

Minutes of Magnuson Park Advisory Committee
January 13, 2016
Lower Conference Room, Building 30

Members Present: Loren Hill (Chair), Tom Kelly (Vice Chair), Adrienne Karls (Secretary), Julianna Ross, Chandra Hampton, Arden Forrey, Lynn Ferguson, Carol Valdrighi, Humberto Alvarez, Ken Sparks,
Absent: Aaron Hoard, Marshall Scott, NinoJohnson, Pete Zimmerman, Gabrielle Gerhard, Emily Dexter, Herbert Curl, Tracy Bennet
Magnuson Park Staff: Brian Judd

Guests: Cheryl Frasier, Maryanne Ward, Kevin Volkmann, Elizabeth Kiker, Alisa Lubert, Sheila Trumbull, Pam Derry, Mike M., Police Officer Lanz and?

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

Public Comment: None.

Car Break-ins: [Two officer's names?]

Seattle Police North Precinct Department present to answer questions regarding recent car break-ins occurring in Magnuson Park. There have been a lot of “smash and grabs” (as opposed to full on car theft) in front of the tennis center, and Community Center. These types of break-ins occur when someone leaves visible valuables in their car. Everyone is encouraged to file police reports for every incident and do not leave any valuables in your car; not even bags which look to have something in them of value.

Q: The tennis center hired private security officers to help with the problem, however it is still happening. What do you suggest and how often do you patrol the park?

A: There are currently two officers assigned to the area starting at NE 95th down to the water through 25th street. They have to address calls in regard to their priority. Priority 1: crime in progress being committed against a person, Priority 2: burglary in progress, Priority 3: car break-ins. If you ever see someone committing any of those crimes, call 911 immediately. Make sure you can give them a good physical description of the person committing the crime; look from head to feet (height, hair color, build, etc.) Try to get a license plate number as well. In order to deter and essentially prevent crime in the park, North Precinct officers will do their best to show presence by working on paperwork/finishing reports while parked in the park.

Q: Since there are a limited number of police patrolling the park would it be a good preventive measure to install motion sensor lights in certain areas of the park where break-ins are commonly happening?

A: Yes. Place cameras and lights. This creates a huge deterrent.

Q: Are video cameras more efficient in catching crime than security guards? **A:** Yes

Q: Have arrests been made concerning crimes here? **A:** No. Since break-ins are a low priority it is hard to catch the criminal in the act of a “smash and grab”. We can only speak for the 5 days we are working. Make sure to report any incident ASAP.

Solid Ground has hired private security guards who will be working from 7:30 pm to 5:30 am 7 days a week.

To prevent break-ins you should not have any valuables in your car or any bags, even if they are empty, and park closer to street lights and buildings. File your reports immediately so the police may follow up and have a record of the act. Even if things look moved around in your car, don't touch it, and you should report it to police.

If you witness a break-in, never sacrifice your safety. Observe and report. Try to get a good description such as make, model, and license plate of the car they leave in and a physical description.

Q: Have there been any reports of personal attacks? **A:** No

Follow up regarding survey of operations: Brian Judd

There is a request in for MPAC designated email. How can MPAC respond best to the community? Minutes are posted on our website and people may sign up for updates and minutes via email. I will follow up on this. Forwarding Karen Ko, with Seattle Department of Neighborhoods will also pass information on to NEDC.

Setting the agenda: Loren Hill

Send topics via email and he will place them in order of importance. Also add a description of your topic.

Are there any ideas or need for a bigger meeting room as needed? If/when we have a much larger group then we can think about it. Majority present agreed on staying in the current meeting space.

December meeting minutes will be dispersed in January.

Loren's new motto: "keeping ahead of the ball". Set goals: strategic development plan, address topics and keep it current, updates regarding rents, spaces, and programming in the park

Sail Sand Point Annual report: [Name?]

Key points: have expanded 20%, scholarships 30%, 903 kids went through camps and 2000+ people use boats. The camps and classes are held here, in Kirkland, and other locations. Growth has increased a lot from where it began as a small non-profit. There are more volunteers (3500 volunteer hours last year). There is a decreased cost to store boats. We are the only place in the Northwest where challenged kids with autism, etc., and disabled people may learn to sail; involved with Outdoors for All, Magnuson Park Community Center, and the YMCA. We are expanding on every level. Our website lets people know where volunteers are needed and there are clinics and racing classes available. We are the National Champions and were awarded the **Lider?** Cup. We are looking for the most efficient way to correct problems with the boat house such as lead paint that's chipping off. We're looking for funds to make changes to the building while keeping it in its historic state. The plan is to return Sail Sand Point to its original specs to pass through the landmark association. We are looking to fundraise, and we would like a letter of support from MPAC and NEDC.

Building 9 update: Alisa Luber

Project direction goals: develop 148 units of workforce housing. There will be a split of 50% of 2-3 bedrooms and studios. There is one more funding hurdle and once we get that in place we will start moving forward. The center building was going to be a health clinic but we found a new partner so we are able to provide affordable child care to low income families and a neighborhood clinic. Construction should start early 2017 and be operational by 2018. We are still working on the parking and a playground and we will continue updating Solid Ground, MPAC, and NEDC.

Carol Valdrighi: How many kids are expected? 300. What age group for child care? Birth to school age and fully integrated. Is there a bike path? The road will be reconstructed as a driveway with parking.

Lynn Ferguson: I have had 20 years of involvement with Parks in the preservation of the historic district established by law when the property was acquired from the Navy. There has been a lot of hard work to make sure those buildings important to the district maintain their integrity. This means changes to the building exterior and certain interior elements considered historically significant must be approved by preservation professionals on the Landmarks Board and the state who ask as the agent for the federal government and well as changes to the landscape within the historic district. Our park has a lot of history here and that's what makes it unique and special. There are some businesses that have added and

changed buildings and we can't change that now but we can do our best to make sure current guidelines are followed so our historic district is preserved and federal tax credits can be used for building renovation.

Q: Does the gas station have working pumps? **A:** No

Open RFP Process: Cheryl Frasier

June 3rd there will be a packet regarding the RFP, and documents are available online through website. Here are some points of reference: Website: seattle.gov/parks/partnerships/building2rfp.htm
Email: building@seattle.gov

District Capacity: Chandra Hampton

Sand Point Elementary needs parents of children living in the park to fill out paperwork for free lunches. 19 schools had to take back space utilized for activities and turn them into classrooms. The need is for both school and Community Center space for school projects. The focus is on the space available to them because there is a great need for functional space. The city and school district have a budget and deadlines to meet.

Community Center update: Carol Valdrighi

We would like to hold the MPAC meeting at the Community Center and invite Debra Juarez, our district 4 representative. There are 2 main focuses regarding the center; regular meetings and discussion of the strategic plan. We need extended hours, increase number of staff, and to remodel the space already available in the back to accommodate the children currently using the center and the ones that are yet to come.

Ken Sparks: how can we design programs for the kids that may not need more space? It's not about space, it's about programs.

February, March, or April we need to center the focus on kids, staff, and space. We need clear, working group meetings in between to create a solid frame work for this. Discuss if there is any priority to those wanting housing, create awareness that housing is coming, referral agreements and leasing plan should happen 9 months ahead of opening

Loren Hill: Those interested may come an hour early in February to gather ideas.

7:30 meeting adjourned
minutes respectfully submitted by Adrienne Karls