

# Magnuson Park Advisory Committee

## Meeting Notes

June 12, 2024

### Attendance

MPAC Members: Samantha De Abreu (co-chair), Jan Bragg (co-chair), Virginia Humes, Ruth Fruland, John Bower, Jonathan King, Dave Hudacek

Absent: Bladimir Recinos, Nancy Wilder, Aaron Hoard

SPR Staff and Presenters: Kim LeMay, Ben Burtzos

Attendees: Mike Pierson, Tom Kelly, Ed, Gabrielle Gerhard

### Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm.

MPAC members and SPR staff introduce themselves around the table.

Bragg introduces tonight's consent agenda: meeting minutes from the May 8, 2024, MPAC meeting, and tonight's meeting agenda.

Bragg questions Burtzos about suggested revisions to the May 8 meeting minutes that were not included in the revised version. Burtzos responds that the meeting minutes reflect an effort to capture the main strokes of conversation, rather than a comprehensive record of the back-and-forth within each meeting; MPAC minutes are generally above and beyond what is strictly necessary. Burtzos also notes that final revisions are subject to approval by the whole committee, and that the current agenda item is the proper time to discuss final revisions.

Bragg proposes three additions to the May 8, 2024, revised meeting minutes:

- Language clarifying SPR's decision to use an "Out of Office" message for the [MPAC@seattle.gov](mailto:MPAC@seattle.gov) mailbox directing commenters to attend MPAC meetings and to use the Find It, Fix It application (FI/FI) to report minor issues
- Language clarifying that SPR Events and Athletic Scheduling Manager Lisa Nielsen has agreed to revisit approval conditions for gas generators and report back to MPAC
- Language noting that SPR Manager Brian Judd formerly submitted an annual request for all parking lots to be re-striped, and that FI/FI is the appropriate avenue to submit requests for repainting crosswalks on SPR property

Bragg calls for a vote on the proposed revisions to the May 8, 2024, revised meeting minutes. The vote passes 7-0; the minutes will be so amended.

Bragg calls for separate votes to approve the May 8, 2024, meeting minutes, with today's revisions included, and to approve tonight's meeting agenda. Both votes pass 7-0.

Adopted: May 8, 2024, MPAC Meeting Minutes

Adopted: June 12, 2024, MPAC Meeting Agenda

## **Announcements & Information Sharing**

De Abreu reports observing SPD parking enforcement within Magnuson Park.

### **Magnuson Park Manager's Report**

Burtzos shares SPR Magnuson Park Manager's Report from Joanne Orsucci's in her absence.

[See attached "Report from Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR)"]

MPAC discusses incidents in the Park. Humes asks about best practices responding to suspected gunshots in and around the Park; De Abreu affirms that data collection is important to the City, and 911 calls are the best way to create that data trail.

Humes also mentions drag racing on NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street, including a car accident several weeks ago. De Abreu notes that Mercy Magnuson is currently pursuing a security contractor.

Bragg notes that the 2024 Greater & Greener Conference will be visiting Magnuson Park.

### **Magnuson Community Center Report**

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

MCC has launched a new graffiti arts program aimed at bringing an arts focus to graffiti and also discussing acceptable display of artwork. This program is also being implemented at Rainier CC and has been very successful so far.

MCC is hosting several new and returning youth summer camp programs. These include arts and sports camps delivered by SPR/ARC, as well as partnerships with Greenstage, Skyhawks, and other organizations. Most camps have some space left.

MCC has a lunch club program to bridge the gap between morning and afternoon programs, and will be a summer lunch site again this year. MCC has been coordinating with Mercy Magnuson to deliver this service most effectively. The lunch club program allows for all-day supervision with no gaps.

The MCC Advisory Committee is still looking for members.

Hiring is ongoing for temporary and seasonal employees. Applications for all positions are on the SPR website.

LeMay highlights the Rock the Park program. One cool element of the program this year is that MCC has a recreation attendant helping with the program who used to participate, and recently graduated from the University of Washington! Staff is looking for suggestions of service projects to help with Rock the Park – if educational, all the better.

MPAC members discuss potential service opportunities, including tree and native plant planting, park cleanup programs, mural painting and installation, and orienteering program development.

De Abreu asks about the supervision and overall setup of the lunch club program. LeMay affirms that the lunch club is fully staffed and provides some basic details about operations.

Bragg asks if MCC has established consistent lines of communication with the various housing agencies, particularly Solid Ground and LIHI. LeMay clarifies that MCC has communication with both groups, providing flyers and advertisements to the communities.

MCC is offering a wider range of drop-in programs, particularly for adults, and more drop-in gym time.

### **Old Business**

De Abreu clarifies some logistical details of MPAC meetings at Humes's request.

Burtzos agrees to share notes from the recent SPR-SPD Tenant Safety Meeting [see attached "Magnuson Park Tenant Safety Meeting" meeting notes].

De Abreu references citywide special event guidelines and notes that more data about the impact of Magnuson Park events are needed before making recommendations to SPR.

Humes is potentially interested in helping to gather information concerning events in the Park.

King asks what data De Abreu suggests collecting; De Abreu suggests that decibel levels outside of concerts, qualitative assessments of how events are presenting themselves to the public, and traffic counts (possibly employing traffic counter strips) would all be a useful place to start. Bragg notes that there was a previous traffic speed study performed several years ago. Humes and King offer to help and will continue the conversation offline.

### **New Business**

Reminder that MPAC summer schedule has no meeting in August.

Bragg and De Abreu provide overview of current MPAC advocacy priorities, with an eye towards creating new priorities or renewing current ones into the 2025-26 cycle.

Bower highlights the lack of EV charging stations near the Magnuson waterfront. We will contact the SPR Magnuson office for an EV program staff referral. Bragg recalls that at the time of the previous installation, Seattle City Light (SCL) was limited by power grid capacity.

Fruiland asks if MPAC could make advocacy for solar energy a priority.

Hudacek asks about adding speed control on 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE.

Bower will email Burtzos to get in touch with City staff working on EV chargers; Fruiland will email Burtzos regarding solar programs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.