



## **Magnuson Park Advisory Committee**

**October 19, 2022**

Present: Samantha De Abreu, Ruth Fruland, Karey Kessler, Jan Bragg

SPR Staff: Ben Burtzos

Also Present: Vy Le

### **Introductions & Call to Order**

Samantha leads introductions of MPAC members.

### **MPAC Organization and Prioritization Discussion**

Ruth reviews the current goals, operating principles, and mission statement for MPAC. Ruth points out that the current mission statement is a bit cumbersome and could be shortened.

Samantha reads the purpose statement from MPAC bylaws. The purview of MPAC is fairly broad, and includes advisory, investigation, and recommendation capacities.

Ruth reviews recent goals established by MPAC. There is some question about the status of some of the historical goals, including signage and wayfinding and restrooms. Jan provides some status updates. There is consensus that projects that have already begun do not need to be top priorities at this point, but perhaps a status update from Brian would be helpful.

Ruth continues discussing potential projects that had been identified in previous planning sessions, including:

- Opening NOAA road
- Temporary outdoor art exhibits
- Security for buildings not in use
- Window covers/murals
- Visitor center at B41
- Indigenous recognition
- Permanent art installation
- More amphitheater events

Et cetera. Ruth also highlights that 2024 will be the centennial anniversary of the first around the world flight, which could bring positive attention and energy to Magnuson Park, particularly around the history of racial integration.

Jan highlights the goal of using the Magnuson Park website to highlight indigenous (and other pre-military) history of Sand Point. Jan also explains the verbiage regarding the “separation” of on-campus neighborhoods as opposed to surrounding neighborhoods.

Ruth highlights the complicated relationships of governing authorities and stakeholder groups within the park. Some projects and initiatives run into challenges because they must deal with multiple businesses and agencies.

Ruth proposes a possible framework for considering priorities: “built environment”/“natural environment”

- Built environment: buildings, sports facilities, OLA, energy, telecoms, utilities, etc.
- Natural environment: native plants, shoreline, habitats, biodiversity, etc.
  - There is still room for overlapping priorities in this framework
- Redefine “stakeholders” to include Nature generally

#### Lenses for approaching MPAC decision-making (MPAC toolkit)

- Environmental justice
  - Consider – sustainability, regeneration, and resilience
- Social justice/DEI
- Economic justice
  - Somewhat a limiting factor as well

#### Additional goals

- Creative solutions to and mitigating vandalism
  - Ruth mentions that including some graffiti artist(s) in MPAC discussions/planning could be a creative path towards mitigating the destructive nature of some graffiti
- Creative solutions to and mitigating violence
- Creative solutions to and mitigating environmental destruction
- Promoting safety and community

Samantha proposes also organizing proposals around SPR’s vision of Healthy People, Healthy Environment, and Strong Communities. Samantha also discusses how some initiatives, such as maintenance and recreation programming, fit into these categories as well as the 2012 Magnuson Park strategic plan.

Samantha suggests the group identify 1-2 priorities from each target area for MPAC to focus on for the next 1-2 years.

Ben clarifies that work is progressing on SPR and Magnuson Park’s recognition of pre-naval and indigenous history of Sand Point, but process is intentionally slow. Jan appreciates this work and update. Samantha suggests that indigenous recognition could extend to building naming conventions. Ruth points out that even local landmarks such as the Wedgwood Rock have indigenous names and histories that have been whitewashed, so some effort towards recognition in the park would be appreciated.

Jan proposes that MPAC make recognition and education surrounding Sand Point’s indigenous history a formal priority. There is no clear vision yet of what the executive change at SPR will look like, but MPAC members are generally in favor of making this recommendation in some way.

Samantha proposes that MPAC subcommittees could be established to help create long-term affinity groups dedicated to working on issues.

Samantha suggests broadening the range of communication and input coming into (and from) MPAC. Ruth suggests searching for greater diversity within MPAC membership. Samantha suggests that while expanding MPAC membership for residents in the park would be great, there are other issues to consider

- Samantha points out that language barrier exists for many Mercy Magnuson residents
- Jan suggests checking with Solid Ground, as well
- Amharic and Spanish are common languages that would be needed for translation

- Ben points out that Amharic and Spanish are top-tier languages in SPR's language services

Karey emphasizes the need for reliable communication throughout the organization. Samantha and Karey both express feeling surprised by events in the park.

Jan identifies that Native American recognition and improved communications both fall under the "Strong Communities" goal in SPR framework.

Samantha identifies that MPAC has tended to work more episodically. Ruth proposes ranked choice voting to determine long-term priorities.

MPAC members discuss what the goal of identifying priority proposals tonight is. Consensus settles on identifying a few priorities in each SPR framework category (healthy/healthy/strong) to vote on with whole group at November meeting.

Members begin brainstorming ideas for priorities. Samantha records ideas on separate document (to be shared/collaborated in advance of meeting 11/10/2022). *[See attached brainstorming document]*

Along with prioritization/brainstorming discussion, members mention that there is a lack of clarity regarding who to contact regarding some improvements and maintenance in the park.

- E.g., the streetlights along 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE are out. These are not on SPR property, so how should this be addressed?
- Ben offers some clarity regarding road jurisdiction.

### **Old & New Business**

Members agree that some communication will take place regarding prioritization prior to next month's meeting. Ben agrees to attach prioritization draft to draft meeting notes. Samantha will create a Google document for collaborative editing.

Samantha adjourns the meeting at 7:32 pm.

## **Goal Areas:**

### **Strong communities:**

#### Communication

- Partnership with Indigenous Communities
  - 1) MPAC LOR to Superintendent re: history (Indigenous People in Sandpoint) & Statement of recognition (Land Recognition)
- Improve communication within park & Surrounding community
  - 1) Info on activities (physical signage, website, emails)
  - 2) Better communication with residents and stakeholders re: park and MPAC activities and recruitment to MPAC of diverse community members
  - 3) Seat on ARC council and oversight/communication on programming (resident and park tenant input)

### **Healthy Environment**

#### Greenhouse Gases and Carbon Footprint

- Permanent use (building electrification, power use, impact) and events with generators
  - 1) Events with generators
- Event traffic and other transportation concerns

#### Animals and wildlife

- Animal control and impacts to environment of domestic animals
  - 1) Consider recommending additional officer
- Wildlife populations- tracking over time and identifying sources of potential harm.

### **Healthy (and Safe) People**

## Climate impacts

- Smoke and heat
  - 1) Make sure community center has smoke filter

## Safety

- Infrastructure and lighting
  - 1) Lights on 62<sup>nd</sup> Street out for months

## **Lenses:**

Social & Racial Justice

Environmental Justice

Economic Justice