

Minutes for the Magnuson Park Advisory Committee (MPAC)

January 9, 2019

Lower Conference Room, Bldg. 30

Members Present: Gabrielle Gerhard (Chair), Lhorna Murray (Vice-Chair), Mitch Cameron (Secretary), Humberto Alvarez, Jan Bragg, Megan Castellano, Lynn Ferguson, Sandy Bricel-Miller, Aaron Hoard, Ashley Berglund, Tom Kelly, Atsuko Tamura, Diana Kincaid, Juli Horan, Jon Carver.

Guests: Catherine Wheatbrook (Gilbert and Sullivan Society); Steve Rubin; Tom Ansart (Seattle Music Theater) Stephanie Kate Bratton; Scott Clark (Center for Excellence); Jean Bateman (Center for Excellence); Julianna Ross (SPACE); Hope Grant & Lucinda Caldwell (Skates Like a Girl); Moani Russell (MCCAC); Alex Pederson; Dan Youmans (Center for Excellence); Raymond Yan (DigiPen Center for Excellence); Kris Snyder (Center for Excellence), Joelle Hammerstad, (Sustainability & Environmental Performance Manager at Seattle Parks and Recreation)

Magnuson Park Staff: Joanne Orsucci (Interim Park Director), Brian Judd (Magnuson Park Director)

Called to order: Meeting came to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of December minutes: Jan moved to accept the December minutes. Tom seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None

Announcements: WSDOT has announced there would be no funding for new wetlands in the Park.

Gabrielle announced her support of Alex Pedersen for the Seattle City Council District 4 Seat. Alex was present in the audience.

Director's Update: Brian Judd is back from special assignment. Thank you, Joanne Orsucci, for your participation at MPAC while Brian was away.

- Today was Brian's first day back. He will be on vacation for the next MPAC meeting. Meanwhile he will be working on the Update to the Park's Strategic Plan to present to MPAC in March.
- Brief update from Joelle Hammerstad, Sustainability & Environmental Performance Manager at Seattle Parks and Recreation, on the Electric Vehicle Charging Station location and equipment to be installed. One Charging station will be installed at Gas Works Park and the other in Magnuson Parks Junior League Parking lot. The location for the charging stations (2) will be adjacent to the ADA parking spaces and one will be in an ADA parking space.
- The Plan is complete and the Outreach as well, the EV Charging Stations will be submitted to the Superintendent for his approval.

- Seattle City Light will operate these Charging stations. Revenue generated will be used by Seattle City Light until the installation is paid for, about 10 years.

Seattle Music Theater: Tom Ansart distributed a packet of information to the Committee.

- Tom and the Seattle Music Theater feel that they were not treated fairly during the approach of the end of the SMT lease by Seattle Parks and Recreation.
- Tom and the SMT feel that they have an obligation to inform the Magnuson Park Advisory Committee of the issues they have encountered in Lease negotiations with Seattle Parks and Recreation.
- Tom wishes for the Seattle Music Theater to continue to lease its existing space as per their perspective of the written agreement to extend their lease.
- In order to finish this seasons' Presentations, SPR has extended the Seattle Music Theater's lease by one year.

Gilbert and Sullivan Society: Catherine Westbrook (Board President)

- Catherine spoke briefly about the history of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society, and her role in the Board of Directors.
- Catherine spoke about there not being enough space in the SMT. In fact, the SMT lacks a Prop. Shop and a Scene Shop, and is still able to provide quality theatre.
- Catherine spoke about the Community and Public Benefits that is offered through the SMT.
- She feels that she is ready to move forward with SMT and looks forward to further talks with Seattle Parks and Recreation.
- In response to questions, Catherine acknowledged that there was peeling paint that contained lead in the SMT space. She understands how to take care of these Hazardous Abatement issues and has successfully addressed similar projects in other Theaters.
- Tom spoke briefly about the controversy with SMT storage in the pool area, Tom says the items have been removed and disputes Seattle Parks and Receptions claims.
- Gabrielle summarized the desire to hear SMT's grievance, and to get a sense of were the Theater is right now. As mentioned above, Brian acknowledged a one-year extension for SMT's lease of Bldg. 47.

Center for Excellence presentation by remaining 2 parties: Scott Clark – Facility Designer & Ray Yan – DigiPen. The MPAC Committee did not hear from these two presenters in November. Gabrielle stated that MCE is not asking for a Letter of Support from MPAC, but we will fulfill our responsibility to the Superintendent in what we recommend regarding the Center for Excellence as prospective new Tenants of the Park.

- Scott Clark reviewed the design visual aids and briefly stated how they would proceed to a) expose any issues with the building structure or Hazardous Substances and b) explained that they will have to meet the International Building Code. He said to think of it as an 'open field house' and that the doors would be open. The Lacrosse part of the hangar will not be heated, except for freeze protection.

- Scott said that solar panels for the roof will be considered in the future. He thinks of the building as carbon neutral because they are using an existing structure instead of building a new one.
- Ray Yan with DigiPen provided a vision of a company that can be as flexible as the patrons are diverse. Viewbooks were distributed to the Committee. Ray painted a picture of a company that has a core of graphic arts and computer graphics with the focus of Game Programming. But Ray went on to explain how they wish to honor and compliment the local area, history and population.
- Ray went on to describe how integrated with the School System, DigiPen is now.
- A question by Lhorna was What specific School Program(s) are you currently working with the School District? Ray said that Washington State has Skill Centers, in our Region there is the Washington Center for Innovative Careers and DigiPen is contracted by the State to instruct High School students.
- Skate Like a Girl's Lucinda Caldwell spoke to the open programs for all levels of women and girls. SLG also spoke about their inclusive programs.
- Gabrielle summarized the duty of MPAC to advise the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation. The Committee will write out their concerns and send them to Gabrielle.
 - Please include Public Benefit values for each tenant in the Park, with perceived accountability. How do these same tenants make each Resident feel welcome and inclusive, how does CE measure that and what does that mean to the public and Residents of the Park.
 - Committee Members agreed to send our thoughts both specific and more general for the interaction between MPAC and Parks.

Cyclocross Discussion: The MPAC Committee agreed to postpone the final Agenda item till next meeting.

7:51 p.m. Adjourn: Lhorna made a motion to adjourn the January 2019 MPAC Meeting and Mitch seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, Meeting Adjourned. Next Meeting will be February 13th.