

# Magnuson Park Advisory Committee

## Meeting Notes

May 14, 2025

### **Attendance**

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

Absent: None

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

### **Welcome and Introductions**

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

King introduces tonight's consent agenda: meeting minutes from the April 9 MPAC meeting, and tonight's meeting agenda. Furry moves to adopt the April 9 meeting minutes; Windhover seconds. Hoard moves to adopt tonight's agenda; Hudacek seconds. King calls for a vote on both motions together unless there are objections. Noting none, the vote proceeds. The vote is unanimous in favor of passage.

*Adopted: 4/9/25 MPAC Meeting Minutes*

*Adopted: 5/14/25 MPAC Meeting Agenda*

### **Announcements and Information Sharing**

Public comments are heard on the following topics:

- Concerns on behalf of Puget Sound Senior Baseball League that the proposed pickleball facility would decrease future baseball field construction as designated in Magnuson Park Master Plan

### **Magnuson Community Center Report**

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

MCC recently held the annual Egg Hunt and Glow Hunt events. Over 60 teens attended the Glow Hunt! Both events were a big success.

Track and field season is coming to a close; the championships are this weekend at West Seattle Stadium.

Seattle Tennis and Education Foundation (STEF) has been holding education and academic afterschool events at MCC.

Registration is now open for summer camps, including soccer, racquet sports, and Rock the Park teen camp. Through partnerships with DEEL, we are offering arts programming and mental health support for youth.

We are also partnering with Solid Ground, Green Lake CC, and SPD as a Summer of Safety Site! We may host and participate in some dodgeball, kickball, and other events through these programs.

Upcoming events: Magnuson Block Party, Magnuson Haunted House

Reminder: MCC is recruiting for the Community Center Advisory Council. This group has been inactive for several years, and we are recruiting to get it back off the ground.

### **Magnuson Park Pickleball Facility – Project Updates and Q&A**

Morteza Behrooz, SPR Capital Project Coordinator, leads and facilitates the discussion.

Behrooz summarizes SPR's citywide pickleball planning process beginning in 2021, and shares the link to SPR's pickleball planning website: [Outdoor Pickleball Court Development - Parks | seattle.gov](https://www.seattle.gov/outdoor/pickleball)

Behrooz affirms that current signage near the project site contains outdated information. New signage has been ordered.

Behrooz notes the current phase of the project. SPR has engaged a primary consultant and subconsultants to develop a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) concerning the impacts of the proposed facility. The draft SEIS will have a mandatory public comment period, which will likely begin in July.

Behrooz addresses previous inquiries about relocating the project to Building 2 at Magnuson Park. The current cost estimate for building rehabilitation makes this alternate location infeasible.

Bitter Lake Reservoir has been identified as a potential off-site alternative and is being investigated as part of the SEIS; this has delayed the publication of the draft SEIS from the initial estimate of June to the new estimate of July.

Behrooz pauses for questions from MPAC members. Questions and answers address noise and light spillover, access to planning information, scoping for the supplemental environmental impact study (SEIS), traffic studies, other site options, master plan uses and amendments, project funding and phased implementation plans.

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

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

### **Old & New Business**

King and Hudacek confirm that Hudacek will meet with Friends of Magnuson Park to discuss signage and design prior to June MPAC meeting.

De Abreu has emailed SDOT representatives regarding ongoing projects in Magnuson Park and will update MPAC as information is available.

King adjourns the meeting at 7:31 PM.

**Magnuson Park Advisory Committee (MPAC)**

Report from Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) – Joanne Orsucci, OOC Manager  
June 11, 2025

Topic	Updates/Notes
<p><b>MPAC Priority #1: Healthy People</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure and Lighting</li> <li>• Improve safety and reduce crime</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ongoing Security Concerns</b></p> <p>Demolition of the Tower restroom bldg. near the beach is planned to occur in June. Our Planning division is waiting on permits from SDCI. The area will be restored with grass. A new restroom is scheduled to be started near the main (Jr. League) play area sometime in 2026.</p> <p>SPR and SPD signed an agreement to provide dedicated patrols in Magnuson park Thu-Sun evenings at the time the park gates are locked. This begins Memorial Day weekend.</p> <p>Additional eco blocks have been put inside the boat ramp parking lot E2 to prevent car racing and driving “donuts”. An additional gate is being added to NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street to prevent late night access.</p> <p>Park hours near the boat ramp and beach areas have been officially changed to 6:00am-10:00pm effective May 23, 2025 to be a good neighbor and reduce nuisance behaviors.</p> <p>Pay by Phone signs have been installed in lots E1/E2 near the boat ramp. This is not for hourly parking, it is only for vehicle/trailer parking. It is another option for payment of the parking fees while launching a boat. Regular vehicles do not need to pay this fee from October to April. Regular vehicle parking is prohibited in these lots from May through September.</p>
<p><b>MPAC Priority #2: Healthy Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address event-related traffic.</li> <li>• Addressing garbage/litter + animal waste in the park.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>MPAC Priority #3: Strong Communities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve Communication within Magnuson Park + surrounding community.</li> <li>• Inclusive and communicative planning.</li> </ul>	<p>The Broadview Planning analysis report on Magnuson governance options is complete. It will be emailed to all MPAC members tomorrow. Non-members can request it by sending an email to <a href="mailto:PKS_MPAC@seattle.gov">PKS_MPAC@seattle.gov</a> at any time.</p> <p>We are happy to take questions at the next MPAC meeting, but please note, this report was prepared only as a list of options to inform SPR. No decisions or actions are being taken as a result of this report.</p>

<b>MPAC Roster and Recruiting</b>	No new members at this time.
<b>Seattle Parks Updates</b>	<b>Budget issues:</b> The City's hiring freeze continues and the normal team of 4 at Magnuson Admin Office is currently a team of 2 staff. We were approved to post two positions and are excited about getting staffed to better levels in the next 90-120 days.  <b>RFP for Bldgs 18 &amp; 41</b> is expected to come out this year to advertise these spaces.
<b>Responses to MPAC Inquiries</b>	N/A