

Magnuson Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2025

Attendance

MPAC Members: King (chair), Windhover, Fruland (for Mejia-Giudici), Hudacek, Furry, De Abreu, Recinos

Absent: Hoard, Humes

SPR Staff and Presenters: Teeters, Okano, Burtzos

Welcome and Introductions

King calls the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. MPAC members and SPR staff introduce themselves.

Public comment is heard on the following topics:

- Interest in learning more about Magnuson Park to support future partnership proposal;
- Support for SPR pickleball facility proposal at Magnuson Park North Shore;
- Appreciation for improvements made to Building 69 (historic parking structure).

King notes that Magnuson Environmental Stewardship Alliance (MESA) is considering a celebration for Magnuson Park's 50th anniversary. MPAC members discuss.

King introduces the consent items:

- Tonight's meeting agenda (De Abreu moves to approve, Furry seconds)
- Minutes from October 8, 2025 MPAC meeting (Fruland moves to approve, Windhover seconds)

King calls for a vote on both items; vote is unanimous in favor.

Adopted: 11/12/25 MPAC Meeting Agenda

Adopted: 10/8/25 MPAC Meeting Minutes

Magnuson Community Center Report

Jarod Okano, Magnuson Community Center Coordinator, delivers the report.

Okano updates MPAC members on MCC events and programs, noting recent success of Magnuson Haunted House (and partnership with Broadway Bound Children's Theatre for that event). MCC is currently spending down a recent donation from Tennis Center Sand Point to refurbish the Teen Room and Lobby to enhance teen experience.

Other updates:

- High number of abandoned vehicles in the MCC parking lot
- Planned November floor refinishing rescheduled to 2026
- Upcoming Winter Tot Carnival 12/6, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (\$3/child)

Seattle Parks and Recreation – Park Ranger Program

Marlan Teeters, SPR Security Manager, delivers the report.

SPR currently employs 26 total Park Rangers, up from just 3 a couple of years ago. Rangers work a 7-day schedule, 6:00 AM – 10:30 PM. Teams are assigned to 3 regions, each with a separate patrol route: North, Central, and South. Magnuson Park is in the North region.

Rangers are generally hands-off and focus on education. Rangers enforce SPR park code, not criminal acts (still purview of SPD). Rangers are not emergency responders, but will respond to calls through the SPR Job Line: (206) 684-7250

Teeters provides his email for additional follow-up: marlan.teeters@seattle.gov

MPAC members ask for clarification regarding duration and frequency of Ranger visits to Magnuson Park. Teeters elaborates, noting that priority remains downtown parks and that frequency of visits depends on emergent need. Generally, Rangers visit Magnuson 2-3 times daily.

Teeters clarifies Ranger uniform (khaki shirt, green pants, badge) and what categories of activities a park visitor should call Rangers to investigate. Generally, violations of Parks Code (i.e., off-leash dogs, amplified sound, drones) are Ranger issues; criminal behavior (violence, car prowls, other suspicious activity) are SPD issues.

Looking Ahead: MPAC Advocacy Priorities

MPAC members continue discussion of advocacy priorities. Specific issues discussed include:

- Street Lighting & Crosswalk Updates
- SPR Major Events – Public Transit
- Illegal Parking & Parking Enforcement
- ADA Improvements in Magnuson Park Buildings

New & Old Business

King suggests a shortened meeting on December 5, 2025 (ending by 7:00 PM).

King adjourns the meeting at 7:32 PM.