

MPAC Minutes, April 8 2020, Approved 6-10-20
over Skype

Members: Klaus Goodrum (here for Brian Judd), Diana Kincaid, Tom Kelly, Gabrielle Gerhard, Jan Bragg, Juli Horan, Megan Castellano, Aaron Hoard, Dianne Hofbeck

Guests: Rachel Goldberg, SSP; Kathy Dugaw, Magnuson Garden; Robert Stowers, SPR; Carol Valdrighi; Lynn Ferguson; other people dinged in

1. Meeting started at 6:03, called to order by Diana.
2. Introductions all around.
3. Vote on approval of the agenda, and the minutes.
 - a. Minutes not yet distributed, have to roll over to the next meeting
4. Aaron moved to approved the agenda. Gabrielle seconded. All voted in favor.
5. Public comment
 - a. Carol wants to say thank you for putting equity on the agenda and thinks the CC should be
 - b. Dianne wants to remind us about the Friends scholarship
 - i. The materials were to be dropped at the community center
 - ii. Is the community center open?
 - iii. Robert Stowers said not open - they will work on a way to notify residents or put up some signs at the Community Center
 - iv. Klaus will take the lead on this, and coordinate with Brian and find a location to collect the applications.
6. Robert Stowers - Executive Report
 - a. Parks has closed all CCs to the public and setting up shelter at a few of them, Miller and Garfield right now.
 - b. This will be for sheltering and childcare.
 - c. Planning to open 2 more sheltering.
 - d. Parking lots in the parks are closed at the high volume parks to encourage more social distancing.
 - e. Will start a pilot tomorrow of a "social distancing ambassador" in the parks, as there is not enough social distancing in some of their larger and regional parks. If this does not get the social distancing under control, the parks could be closed.
 - f. The stay home order to May 4, may be extended again, all spring programs in CCs will be cancelled and refunded.
 - g. Down to essential functions to keep Parks Dept going, and to support some of the Mayor's priorities.
 - h. Some things they are doing in Magnuson, business will get 2 months of rent abatement, letters going out. Want to insure the organizations are able to continue after this time.

- i. More staff checking doors and making sure spaces are secure. More security patrols. Trying to keep all staff, at home, working.
 - j. Questions:
 - i. Has there been much vandalism? - less but more graffiti.
 - ii. Financial impacts? Not clear what those will be just yet. Some savings measures will be implemented. Possibly not filling some positions. This will be challenging. None of the seasonal workers have been hired.
 - iii. Fields? Some minimal field maintenance is being done, not many staff.
 - iv. Childrens' not using lot? Is this a loss of revenue? Depends on the contract. Klaus says still using lot, no shuttles, they will also get the rent relief.
 - v. Comments from Diana on Social Distancing. People seem very attentive to this, being careful. Ponds area seems to be an issue, also biking on Kite Hill. Others agree with some of these points. Multiple dogs off-leash also an issue.
7. Klaus Goodrum - filling in for Brian Judd, repeating some of Roberts items
- a. All facilities closed till May 4.
 - b. Parking lots closed to discourage groups and events
 - i. Some lots still open for tenants
 - c. All events, rentals and programs cancelled
 - d. Encouraging people to reschedule but hard to know how/when to do that
 - e. Staff told to prepare to be reassigned at any time, but keep working till then.
 - f. Two CCs working as shelters, 2 more to come online
 - g. Spread sheet on the website with info from tenants, on their current situations
 - h. 2 months rent relief for artists and nonprofits.
 - i. Strategic plan - Brian will update in May
 - j. Tennis Center contract discussions on hold
 - k. Brig 406, still under renovation, scheduled now being re-evaluated for when it can be finished, hope to be done by end of May working safely
 - l. Everyone is being flexible. Best way to reach him is by email.
 - m. Questions
 - i. Impacts on parking in North end of park? No.
 - ii. Garbage pickup? Yes being done, this is essential. Are crews picking up garbage on the ground? No that is not happening
 - n. Rodent Bait Boxes, Jan wants to give update
 - i. Eagle Pest Eliminators has the contract with the City. Only one Parks is paying for. Topic will have to be picked up again after Covid19 issues. Old boxes should be removed as well. But on hold.

- ii. UW, Solid Ground, Mercy Housing all have their own property and their own contracts.
- iii. Aaron shared that they are trying to get their bait boxes aligned with what the city is doing. Jan shares that Solid Ground is also looking at this.

8. Equity and Social Justice at Magnuson

- a. Diana had discussed with Brian some training did when on the Parks Board, thinks it was very constructive, and talking about doing some of this with the committee
 - i. Thinks this could help MPAC have more connection with the residents and help work at helping to desegregate the communities in the area.
 - ii. Part of this problem is structural. Diana has also talked with Humberto. Saw good interaction when there were the CC open houses, how to improve that?
- b. Comments?
 - i. These are complex issues, geographic and structural
 - ii. Public benefit was originally supposed to help to address some of these issues. Playfield are also very separate, would be nice to improve access to teams and playfield use for residents.
 - iii. This training is valuable for the committee, how to spread these concepts to a broader level of the community.
 - iv. The role of the community center as a place to be welcoming for the community, what is the status of the renovations. Klaus shares that it is on the schedule to start at the end of this year.
 - v. Mercy Housing open house was also a time for interaction with different communities, it was well attended.

9. Priorities and Action steps

- a. Considering organizing these items in terms of categories, building off list sent out in February or March
- b. For example under arts, art exhibits, events, theater
- c. Then walking loop, in a category w fitness, accessibility
- d. Infrastructure, signage, lighting, parking structures, bathroom, QR codes
- e. Native Peoples recognition
 - i. Needs to begin with conversations at a higher level.
- f. Diane will distribute a copy of this out.
- g. Possible future action steps?
- h. Comments
 - i. Some of these items are on the to do list already
 - ii. Future budget challenges
 - iii. Tom: The natural areas got dropped off the above list. Gabrielle: it's still on there. Put the wet lands and the water issue back on the

- list. It is still an issue to look at in the future, but it is NOT related to the USGS water flow, according to Jan
 - iv. City arts funding - still available, maybe we can try to get some of that for art work at the park.
 - v. Art work on building windows? Klaus says there are some discussions around that. Lynn says they are trying to do something on building 41 similar to that. Could do a request for proposals for these projects as well. Is the overall goal to have more art around the park?
 - vi. Walking loop? What do we see is important in terms of sight lines? Depends on the locations
 - vii. Infrastructure - Building 308, by 65th st. a future project
10. Letter of support - on electrification of the park, sent out by Jan
- a. There will be some budget implications from this
 - b. Suggestion made to discuss in the next meeting, to let people have a chance to read it closely.
 - c. Diana - Parks seems to be already moving toward some of these areas.
11. Tom moves to adjourn, there was a second, not clear who on the call. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:25.