

Minutes of Magnuson Park Advisory Committee
March 11, 2015
Lower Conference Room, Building 30

Members Present: Loren Hill (Chair), Ed Bronsdon (Vice Chair), Julianna Ross (Secretary), Pete Zimmerman, Gabrielle Gerhard, Tom Kelly, Arden Forrey, Julie Neilson, , Nino Johnson, Herb Curl, Peggy Printz, Lynn Ferguson

Absent: Nancy Bolin, Lynn Ferguson, Parks Commission rep., Tracy Bennett, Aaron Hoard, Ken Sparks

Magnuson Park Staff: Brian Judd

Guests: Alisa Luber, Mercy Housing; Michael Stewart and Gay Burton, Boyer Medical Clinic

Call to Order: 6:00 pm Loren call to order.

February minutes: approved without changes

Public Comment: Lynn Ferguson of the Magnuson Park Sand Point Historic District emphasizes we need to re-use the buildings *we have now* before building any new ones. Buildings currently going through, or available for, development include 12, 18, 167, 9 and 41.

Tom Kelly conveys a comment he received from community member Eric Carlson stating that the past cyclocross events have left damaged turf that has been left damaged, looking unsightly, and not restored.. Community member wonders if there isn't another area of the park for this event where there may be less damage caused -- maybe just on trails or other hard surfaces, and suggests Magnuson might not be the best place for such events.

Magnuson Park and the Beaver Deceiver: The committee received an informative and enlightening presentation by Mike Schwindeller, Capital Projects Coordinator for Seattle Parks Dept, on actions taken to mitigate habitat damage caused by the six or so beavers living in the park. Activity first noticed in 2014 and their dam raised the water level by four feet. Thanks to good ecology and some innovation, the restoration team's actions have paid off and the beavers and our wetland trails can coexist. Total project cost, \$30K including custom fabricated devices and labor. People should notice a marked improvement in the condition of the wetland trails. Please see attached PowerPoint for more details.

Mercy Housing and Building 9: Alisa Luber, Senior Project Developer. Building 9 may seem quiet but there is a lot going on. Housing will be focused in the north and south end of the building. Seamar Community Health will develop, own and operate a clinic in the building.

They will need to change the grading on the west side of Building 9 to allow for ADA access to the building. The outside will be restored to a "T" but the inside will be all new. At Mercy, they "don't build housing, they build communities," so there will be common areas in the building.

2015 is schematic tasks – outreach, talking to funders, creating the plans. 2016 will be for securing permits, closing on the finance. Hope to begin actual construction in January 2017.

Diana Kincaid mentions this increase of housing in the park is further reason to weigh in as individuals on the King County Metro's plans for increasing/decreasing bus service and changing routes. A complete guesstimate of how many people the new Building 9 will serve is about 170 kids plus 170 adults.

Boyer Children's Clinic: This group is planning on expanding their operations to the second floor of Building 11. Please visit their website for more information. They serve families with special needs through early intervention programs, 0-3 years old. Currently at the base of Capitol Hill in Montlake neighborhood. Expanding to Magnuson will help them serve more teens, etc. and up to 120 additional young children and families.

Their services include therapy and programs. No surgery or pharmaceuticals. It is more like physical therapy, therapy preschool. Asked about parking and traffic, they have 10-14 staff and maybe 40-50 cars per day, but many arrive by taxi. Average visit time is 2 hours, 15 min. or just 30 minutes. They hope to open in September/October of this year.

MPAC to prepare for report to new superintendent: The committee is preparing to offer the new superintendent a complete report on the status of Magnuson Park in relation to the 2012 Strategic Plan, the Parks Dept. prioritization and a circulation/signage/wayfinding plan. A sub-committee will start meeting before regular MPAC meetings to work on the presentation to be given at the August MPAC meeting. All are welcome to be a part of the sub-committee, including non-MPAC members.

Director's Report: Brian Judd, Magnuson Park Manager. Handed out Rock the Park flyers which may be useful in soliciting funding for the program. Announced Mark Hoffman is taking over for Karla Withrow at the community center. The deteriorating carport on Solid Ground property is being dealt with and Cheryl Fraser has a meeting about it with the Mayor. There is now more ADA parking for the Brig.

Last note: The committee unanimously approves the sending of a letter to Superintendent Williams, Mayor Murray and other officials regarding putting a new roof on Building 12.

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm