



Magnuson Park Advisory Committee

November 9, 2022

Present: Mary Bicknell, Kary Kessler, Ruth Fruland, Jan Bragg, Samantha De Abreu, Garrett Arnold, Katie Parker, Gabrielle Gerhard (for Robin Melvin)

Also present: Lynn Ferguson, Patti Burke

SPR Staff: Joanne Orsucci, Klaus Goodrum, Ben Burtzos

Introductions & Call to Order

Samantha calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

MPAC members introduce themselves and share their investment in the group.

Broadway Bound Children's Theatre: Introduction

Joanne introduces Patti Burke, managing director of Broadway Bound Children's Theatre (BBCT). BBCT is Magnuson Park's newest tenant organization.

Patti introduces BBCT's mission/vision, history, and operational overview to the group. Highlights include scholarship opportunities, winter performances (Elf and Frozen!), and BBCT renovation/construction updates. *[A copy of BBCT's presentation is available]*

Jan asks Patti about parking plans. Patti acknowledges that parking is a concern, but there are two parking lots nearby the theater, and there will be no way to know what the effect of the shows will be on parking until early December.

Samantha asks about air filtration for smoke and other particulates in HVAC upgrades. Patti does not know the details of the HVAC upgrades yet but will report back on this.

Voting on MPAC Goals for next 2 years/Voting on Operating Procedures

Ruth leads discussion of prioritization goals

- Overview of proposed goals *[see attached document]*
- Opportunity for discussion

Karey raises concerns about faded crosswalks in the park. SPR staff confirm that traffic control and pedestrian markings are a priority, but some locations require inter-departmental agreement.

Mary gives presentation regarding invasive species (Himalayan blackberry, English ivy) and possible mitigation solutions.

Ruth gives short presentation on Victory Gardens; she would like to see one in Magnuson Park.

Jan clarifies that her suggested "poison free" priority would encompass both herbicides and rodenticides, as toxic chemicals are used for pest control throughout the park.

Ruth proposes that a priority/bullet point be added to the planning sheet regarding the centennial anniversary of the first "Around the World" flight.

There being no time left on which to vote on priorities or operating procedures, the group unanimously agrees to vote on priorities by email. Samantha will send out the choices; Ben will tabulate the results anonymously.

Old & New Business

Katie Parker is leaving Mercy Housing and resigning her seat on MPAC.

Karey announces the upcoming Open Studio event in Building 30 West. This event will occur from 12:00-5:00 pm on Saturday, November 19th.

For administrative reasons/the need to stop at 7:30, Samantha adjourns the meeting at 7:32 pm.