol went on to say that the Community Center will be closed for approximately six months while construction is underway, hoping to be done 2021. She said, we need to find alternatives for existing or current programs for our youth our neighborhoods, for that interim. The MCCACC is currently trying to strike a balance between making sure that there are alternate places for recreation and staying within the budget that it currently has. The MCCAC and the CC are looking for ways of funding these alternative interim programs.

The Community Center had an Open House and Buffalo Design is the Design Contractor. Seattle Parks and Recreation along with Buffalo Design presented three different designs at the Open House and they cleverly displayed each design on the walls. Around each design display was empty space where people were encouraged to write comments or even choose which design that they would prefer. The open house on April 1st was well attended by the public as well as residents of Sand Point housing.

Carol went on to say that there will be a second Open House at the Community Center with the next round of design options and presentations for the Public and Neighborhood residents to review and provide feedback.

Carol wanted to tell us that a group whose initials are PFM has embraced the spirit of Public Benefits. Last week Sunday this Roller Derby Organization, PFM, held a Free Roller-Skating Event in the Community Center wood court gymnasium. PFM provided free roller skates to use for the event. PFM is planning on hosting this free event on the second Sunday of every month.

Thank you, Carol Valdrighi, for the MCCAC update on the Community Center and for substituting for Diana Kincaid.

Officer Nic Boys is the new Community Police Officer for the Seattle Police Department.

Officer Boys introduced himself and explained what his role is in the Community, He encouraged us each to take one of his business cards and contact him if needs be. He explained that he'd much rather be in a face-to-face conversation such as this, rather than email but he does check it regularly.

Officer Boys went on to say that his role in the department is to handle long-term projects other officers doing Patrol work don't have time to do. For example, let's say an encampment popped up in the Park or an RV is parked for an extended time, Officer Boys is tasked with the long term research and follow through.

He is excited about the Community / Park programs being offered this year. Beginning with the 8-week community youth basketball program on May 11th. May 11th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. is the Police Department's big kickoff Party for their programs at the Community Center with their Quartermaster grilling hot dogs and some Officers with the CPAL program will play and engage with the kids.

He said they also have Detective Cookie, she does their Chess Club. Detective Cookie is known for her ability to teach chess to kids. When an Officer sits across a from young student to play a game, it is not unusual for the Officers to be conquered with ease.

Officer Boys said that he checked the CSTAT and it showed that crime in this area is still down. Even car prowls and burglaries are still down. Welcome news.

Officer Boys gave a list of problem areas that he will be keeping an eye on. For example, the public restrooms located at Sail Sand Point are regularly abused and he will be monitoring the area. He said don't worry, that these are issues he will be dealing with and he'll keep us informed mostly through Brian Judd. if anybody has a question or if they don't want to ask it here and now feel free to email him, he said he would be more than happy to listen to any one more than happy to talk

Jan described the various flying remote-controlled planes, rockets and drones which are often found in the Park, seemingly oblivious to the irritation and illegality of flying in this Park, which she feels strongly about. She asked if the Patrol Officers can speak with and educate those remote-control operators in the illegality of their hobby in this Park. Gabrielle reminded everyone that there is a park where it is allowed and that's Carkeek Park which is an alternative for these people to go to. It's sometime helpful to provide an alternative. Dianne spoke up and said there is actually an indoor venue in the park in building 30's Hangar called the Barn Owls, for flying remote control vehicles.

Carol asked Officer Boys if they (SPD) tracked car break-ins at the Community Center and along 62nd Ave NE or are there break-ins all over the Park? Officer Boyce responded that yes break-ins or car prowls are prevalent throughout Magnuson Park and not really isolated to one particular area. The Car Prowls are crimes of opportunity and nothing more. He went on to urge everyone to lock their doors and not leave anything of value in plain sight or even in the vehicle. He also encouraged anyone who experiences the sting of having a Car Prowl and Break-in, to always report the crime to the Seattle Police Department. "We don't know how to follow up on something that we don't know about".

Gabrielle asked if a victim has damage to their car in excess of \$500 that you can report that online? Officer Boys replied that he wasn't sure about reporting damage/ crime online. He suggested always calling and speaking with someone so they can ensure they get all of the information and get it in the queue for an officer to be dispatched.

Carol asked for more information on the SPD Youth Community Basketball Program that kicks off on May 11th. Officer Boys reviewed the program kick-off again, though he added that the Department is trying to get their Horse Mounted Unit to come and entertain the participants, he said they usually have a Canine unit, kids love dogs.

When **Dianne** asked if that information can be found on the internet, Officer Boys didn't know, but he would find out. He recommends going to their main SPD website and clicking on the CPAL link. Where you should find much more about Community Programs.

Tom also had a couple of questions along with some background by way of explanation and some praise even.

1. Tom's first question is, Do the patrol officers have the keys to the bollards or posts throughout the park grounds? Yes, officers assigned to this district have keys.
2. In the event that someone needs emergency aid in the park how does 911 and or the Police Officers find individuals in this large Park which doesn't have good way finding?

Finally, Tom wanted to praise the Seattle Police Department for their diligence in the park and their aid and assistance, The security and presence of police officers has greatly increased the sense of safety in the Park.

Tom described what problems he sees in his Volunteer work throughout the Park. He would hope that with the improvements in GPS location and triangulation that that would be a normal way to find people in remote areas. Officer Boyce noted that if you call 911 on a newer cellular phone Phase One phone that the 911 tracking system can point to you within about 10 meters. With that said it is still important for you to give landmarks and approximate locations to assist in the pinpointing process For example, saying that you're 200 yards south of the amphitheater would be a help to the Officers, by giving a major landmark as a general starting point. Usually the Fire Department is responding so both Departments will search in finding the critical location. He went on to say that less expensive phones (Tracfone) and Phase 2 phones do not track so easily. He did reassure us by saying that if they are having difficulties finding the location they just call in more Officers until they do. In the event of a 911 call the patrol cars have computers equipped with GPS and a mapping system that will display a big star where the data points to. In addition, there are continuous updates coming through the radios.

Jan wished to know whether there was a plan for the Kids wading pool down by the beach. Officer Boys did not know the answer to the question. But, he knew it is being considered.

Jan made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mitch did second that motion, the motion was carried unanimously in a vote to Adjourn the April MPAC Meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 6:44 p.m.

The next MPAC meeting will be May 8th, 2019 at 6 p.m.

Building 30 Lower Conference Room

Secretary Mitch Cameron