

Magnuson Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

March 13, 2024

Attendance

MPAC Members: Samantha De Abreu (co-chair), Jan Bragg (co-chair), Nancy Wilder, Aaron Hoard, Bladimir Recinos, Jonathan King, Virginia Humes, John Bower

Absent: Ruth Fruland

SPR Staff and Presenters: Joanne Orsucci, Laura Locklear, Andrea Petzel, Sara Belz, Oliver Bazinet, Ben Burtzos, Kim LeMay

Welcome and Introductions

De Abreu calls the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

MPAC members and SPR staff introduce themselves around the table.

Bragg reminds members that they are expected to attend each meeting, and to let co-chairs know if they are unable to attend; if possible, they may send a replacement from their organization, not to vote, but to have representation.

De Abreu calls for a vote of approval on the consent items: meeting minutes from the 1/10/24 MPAC meeting, and tonight's meeting agenda. There is no debate. The vote passes with 6 in favor and none opposed.

Adopted: MPAC 1/10/24 Meeting Minutes

Adopted: MPAC 3/13/24 Meeting Agenda

Announcements and Information Sharing

Marnie Hefron – Park neighbor and frequent visitor to Magnuson Park over the years. Reports high levels of illegal parking recently on Sportsfield Drive; last Thursday (3/7) there were almost 80 cars parked on the east side of the road, blocking ADA access to the sidewalk and sports fields. The Magnuson transportation plan prohibits this parking use and outlines improvements. SPR needs to do a better job educating, marking, and enforcing these rules.

De Abreu reads a comment from park neighbor Rudi Schmidt, submitted prior to the meeting:

"I am hoping that you can direct this heartfelt compliment to the right people: the crews working at Magnuson Park. For....ever, they, and the locals who live near the park and experience this, have nobly dealt with the garbage that our 'unhoused/crazy?/filthy mouth/drug dealing woman' continues (5 years+!!!!) to leave in her wake in this wonderful park. If you are not aware of this woman--who my former Councilmember brought attention to and had agents attempt to offer her housing--she is responsible for at least 2 fires that the SFD had to respond to. She has required the park crew to board up an area so she would not return. And, they have, at least every couple of months, had to respond to a pile of crap in various parts of the park, where she has tried to set up a base camp. I will tell you that I have personally engaged this woman and my actions have

discouraged her from returning to the bus shelter on Sand Point Way. She is a menace. She attracts drug deals. But with all that said, I've given up doing anything to get her help or remove her. I am just engaging her when I see her and telling her, "We don't want you here. You are a menace." My point is to extend my thanks to the Magnuson Park crews who are routinely removing her garbage. Not a thankless job, I am thanking them. They are wonderful."

De Abreu clarifies that using the Find It/Fix It app is the best way to report issues, including encampments, in the park. Bragg notes that a detailed description of the location, specifying that it is at Magnuson Park and what street or parking lot, is necessary since the Grounds Crew does not receive GPS coordinates. Recinos adds that photos are helpful.

Broadview Planning – Introduction

Orsucci briefly introduces the presentation; Broadview Planning (BVP) has been awarded a consulting contract to study potential management models for Magnuson Park.

Petzel introduces herself and BVP to MPAC. Belz provides a very brief overview of the consulting project, noting that BVP will be conducting extensive outreach in the coming months to shape the course of their consulting. Belz also emphasizes that regardless of other recommendations, SPR will retain ownership of all land and properties.

King asks about the timeline of the project. Belz clarifies that the goal is for report deliverables to be concluded in November 2024, and that they'll be back to MPAC with updates.

There is general discussion about logistics and communication details. Burtzos offers to serve as liaison between MPAC and BVP. Belz also provides her email address to MPAC members.

Magnuson Community Center Report

Kim LeMay, Magnuson Community Center Coordinator, delivers the report.

Programs at the community center continue to go well. We are participating in the Swim Seattle program, taking participants to the Meadowbrook Pool. Other new or re-started programs include Happy Feet soccer, story time for tots, and several drop-in programs.

Recruitment is ongoing for the Magnuson Community Center advisory committee.

Youth basketball programs are winding down; this year, MCC was able to field three teams: one boys, one girls, and one older co-ed team. Now we are starting track season, and registration is ongoing for children ages 5-12; the cost is \$75 per participant, but scholarships are available for those who qualify for 90% of the fee. Track practices will begin on March 19. MCC is looking for volunteer coaches.

Summer camp registration starts on April 16. Again, scholarships are available, and that application process is open now. Online applications for both the camps and the scholarships are preferred, but paper applications are also available.

We hosted our first Family Game Night in January and will host our next one in May. The first event was a success, with five or six families attending, and the winner getting to take home their choice of games as a prize.

Other upcoming events include our egg hunts:

- 3/29 – Teen Glow Hunt, 8 – 10 pm (teen egg hunt)
- 3/30 – Spring Egg Hunt, 10 am – 12 pm

Rock the Park and our teen open gym continue to draw good attendance.

Lifelong Recreation for seniors is operating several programs in the community center, including the popular Enhanced Fitness class. We have also started a Lifelong Recreation basketball program, which has been really popular!

General enthusiasm and support for the program participation at MCC. LeMay offers to send informational flyers regarding egg hunts to MPAC members.

Magnuson Park Planning & Development Update

Laura Locklear, SPR Planning and Development Specialist, provides overview of ongoing or planned Magnuson Park capital projects.

[See attached “Current & Upcoming Magnuson Park Projects – March 2024”]

Hoard asks if all projects are currently funded, what the funding sources are, and if the 2025-26 biennial budget deficit will impact the situation. Locklear clarifies that these projects are funded through Cycle 2 of the Metropolitan Park District. Bazinet adds that the real estate excise tax (REET) will provide some funding for some projects; REET is more difficult to predict year to year.

Hoard asks about any developments in building tenancy, particularly regarding Building 2. Orsucci clarifies that the previous conditional letter of award that had been issued for Building 2 has officially expired. Burtzos adds that SPR plans to issue a request for proposals (RFP) for several vacant spaces in the park later in 2024, but there is no definite timeline yet.

Bragg asks for clarification that the proposed spray park feature and Tower Restroom “replacement” will not be in the same location as the current wading pool and Tower building, but near the Junior League playground. Locklear confirms. Bazinet notes that the Tower building is planned to be demolished and replaced with a beach picnic shelter.

Bragg asks for an update on sports field turf replacement clean-up, noting that some rubber pellet infill and turf fiber was left behind after the carpet replacement for Fields 5 and 7. Locklear agrees to ask the contractor for an update and to show extra care in the clean-up process for Field 8.

Bragg notes that the thermoplastic ADA marking in the parking area near the swim beach has been chipping away. Bazinet notes that this project is likely still under warranty and will follow up with the project manager.

Bragg asks about any plans regarding pickleball court development at the E5 parking area. Orsucci clarifies that the current rideshare agreement with Seattle Children’s Hospital terminates at the end of 2025. Petzel (BVP) notes that the public engagement process for SPR’s pickleball expansion program will largely occur in summer 2024.

Hefron asks whether use of the E5 lot for pickleball fits into the Magnuson Master Plan.

Magnuson Park Manager’s Report

Joanne Orsucci, OOC Magnuson Park Manger, delivers the report.

[See attached “Report from Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR)” from March 10, 2024]

MPAC members briefly discuss any changes to park security operations. Orsucci affirms that Phoenix Security is still performing periodic drive-through patrols of the park after hours and providing reports of incidents to SPR safety and security.

Wrap-up

Going forward, Bragg explains that she and De Abreu meet the week before each MPAC meeting with SPR admin to set the agenda; MPAC members are asked to get requests for agenda items to her or De Abreu between now and then. (Next meeting: April 10, 2024)

Gratitude & Adjourn

There being no other business, De Abreu adjourns the meeting at 7:31 pm.



Current & Upcoming Magnuson Park Projects – March 2024

Projects in Planning / Design / Construction:

Magnuson Building 2 Roof

This project will replace the currently failing roof over the north hangar of Building 2 and make repairs to the roof over the south hangar to preserve the building and prepare it for improvements by a future tenant. The project will also make some seismic safety improvements (parapet bracing) for the building. The project design is complete, expected to go to bid in Spring 2024 in conjunction with the Building 138 roof project, and be completed by Fall of 2024.

Magnuson Building 138 Roof

This project will replace the currently failing roof of Building 138 (Gatehouse), preserving the building for future anticipated improvements. The project design is complete, final review/City Contracting is underway and expected to go to bid in Spring 2024 in conjunction with the Building 2 roof project and be completed by Fall 2024.

Magnuson Junior League Play Area and Tower Restroom Relocation

This project will renovate the Magnuson Junior League of Seattle Playground Play Area, replacing the equipment and making it compliant with current accessibility and safety standards. The project will also develop a site plan, including a new restroom building and future spray feature to replace the current problematic wading pool at the Magnuson east beach. The new restroom will serve as a relocated replacement of the Tower Restroom, which will be demolished and replaced with a picnic shelter. A public meeting was held on 12/12. This project is in planning and is awaiting a land survey to kick start schematic design. The project is expected to be completed in 2025.

Mickey Merriam Field 5 Synthetic Turf Replacement

The synthetic turf field at Field 5 was installed in 2009 and reached the end of its serviceable life. This project replaced the field “carpet,” and repaired damage to the drainage system. The newly installed synthetic turf system follows current SPR standards with a shock absorption pad and cork infill material. This field has a higher impact attenuation values than typical to support competition rugby. Bleachers were installed in mid-January; the project is complete; some minor repair work may be needed on the grass turf this spring.

Mickey Merriam Field 8 Synthetic Turf Replacement

The synthetic turf field infield at Field 8 was installed in 2009 and has reached the end of its serviceable life. This project will replace the field “carpet,” and repair any damage to the drainage system. The newly installed synthetic turf system will comport to current SPR standards with a shock absorption pad and cork infill material. During SPR’s internal review a request was made to replace the warning track to synthetic and upgrade the route between E5 Parking and Field 8 for accessibility. These are being added to the design drawings and will be bid as add alternates.

Magnuson Building 12 Stabilization

This project will replace the failing roof at Building 12 (campus steam heating system plant) and provide additional stabilization measures including asbestos abatement, window coverings, structural improvements, and access ladders which would slow deterioration of the building, make it less prone to vandalism, and make it safer to maintain until a tenant is found that can renovate the building to make it

occupiable. The design for this project is complete, however intake has been delayed due to Seattle City Light requiring a new design for electrical to service the building. Anticipate construction start by end of Q2 2024.

Magnuson Parking Accessibility Improvements

This improves the beachside Magnuson Park parking lots and accessible routes along the east edge of the park to make them compliant with current accessibility standards. Designs have been developed for the E-1, E-2, E-3, and E-4 Parking lots.

ADA Magnuson Off-leash Area

Magnuson Park OLA ADA improvements will improve accessibility by updating the main entrance accessible parking stalls and accessible aisles. It will add a double airlock for accessibility and safety at the main gate entrance and add accessible paths to the picnic shelter, water spigots and portable restroom. The design is complete; however, the project is over budget. Waiting for community input on next steps to determine outcome.

Magnuson Building 11 Restaurant Accessibility Improvements

This project ensures that the route to Building 11 and the restaurant there comply with accessibility standards. The concrete steps were demolished and replaced. SPR is currently making modifications to the permit so the lift can be installed in the next few months.

Magnuson Fuel Tank Remediation (Building 406)

Excavation and removal of tanks is complete. Detected an underground tank and will investigate further early next month. Hoping to have the remediation project completed by end of Q2 2024.

Dedicated Pickleball Court Construction (Children's Hospital Park and Pool Lot)

The goal of this project is to have 8-10 pickleball courts open in 2026 in the current E5 (Seattle Children's) parking lot. SPR's consultant is working on a revised scope and schedule. Once completed we can get the design started and public engagement meetings scheduled.

Other Planned Projects for 6-year Cycle (some may extend past 2028):

Magnuson Northshore Pier Restoration

This project would include repairs to the north end pier at Magnuson Park in order to ensure safe access by the public. SPR is currently in the process of discussing the results of a recent evaluation with a structural engineer and looking into potential interim actions.

Magnuson Building 31 Restoration

Through this project, SPR would contribute to cost sharing for Sail Sand Point to restore the boat house, storage area, and small classroom space that they use for their operations. A feasibility study conducted with a Major Projects Challenge fund grant estimated a cost of \$9-11m for such a project in 2019 and Sail Sand Point is looking into alternatives.

Magnuson Circulation Improvements

In 2021, Seattle Parks and Recreation conducted a circulation study of Magnuson Park that identified several desired improvements focused on pedestrian and bicycle circulation within the park, including the development of a barrier-free loop trail within the park. Magnuson major maintenance funding within the park district cycle 2 financial plan will be put toward a number of these improvements, and where possible

combined with other projects in the immediate vicinity. Potential options for this packaging include Magnuson Park Site Accessibility Improvements, Magnuson Parking Lot Accessibility Improvements and the Magnuson Junior League Play Area and Comfort Station Renovation projects. A consultant was hired to develop schematic design and cost estimates for accessibility improvements along the south side of NE 74th Street from Sand Point Way to the Junior League of Seattle Playground. Anticipated start Q2 with transmittal of site survey.

Magnuson Park Accessibility Improvements (Site and Buildings)

Magnuson Park has over 1,000 documented barriers in the city's barrier removal schedule pertaining to walkways, parking, restrooms, and buildings. As part of the park district cycle 2 financial plan, SPR has committed to ameliorating several of them, including further construction of the Magnuson Parking Accessibility Improvements project, in conjunction with the Magnuson Circulation Improvements and potential building and comfort station renovation projects.

Magnuson Park Sports Meadow Comfort Station Renovation

The sports meadow comfort station was identified as a high priority for comfort station and shelterhouse renovation program because of condition assessments and planning work conducted in 2016-2018. The renovation will bring the comfort station to current SPR accessibility and maintenance standards by replacing structural and envelope elements, partitions, fixtures, and finishes as needed. SPR is planning to begin this project in 2025.

Magnuson Building 138 Seismic and Decarbonization

Magnuson Building 138 (Gatehouse) has a boiler nearing the end of its useful life. If budget and timing allows, the building would be renovated to both current seismic standards in addition to replacement of the existing gas-fired heating system to an electric heat pump system. If the boiler shows signs of failure before such a project occurs, it may be necessary to replace it with a salvaged boiler from another facility in the interim.

Magnuson Park Advisory Committee (MPAC)

Report from Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) – Joanne Orsucci

March 10, 2024

Topic	Updates/Notes
<p>MPAC Priority #1: Healthy People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure and Lighting. • Improve safety and reduce crime. 	<p>Ongoing Building Security Concerns</p> <p>Phoenix Security continues to patrol Magnuson nightly. They are driving through the park performing visual observations and checking restrooms for negative activity.</p>
<p>MPAC Priority #2: Healthy Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address event-related traffic. • Addressing garbage/litter + animal waste in the park. 	<p>Requested additional data on event related traffic at March MPAC meeting. Dates, delay times, traffic observations are important data points to address a potential problem.</p>
<p>MPAC Priority #3: Strong Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve Communication within Magnuson Park + surrounding community. • Inclusive and communicative planning. 	
<p>MPAC Roster and Recruiting</p>	<p>4 new MPAC members confirmed for 2024-2025 membership. The team is working hard on recruiting new and business tenant members.</p>
<p>Seattle Parks Updates</p>	<p>The City's hiring freeze continues and the normal team of 4 at Magnuson park is currently a team of 2 staff. We appreciate your understanding if some response times are longer than usual.</p>