# Approved MPAC Minutes - June 10, 2020 Conducted over Skype

Present at meeting:

Members: Juli Horan, chairing, Dianne Hofbeck, Kerry Kessler, Brian Judd, Tom Kelly, Gabrielle Gerhard, Jan Bragg, Aaron Hoard (entered call later), Diana Kincaid (entered call later)

Guests: Lynn Ferguson, Robert Stowers

Meeting called to order at: 6:05. Introductions all around.

6:05 Approval of Agenda for June and Minutes from March, April and May

Committee

Jan sent in changes on all sets of minutes prior to meeting, minutes approved including her changes. March - no other changes, all in favor, no abstentions. April - no other changes, all in favor, no abstentions. May - no other changes, all in favor, no abstentions. (Later realized no quorum, re-voted at end of meeting when quorum was present, this was still the outcome.)

6:15 Public Comment, if any & Announcements Public

- 1. Lynn Ferguson shares names of the Friends scholarship 2000 award winners. All of the students were great applicants. Thanks to the Solid Ground and Mercy Housing Youth Advocates, both Oliver Alexander-Adams with Solid Ground and Britteny Friend with Mercy Housing, for their help to the students on the applications. The winner of the \$5,000 scholarship was Africa Tesfa and the other students got awards of \$500: Natnael Temelso, Triniti McGee, and Arturo Contreras.
- 2. Dianne 2 other Friends projects underway.
  - a. Mural project for Building 41. Hiring Sandy Miller, for 2 summers to work with Children to paint the history of flight on the wood covering on the windows of the building.
  - b. Bldg 9 exhibit on the first flight around the world. Will also be designed to be a traveling exhibit for 2024, for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Should be up by Sept 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. Jan thinking about the variety of birds in the park, because of the variety of habitats park has, including: Cooper's Hawks in trees, Osprey on a light post, Bullock's Orioles on the shoreline, Killdeer nesting on the woodchip pile, Lazuli Buntings in the shrubs, and Savannah Sparrows in the meadow. There are two pairs of Osprey on the peninsula (one pair at NOAA, one pair in the park).

## 6:15 Executive Report, SPR

**Robert Stowers** 

Not on call yet. When Robert came in, he introduced himself, no comments at this point, said he was listening to the discussion.

# 6:25 Park Manager Report

**Brian Judd** 

Brian's giving us a shorter report, allowing us more time for the priorities conversation

- 1. Last meeting on Skype, will use Webex next time, it is more versatile.
- 2. Social distancing ambassadors working hard in the parks, engaging with the public in a positive way.
- 3. Increase of graffiti and vandalism. The NE crew usually handles that, but right now they are not all coming into work. So slow at fixing these issues right now.
  - a. Please do continue to send photos etc to him if we see issues.
- 4. Increased number of visitors to the park. Especially young people who are coming to park to gather.
- 5. Last Saturday Black Lives Matter rally at Magnuson Parks was aware of it, followed it online, was very peaceful
- 6. Questions: Opening process. Tenants expected to follow city guidelines for businesses. Specific info, look on Parks website or contact tenants directly. Developing an approved Graffiti area? Yes, have been considering doing something like that for a while, may be projects planned for the future. Parking lots reopening what phase is that? Maybe in a future phase, could be 3. Sign from Arboretum as an example demonstrating what 6 feet is, and another that says "keep moving" and walking single file. Brian is going to have some of these installed in the park.

#### 6:35 MPAC Priorities

Mtg Committee

- 1. Referring specifically to list sent out to committee over email 6/9/2020. Diana and Juli spoke with Brian, to determine what was needed, to build on the prior list the committee developed. Should have an equity and social justice focus, a smaller number of projects, opportunity for innovation, work within an uncertain budget.
- 2. Current list:
  - a. Repair/maintenance to existing residential and parking structures
  - b. Community center, Parks still moving forward with this
  - c. Opening the NOAA Road, could allow better access for truck and possibility to close Sports Field drive. Could possibly even just get it open for bikes and pedestrians, may allow some ADA and bike access for North shore.
  - d. Signage in the Park including Historical buildings, QR codes, signs for bathrooms in Park
  - e. Governance Plan move down one spot.

- f. Advocating for fleet language below and reduce co2
- 3. Questions/comments How did the current priorities develop? These came off the list developed/discussed at the February meeting, they can be accomplished, may be doable based on dollar amounts at this time. Signage is possibly underway and in motion, based on earlier park plans.
- 4. Possible priorities:
  - a. Walking loop with good sight lines.
  - b. Allowing closure of Sports Field Drive for resident access
  - c. Site for temporary art exhibits
    - i. Would you need a committee to curate these, budget. Discuss on where there can be art temporary installations, not in natural areas.
  - d. Artistic security for buildings, budget for that? \$10,000, \$5,000 for each of 2 year. For the Bldg 41, that is the Friends budget. Here talking about the plan for other buildings, including 2 and others. Perhaps connect it to some of the prior populations of military people in the park, specific mention of both Black and Filipino military people.
- 5. Future Priorities, again funding would be an issue for most of these to proceed, as they are larger items. Robert would like to be a contact with us on most of these larger projects
  - a. Visitors Interpretive Center, Friends plans, waiting on city and council as not a priority right now.
  - b. Recognition of Native Americans at Magnuson, in an appropriate respectful manner
  - c. Electrify park, considering renaming this Jan returns to her original goal, getting electrical equipment when new equipment is purchased. "Advocating for electric fleet and equipment" and better energy efficiency, is the new name. And to reduce carbon use.
  - d. Wetlands Fix water flow
  - e. Bathroom Maintenance
  - f. Permanent art around the Park
  - g. More amphitheater events
  - h. Capital investment for vegetation and maintenance
  - i. Question on Park Governance plan will for now be moved to being a future project, hopefully can soon move to a current project
- 6. Discussion on tying the pedestrian loop to the signage and wayfinding plan
- 7. Vote of agreement on this as the general plan, that we are in favor of the current priorities list, all voted in favor. We will ask for Robert's support but also may need to advocate directly with the superintendent.
- 8. Can we vote over email? Brian says the Bylaws are silent so let's do it. We were considering a vote over email as we needed a quorum, but Diana joined the meeting for much of this discussion. Diana clarified that the NOAA road opening was going to happen this year or soon, and so it was recommended that we drop it from this list for now. Once a quorum was present, we voted on the list. The list

as discussed in the meeting was approved. Agreed to present the list to the superintendent.

Did do a re-vote on all the minutes as well. Outcome detailed above. (Juli distributed the list over email, a final copy of the list is included below as part of the minutes.)

7:29 Jan moves to adjourn. Meeting adjourned. Minutes submitted by Gabrielle Gerhard.

## MPAC Priorities/Goals - 2020/2021

Qualifications for current priorities:

- No more than 5
- Needs to have an impact on equity and social justice
- Work within a very uncertain budget
- Have opportunities for innovation

#### **Current Priorities:**

- Repairs/maintenance to existing residential and parking structures
  - ➤ Lighting
- Community Center As of now, Parks is still moving forward with project
- Advocating for electric fleet and equipment replacement when needed
- Signage for Park and Walking Loop with good sight lines
  - ➤ Historical Buildings
  - ➤ QR codes for directions/maps
  - ➤ Bathrooms
- Governance Plan

#### Possible Priorities:

- Opening NOAA Road
- Site for Temporary Art Exhibits
  - Outdoor Not in natural areas

- > Committee to curate artists?
- ➤ Budget/Expenses?
- Artistic security for buildings not in use (window covers)
  - ➤ Budget? (Friends is currently doing a mural project to cover windows in bldg. 41 with a budget of \$15,000 just an example)

#### **Future Priorities:**

- Visitors Interpretive Center/Gas Station
  - ➤ Looking for support in moving project forward in a timely manner
- Recognition of Native Americans at Magnusson
- Electrify park
  - Decrease CO2 emissions
- Wetlands
  - ➤ Fix water flow
- Bathroom Maintenance
- Permanent art around park
- More amphitheater events
- Capital investment for vegetation and maintenance