

Minutes for the Magnuson Park Advisory Committee

September 13, 2017

Lower Conference Room, Bldg. 30

Members Present: Gabrielle Gerhard (Chair), Mary Anne Ward (Secretary), Tom Kelly (Vice-Chair), Carol Valdrighi, Julianna Ross, Loren Hill, Tracy Bennett, Lynn Ferguson, Jon Carver, Chandra Hampton, Jan Bragg

Members Absent: Mitch Cameron, Humberto Alvarez, Aaron Hoard, Sandy Brice-Miller, Scott Marshall

Guests: City Councilman Rob Johnson, Jerry Brooks, Rob Menin, Zac Daub, Tom Ansart, Leah Rankin, Ryan Reiter, Alex Comeau, Diana Kincaid, Ed Bronsdon, Cody Cluff, William Gibbs, Lhorna Murray

Magnuson Park Staff: Brian Judd, Cole Dietrich

Call to Order: Meeting came to order 6:00 pm

Gabrielle started with an announcement. We sent a letter to Jesus Aguirre, Seattle Park Superintendent, with the idea of adding Park Rangers to Magnuson Park. Superintendent Aguirre said he did not think this is the time for Rangers to be in the Park. It is prohibited by the police contract.

Approval of July minutes: There was one correction to the July minutes: 3rd page – the address should read 65th entrance, Northshore. Jon made a motion to approve minutes, minutes approved.

Public Comment: Ed Bronsdon, Outdoors for All, wanted to remind us that there are so many great things going on in the Park. Partnerships all over the Park. Thank you to MPAC.

Julianna is testing the radio station next week. Park announcements, etc. She will let us know when it goes on the air.

Food Truck update: Piranha Blonde organizes lots of events all over the city. Mobile food rodeo, South Lake Union event. They are happy to come here and do community events in the Park. They want to be involved with the tenants in the Park. Starting mid-October they will provide lunches at Waldorf. There will be dog food trucks at Dog Park and ice cream trucks at swim area. Ticketed events will be in the Hanger. Sept 24 there will be another round up with 24 trucks from 12-4. They are looking for input from us to fulfill our needs. It is going to take time to build consistency through exposure but they are committed to the Park.

Question: Can you speak to how much food trucks are contributing carbon to the environment. Jerry is very careful about the types of generators the trucks use. Use shore power whenever possible.

Ed attended the Food Rodeo a couple of weeks ago and he thought it was terrific. Great to see a mix of people doing different things and the number of families and kids.

Restaurant Update: Cole spoke about the RFP for a Restaurant. Cody Cluff spoke about the creation of Magnuson Café and Brewery. Their company has another site at South Lake Union. They will be keeping historic aspects that are in the building. Mollusk brewing is their brew mixture. The café should be a local community place with some distribution but want to stay small. Their motto is to have great food and better beer. The plan includes building out a community deck, open 365 days, garage doors that open to the inside. It will be about 2,000 sq. ft. They will do events that can be fund raisers for organizations, and they sponsor youth leagues.

Hours of operation: there is seasonality, open for lunch first, brunch on the weekends. How late will be open depends on season.

How does this impact Waldorf? Beer in the afternoon.

Tracy Bennett, Head of School for Waldorf, introduced herself. From the perspective of the park and the school more people around is good. Much education is much hands-on at the schools so there might be ways to partner. She asked about a hoppy smell potential in the school. Cody stated that the South Lake Union there is no brew smell. Chandra said she is super excited and that they have many food workers in their families. Cody will need to hire people that live in the Park when possible as public benefit.

Attached please see the poster and power point presentation.

Update on Cyclocross: Zach Daub- Event Director of Cyclocross, spoke about the bike event October 15 located on the eastern shore, near kite hill. The expectation is about 800-1,000 people will attend. There will be more notification pre and post event. They have 2 new requirements this year- (1.) 2 weeks before talks about what will happen and (2.) that the Parks is knowledgeable about the event. They stated that they are working with the gardener and parks to repair the space after the event. Parking will be along lake shore. He answered questions about how to participate and access to underserved populations. Question about protected areas – they will mitigate this with better signage. They would like feedback on signage being posted before one week before the event and to improve communication.

Tom Kelly mentioned that in the past riders have ridden in places they don't belong. And that the remediation in the past have replaced seeds with the wrong kind. So be sure to put the correct seeds in the space you remediate.

Celebration of Aviation History at Sand Point: Lynn presented information about the celebration of aviation history at Sand Point. Her committee spent the first 10 years saving buildings. Now they are trying to draw people to the Park to understand what a treasure Magnuson is. The event will be October 15 from 10-4. This is a way to inform the public.

Attached please find Lynn's poster.

Update on Sand Point School Sports Coordinator: Chandra reported that Sand Point PTA is looking to hire a sports coordinator. It will be a part time job - to get kids involved in team sports. The coordinator will focus on getting the kids registered, get kids to practice, get to know the coaches and get the kids to the games. The more scholarships and opportunities the better for the kids. She will send out the job information when she gets it. Jon Carver is with the soccer club – they provide scholarships for everyone who asks- transportation has been an issue in the past but he would like to help find a way to help.

Update on the SPR 2017 Parks and Open Space Plan: Loren presented a SPR 2017 Park and Open Space Plan summary. It is an overview of all parks, asset management plan, but it doesn't address regional parks. Loren thinks it is a good idea to promote Magnuson, budget is coming in and he doesn't see a lot for Magnuson. Fix it first is their theme – but Magnuson isn't really getting much. Loren will write a letter to City Council to promote MP. He will send it out to the group to add our names. Gabrielle would like to see the draft first then address it at the next meeting. Tom feels that it is a great document but he is not sure the priority of facilities are in the right order. Loren will include a 5-6 questionnaire to send to candidates for City Council to see if we can elevate the conversation about Magnuson.

Update on the Community Center: Carol reported that the feasibility study is done for the Community Center. It suggested that it would require 1.8 million. Carol does not think that is enough as the kitchen is too small and it would not be brought up to ADA standards.

Directors Report: Attach please find Brian's documents- Safety enhancements have paid off as in spite of unfortunate incidents this summer crime is low in the park. One of the highlights is the new lighting at Bldg. 11. SPD will be at Friday night events at Community Center. Lhorna and Carl Fields will put together a stakeholders group together that can choose one project a year to connect the park. This group will also be able to mobilize if there is an issue.

Carol wants the space on the west side of the Community Center cleared of foliage to make the sight line much clearer. Brian announced that work has already begun on this. Tom suggests that you get the stakeholders really involved in the safety. It would be great if Bldg. 30 could see out their windows. Thanks for getting bollards on Lakeshore. Parks will keep the gate and the bollards.

The second document addresses the many requests to highlight public benefits. Reduced Costs Program Available in Magnuson Park does that. We want this to be available to those who live in the Park so they can take advantage of the programs. He has distributed to it MPAC but is looking for us to spread the word. Send edits. It will be on the website for Magnuson Park.

Brain has had some interesting conversations with key City Council partners. Deborah Juarez is asking really great questions about public benefit. It is an evolving conversation. Brian will report more when he has more information.

City Councilman Rob Johnson- Route 62 Update: Attached please find the documents.

He wanted to talk about Route 62 and funding for Community Center. But he was open to questions about how the city is running. After a full explanation of how the process will work he moved on to funding for the Community Center.

The budget process will allow City to put money into the Community Center. He feels 2-2.5 million is need. He has been working to put it on the 2017-18 budget. He presumes they still have county and state money. This also includes a pathway to help Lake City Community Center.

There are currently additional temporary staff at the Community Center. He sees a path to make those staff members permanent. Overall costs is about 350,000 dollars. This is the second highest priority. Security funds were supposed to be signed last week. It is to increase more security on nights and weekends.

He is also looking at funding for Solid Ground. Lhandra gave a list of where the funding should be spent but hasn't heard back from City Council. Rob will try to get an answer. There are job openings at Brietler and Magnuson Park housing.

Since Route 62 started in March of last year it hasn't served the same route on nights or weekends. On weekends turns right on 35th instead of NOAA and the Park which then has people on 35th and far away from where they thought they would be. They have been working on a solution – route during day will serve NOAA. Nights and weekends will stop on 74th then go in 74th to 62 to 65th. This will require some parking loss on 62nd. He was asked about the striping for the parking spaces at 65th and 62nd and Brietler. It has been on the list since June but he is not sure that SDOT will come to stripe before the rainy season.

Motion to adjourn by Chandra Adjourn 7:32