

**Minutes for Magnuson Park Advisory Committee**  
**September 14, 2016**  
**Lower Conference Room, Building 30**

**Members Present:** Loren Hill (Chair), Tom Kelly (Vice Chair), Adrienne Karls (Secretary), Carol Valdrighi, Arden Forrey, Gabrielle Gerhard, Chandra Hampson, Julianna Ross, Pete Zimmermann, Lynn Ferguson, Humberto Alvarez

**Absent:** Tracy Bennett, Aaron Hoard, Nino Johnson, Emily Dexter, Scott Marshall, Mary Anne Ward, Ken Sparks, Herbert Curl

**Magnuson Park Staff:** Brian Judd

**Guests:** Robin Melvin, Tom Ansart, Alisa Luber, Tod Anderson, Kevin Volkmann

**Call to Order:** Loren Hill calls meeting to order at 6:00pm

**Notes from the Chair – Loren Hill:** thanks to park leadership staff for intervening a robbery. Only one of two staff was injured. NEDC's chair will remain intact despite possible changes in structure.

**Approval of July minutes:** presented changes to minutes taken. Gabrielle Gerhard moves to pass the minutes with the friendly amendments, and Brian Judd seconds. Unanimous vote yes to make said changes.

**Public Comment - Kevin Volkmann:** **Q:** is there any way to create a chair representing CUCAC? **A:** not sure but will look into it. **Q:** Is the community center able to pitch in on park improvements? **A:** it depends on the type of work it is. That's something that usually is assigned through SPR. **Tom Kelly:** The Magnuson Community Garden board of directors is looking for new members. There is a great opportunity and experience to be had. They are also looking for community involvement as well. Please give your contact information to Tom.

**Homeless Camping in Magnuson Park – Committee, Lynn Ferguson:** Brian Judd – report memo re: camping in the park. Polite conflicts and outlines; it's not a firm yes but let's consider everything to do with this. Lynn, committee – this is a unique environment which is home to low income families and singles. A letter has been composed to Mayor Murray which will be reviewed by committee before the end of September. Current parameters for camping in the park are 48 hours' notice before campers have to remove their things, and for car dwellings (per SPD) there is 72 hours' notice to leave the area because the car is treated as someone's home. **Q:** what's the resource listings offered to the homeless? **A:** there have been some efforts being made with Tiny Houses. People can reach out by calling 211 for information on the how and where to go in this situation.

**Director's Report – Brian Judd:** there has been very positive outcome following the many events being held in the park over the summer. Yet another break in (without theft) to building 2; thoughts as to how we may prevent this further are being discussed. A park worker was run over by assailants in process of robbing a car. Both ankles broken and now out of the hospital, there will be a long recovery from this. This is still being investigated and talks regarding job safety are being put in place. Dan Iverson (Parks contract manager) will be leaving us. External hire Cole Detrick will take his place. Interviews held for

building 2 RFP's will be sent to city council. **Q:** what are the plans for repairing damages in the park from the fire? **A:** need to hire someone based on budget money available and bids. **Q:** do we have a compilation of public benefits required of leasers? **A:** there will be a compiled report presented in January 2017 meeting.

**Community Center Update – Carol Valdrighi:** in summary, everything is going well. Our number one problem right now is the unequal representation of socioeconomic status. This places us in a lower need bracket for our community center because the low income families are a very small part of the people residing in this area's zip codes. We have received an offer of 60 hours of operation. This will take time to transition. We will start looking at programs, staff and resources available.

**NEDC Report – Gabrielle Gerhard:** we will still meet and invite city officials to attend our meetings. We feel the need for continued support of our neighborhoods community councils.

**After School Programs Update – Chandra Hampson:** still interviewing ARC and other supporters for assistance with funding. YMCA has been chosen due to their ability to bring in more funding through fund raising. Still enrolling families because we want to expand and form relationships with others. There are a lot of scholarships available for low income children. We have partnered with NOAA and are discussing holding a science fair. We will work with Solid Ground for help with funding. We're looking to establish a Walking School Bus program and would like more volunteers for sidewalk crossers. There's paid positions for post recess monitors available too. A garden program and assemblies with visits from the Seattle Police Department are also among these new opportunities to integrate and support our children.

**Way Finding Trail signage and Park Map update and discussion – Committee:** signage challenges with trails and restrooms as follows: there are only 3 legitimate bathrooms with flushing toilets, the Northshore Honey Buckets have been tossed over into the lake, and only 3 public buildings (the brig, bldg. 30 and MCC) have bathrooms available to the public. Solution ideas: ask Arena Sports and Sail Sand Point for access to their bathrooms, create bold hours open signs where bathrooms are available, ask the Tennis Center to post/advertise that they have available restrooms, and look into the cost of building a comfort station. Lynn Ferguson suggested the park map show rest rooms. Tom Kelly said that an additional portable restroom is needed where one used to be near the 65th Avenue Park entrance to the Promontory Point section of the park because distance to a rest room is greater from there than anywhere else in the park and because having one would increase efficiency and productivity of nearby volunteer work events by reducing needed break time. There are still about 30 sandwich board wayfinding signs throughout the park (most of which at 72<sup>nd</sup> entrance). This is something we could reduce or eliminate with better, larger directional signs in visible places. **Q:** Do we want to implement Tom Kelly's previously laid out suggestions? **A:** Carol Valdrighi moves to use his model previously suggested to the committee and Gabrielle Gerhard seconds. Unanimous yes vote.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:30pm

**Next meeting: October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Adrienne Karls - Secretary