

Magnuson Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2025

Attendance

MPAC Members: Furry, Windhover, King (chair), Mejia-Giudici, Hudacek

Absent: Recinos, Hoard, Humes, De Abreu

SPR Staff and Presenters: Orsucci, Okano, Behrooz, Burtzos

Welcome and Introductions

King calls the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

King introduces the consent agenda: tonight's meeting agenda and the meeting minutes from the September meeting. Furry moves to approve; Windhover seconds. The vote is 5-0 in favor.

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Magnuson Community Center Report

Jarod Okano, Magnuson Community Center Coordinator, delivers the report. Highlights include updates on youth basketball and volleyball programs, a partnership with Productions Dance for hip-hop dance classes, and a report on extended teen nights on Fridays. Okano hopes to create more late-night opportunities for teens at the Community Center.

Upcoming: Magnuson Haunted House, 10/24-25, partnership with Broadway Bound Children's Theatre. \$5 admission; guests will receive a goodie bag and an "I Survived!" sticker. MCC expects 700+ guests.

MPAC members ask Okano about programming and recruitment efforts for teen night and proposed late night.

Magnuson Park Manager's Report

Joanne Orsucci, Magnuson Park Manager, delivers the report [attached].

Members ask Orsucci for clarification regarding SPR and City budgeting process.

Members discuss park safety, particularly regarding efficacy of access gate(s) on NE 65th St and Lake Shore Drive.

Some discussion regarding current and upcoming RFP packages, including Building 2, 41, and 18.

Pickleball Updates

King provides brief status update on SPR pickleball project, including updates on project location, funding, and the ongoing SEIS. Behrooz confirms substance of update, noting that original project

site requires noise mitigation and funding is not secured for this work. SPR has not decided whether to continue with original project site or to pivot.

MPAC members discuss possibility of project being split into multiple sites. Behrooz notes that this is a possibility but has not been investigated.

Behrooz asks if MPAC has updated official advocacy position, given new information. King defers to previous advocacy letter.

Looking Ahead: MPAC Advocacy Priorities

King introduces conversation around updating MPAC advocacy priorities for 2026. Members discuss current-year advocacy priorities, focusing on items that may no longer be relevant. Members discuss how best to use MPAC's advocacy to effect change and growth at Magnuson.

Suggestions for 2026 priorities include:

- Pet waste stations in park (outside of OLA)
- Development of historical display center

Old & New Business

Further discussion regarding potential reaffirmation of MPAC's advocacy position regarding the siting of SPR pickleball project in N2 parking area (near Arena Sports). King offers to draft a short position statement and circulate for comments.

Windhover moves that MPAC formally sign Birds Connect Seattle petition endorsing alternate site (N2 parking area) using group name; Furry and Mejia-Giudici support (no formal second). King notes that members would be voting on petition that several may not have read yet, and suggests conducting a more deliberative process to determine preferred advocacy path. King affirms that if the group desires, he is willing to move swiftly on this advocacy. Windhover withdraws the motion.

Burtzos and King review action items and note that the next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2025.

King adjourns the meeting at 7:32 PM.