

Magnuson Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2025

Attendance

MPAC Members: King (chair), Hoard, Hudacek, Windhover, Furry, Recinos

Absent: De Abreu, Humes, Mejia-Giudici

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

Welcome and Introductions

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

King introduces tonight's consent agenda: meeting minutes from the June 11 MPAC meeting, and tonight's meeting agenda. Furry moves to adopt the June 11 meeting minutes; Hudacek seconds. Windhover moves to adopt tonight's agenda; Furry seconds. Both votes are unanimous in favor of passage.

Adopted: June 11, 2025, MPAC Meeting Minutes

Adopted: July 9, 2025, MPAC Meeting Agenda

Announcements and Information Sharing

Public comment was heard on the following topics:

- Concern regarding outreach to sports field user groups in context of planned pickleball project;
- Concern regarding planned location of pickleball court project.
- Advocacy for completion of the Magnuson Park Circulation Plan; suggestion that SPR investigate steps necessary to demolish Building 2.

Magnuson Park Community Center Report

Kim LeMay, Green Lake Community Center Coordinator, delivers the report.

LeMay introduces Jarod Okano, new Magnuson Community Center Coordinator.

LeMay provides overview of MCC camps and summer programs, noting that SPR scholarship funding ran out earlier than usual in 2025. Enrollment in camps is generally down.

Upcoming events:

- 7/15 – Mayor's safety meeting @ Magnuson Community Center, 6:00 PM
- 8/5 – Magnuson Block Party
- 8/16 – Big Day of Play @ Rainier Playfield
- 10/24-25 – Magnuson Haunted House (with Broadway Bound Children's Theatre)

Magnuson Park Manager's Report

Joanne Orsucci, Magnuson Park Manager, delivers the report (attached).

King asks for additional information regarding speed cushions on SDOT roads and SPR roads. Orsucci will request additional information from SDOT partner and report back.

Pickleball Proposal – MPAC Action Planning

King provides overview of MPAC communication with SPR since December 2024, and an update on developments to the proposed pickleball project at Magnuson Park.

MPAC members discuss whether to amend and resend the advocacy letter to SPR from December, to incorporate MPAC comments into SEIS feedback, or another avenue. Suggestions include: requesting an extension to the SEIS comment period and participation at BPRC and City Council public comment.

King confirms with members that MPAC's primary goal is to move the project away from its planned location to another location farther from the wetlands.

Old & New Business

King reminds group that MPAC does not meet in August. The next meeting will be September 10, 2025.

King adjourns the meeting at 7:28 PM.



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Report from Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) – Joanne Orsucci, Manager
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Topic	Updates/Notes
MPAC Priority #1: Healthy People - Infrastructure and Lighting - Improve safety and reduce crime - Ensure that pickleball development balances protection of environmentally sensitive areas with the need for park activation/recreation	Ongoing Security Concerns Work has started on the Tower Bldg demolition. 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. SPD emphasis patrols in Magnuson park Thu-Sun evenings at the time the park gates are locked. Began May 23 With the new 6am-10pm hours for the Boat Ramp and Beach areas there have been several lock-in incidents reported that involved more than one car. Signage is being worked on and we've updated the park hours on our website and removed them from Google. Google is the reported highest use resource for things like operating hours, so we've removed the hours altogether in order to push users toward the website for actual hours. There's also a large electronic sign right now announcing the gate closures.
MPAC Priority #2: Healthy Environment - Address event-related traffic. - Addressing garbage/litter + animal waste in the park.	City Council voted unanimously to expand traffic safety cameras. 3 of the listed locations are near or in Magnuson park. Seattle expands traffic safety cameras for public safety king5.com I'm working with SDOT to see if a presentation to MPAC can be provided.
MPAC Priority #3: Strong Communities - Improve Communication within Magnuson Park + surrounding community. - Inclusive and communicative planning.	
MPAC Roster and Recruiting	No new members this month.
Seattle Parks Updates	Budget issues: 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 60 days.

	RFP for Bldgs 18 & 41 is expected to come out this year to advertise these spaces.
Responses to MPAC Inquiries	