

Magnuson Park Advisory Committee
Draft - Minutes
Wednesday, Sept 8, 2021 -- 6 – 7:30 PM
Hosted on WebX.

Attending members: Juli Horan, acting as chair, Jan Bragg, Lhorna Murray, Robin Melvin, Aaron Hoard, Samantha De Abreu, Diana Kincaid (arriving for last agenda item)

SPR representative: Klaus Goodrum, filling in for Brian Judd, Magnuson Park Manager

Guests: Nancy Bolin (NE District Council), Neal Simpson (Solid-Ground/SG), Gabrielle Gerhard (neighborhood, radio station)

Call to order—The meeting was called to order at 6:10 by Juli Vice Chair

Request for Secretary – Jan volunteered

Introductions all around. Welcome to Samantha, a new member, from Mercy Magnuson, representing residents

Announcements/Public Comment

Jan announced that 1 young Osprey fledged this year from the Osprey nest at the soccer field (Field #7); it has been returning to the nest every day and using it as its home-base.

Samantha announced that she found a young Barn Owl which had fallen from its nest box near the housing during the heat wave, and took it to PAWS. She reported that someone else rescued another Barn Owl chick from the same nest, and also took it to PAWS. Both were suffering from dehydration, were successfully rehabilitated and returned to their nest box (between Santos Place and Building 47/ CC).

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Mtg Committee

Juli asked for a motion to approve tonight's agenda, Jan so moved, Lhorna seconded, all voted in favor (no quorum needed).

April minutes have now been distributed to all members, however only 6 members present, approval postponed until quorum present.

Park Manager's Report**Klaus Goodrum**

Klaus reported:

- 1) Programming for CC has been moved to Building 406 until Building 47 reopens, anticipated for summer 2022.
- 2) Park tenants are reopening:
Magnuson Park Café & Brewery
Sail Sandpoint
Outdoors-for-All
- 3) Building 30 & 36 still closed to public, as are their bathrooms
- 4) Arena Sports wants to build an outdoor turf field for soccer in their parking lot
- 5) NE 74th St entrance opened on Friday.
More sidewalk work still needs to be done; have been issues getting concrete
- 6) Murals for Building 18 (old gas station) are done but have not yet been installed; History of Flight Mural Project, spearheaded by Sandy Miller, artist from Building 30.
- 7) Looking forward to a decrease in graffiti art which has plagued the park this summer
- 8) SPR appreciates tenants and neighbors letting SPR know if we see encampments or other activity in the park. Klaus hopes that by increasing a sense of ownership in the park, that we'll see a decrease in vandalism.

Questions for Klaus:

- 1) Any progress on CPTED report? Brian would know.
- 2) Any progress on rubber pellets around old artificial turf fields? Klaus is connecting with facility maintenance team about this.
- 3) Concern expressed re heat increase with proposed artificial turf at Arena Sports.
Klaus: Arena Sports wants to use a material underneath to keep it cooler.
Concern expressed re plastic from new artificial turf going into the lake.
- 4) What is the new notice board on road to OLA?
- 5) What % of grounds crew now working?
- 6) What's going on with big field along Sand Point Way at NE 65th St entrance?
Samantha: mowing is a waste of time
Jan: also a waste of gasoline and puts more CO₂ into atmosphere.

Both prefer natural look (SG has left its portion not mowed, SPR has mowed its portion)

Lhorna appreciates that the blackberry bushes have been cleared out by SG.

New Agenda Process

Juli

Juli and Diana have come up with a new process for setting the agenda:

Tuesday the week before MPAC meeting, new items to be submitted by then

Thursday before the meeting, chair meets with Brian to set agenda

Friday before meeting, agenda comes out

Those items which don't make it onto agenda, will get put on following month's agenda

Aaron recommended having a rule for exceptions, e.g., something which has to be voted on in a timely fashion.

Neal asked for a process for non-MPAC members to receive the agenda.

Gabrielle: -- there is already an email mailing list for this

--have a date by which a reminder for agenda items is sent out in advance of the Tuesday before the mtg

Juli will incorporate these ideas and distribute the process.

MPAC's focus on Magnuson Residents

Mtg c'tee

Ideas:

Offer stipend so that resident(s) who want to attend MPAC but can't because of child care duties, etc, might be more inclined to attend.

Have MPAC be involved in CC renovation to make sure residents' needs are met.

Have community gathering where residents, MPAC, neighbors are invited.

Have rep from Mercy Magnuson management be someone who's on site, e.g.,

Have manager of Mercy Magnuson be on MPAC

Have Mercy Magnuson somehow make residents aware of MPAC's existence

Have MPAC do a survey of residents

Increase traffic safety on 62nd Ave NE: Post speed limit?
Speed bumps?
Cross walks with yellow flashing lights?

Company which did Circulation Plan may have addressed some of these issues; they did recommend cross-walk across NE 74th St.

Klaus: 62nd Ave NE is an SDOT issue

Vote on motion put forth at June 2021 meeting

Juli

“MPAC recommends that SPR not add to Magnuson Park any permanent businesses or vendors which depend on gas generators.”

Reasoning behind the motion:

- there is already one vendor at Magnuson Park whose business depends on running a gas generator throughout operating hours,
- gas generators are an inefficient way to produce electricity and they produce CO₂
- SPR strives to reduce its carbon footprint

Questions:

What does “permanent” mean?

Jan: The motion doesn’t cover temporary food trucks, here for events only. We discussed temporary food trucks at June meeting and decided that would need a separate motion/be a separate discussion.

Some tonight oppose banning food trucks because of inexpensive ethnic food they offer to encourage wide range of people to attend events.

Some spoke about how much pollution gas generators add to the air; part of SPR’s mission is a “healthy environment.”

What alternatives to gas generators are available?

Robin: There are battery-powered generators which have to be recharged.

Jan: If gas-generators weren’t allowed, maybe that would provide incentive for food trucks to get battery-powered generators.

Diana here for discussion, quorum now present.

Motion was passed unanimously, 7-0.

Volunteer to Chair the October Meeting -- **Juli**
Possibility of rotating chairs moving forward...

Neither Diana nor Juli will be here for Oct meeting. Lhorna volunteered to chair it.

Discussion re July minutes **Mtg Committee**

Suggestion made to insert summary written by Selena from SPR who facilitated discussion re white supremacy culture, for that section of minutes. Juli will do that so that we can approve July minutes at Oct mtg.

Approval of April minutes **Mtg Committee**

Diana moved, Samantha seconded, that the April minutes be approved.
6 in favor, no dissents, Aaron abstained.

Adjournment **Vice Chair**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Bragg