

March 10, 2021 • MPAC Minutes

Webex Meeting • 6pm-7:30pm

In Attendance:

Members: Malik Davis, Brian Judd, Lynda Larsen, Diana Kincaid, Elisa Law, Juli Horan, Janice Bragg, Robin Melvin, Mike Stewart, Lhorna Murray, Taurmini Fentress, Karey Kessler, Bridget, Guests: Gabrielle Gerhard, Lynn Ferguson, Bill Clark, Alyssa Rodriguez, Christa Dumpys

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diana calls meeting to order at 6:02pm. Calls for announcements.

Juli shares that Seattle Public Schools has been providing lunches on campus but has not seen the participation they'd hoped for. It's a matter of getting the word out. Brian offers help to connect SPS with Mercy and Solid Ground folks to raise awareness of the program.

Janice announces that the rat bait boxes on the main UW campus have been switched from anti-coagulants to Vitamin D which makes it less dangerous to other animals if they eat the poisoned rat. She and Aaron Hoard have been working to make the same change in the UW boxes at Magnuson. She plans to work with Solid Ground and Parks, who each contract with different vendors than UW does, to see if their vendors offer Vit D. Shout out to Solid Ground's garbage area being very clean; sanitation is the #1 defense against rats.

Elisa announces that Friends of Magnuson Park is beginning to promote their annual academic scholarship for graduating seniors living at Magnuson Park. Will share announcement with MPAC following the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

Diana calls to approve the agenda at 6:10pm. Approval of the Feb minutes is postponed until the next meeting.

Brian hosts an ice breaker. "You have been selected to be the first human being to go live on Mars. It's 100% positive. You'll have everything you need. You are so excited. The only drawback being that you can only bring one album to listen to for the rest of your life." Participants add albums to the chat.

from Lhorna to Everyone: 6:13 PM
The Very Best of Otis Redding

from Malik Davis to Everyone: 6:13 PM
Van Halen - Women and Children First.

from Brian Judd to Everyone: 6:13 PM
The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill, Lauryn Hill

from Bridget to Everyone: 6:13 PM
Tori Amos - Little Earthquakes Everywhere

from Juli Horan to Everyone: 6:13 PM
Joe Cocker - Greatest Hits

from Elisa Law to Everyone: 6:14 PM
Leanne LaHavas - Blood

from Lynda Larsen to Everyone: 6:14 PM
Yo Yo Ma

from Janice Bragg to Everyone: 6:14 PM
Andrea Boccelli any album

from Taurmini Fentress to Everyone: 6:14 PM
Nina Simone-Little Girl Blue

from Mike Stewart to Everyone: 6:14 PM
Prince - 1999

from Taurmini Fentress to Everyone: 6:14 PM
Or Leonard Cohen. I'm gonna need two

from Karey Kessler to Everyone: 6:14 PM
Thievery Corporation - The Richest Man

from Robin to Everyone: 6:14 PM
Faure;'s Requiem

from Diana Kincaid to Everyone: 6:14 PM
Peter Gabriel don't remember the title Recent

SDOT PRESENTATION ON SAND POINT WAY VISION ZERO (SEE POWERPOINT)

6:16pm

Christa Dumpys, Outreach Lead presents with Bill Clark, Project Manager and Alyssa Rodriguez on the Sand Point Way Vision Zero project.

Bill: In 2019 we made several safety enhancements along the Sand Point Way corridor that improved pedestrian safety and bike connections. Upcoming work near Magnuson Park will focus also on safety including new sidewalks, reconfiguration of the NE 74th St intersection, new curb ramps. Biggest impact will be the new reconfiguration of the NE 74th St Intersection, new crosswalks, new concrete, new curb ramps, signal modifications to enhance safety and traffic flow.

Diane: Slip lanes will be removed. They are on the outside of both sides of the NE 74th Street entrance. People tend to go very fast on those slip lanes and are considered a danger.

Bill: There will be constricted traffic there. At some point it may be completely closed to traffic. This is the highest impact area.

Diane: Timeline of construction begins in April and ends in September. You can sign up for the Listserv to stay in touch and hear updates on the progress.

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Bill: Construction impacts include equipment, parking disruptions, noise, dust and vibrations during work hours. Typical weekday hours of 7am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. There will be alternative access in the event of entry disruptions. There may be temporary bus stops, reduced lane width for two-way traffic.

SDOT Q&A

Lhorna: I'm wondering if or when the 'enforcement' part of the 'Five E's of Vision Zero' will come into play. There have been Vision Zero projects that have threatened equity in the enforcement piece of things.

Diana: Enforcement in terms of speed limits and traffic enforcement? Great point.

Bill: The reduced speed limit is part of the overall safety enhancement. There will be more crosswalks and signalized crossings, it will be standard traffic rules. I can't speak more to enforcement. That would be more an issue of policing. How it's enforced or the severity of enforcement, I can't really speak to that.

Janice: I noticed the speed limit is dropped all along Sand Point Way north of 74th, now 25mph and I'm wondering why there is a short limit increase of 30mph and then back down to 25 mph upon turning up 70th. Seems strange that there is an inconsistency.

Bill: I can't say specifically why. These things are decided during the design phase.

Diana: At the intersection of 65th and Sand Point where people are crossing 65th and Sand Point to go to school. That intersection should also be 25mph. I saw a woman with three kids trying to cross and was having trouble. It seems like a lower speed limit would help protect families there.

Bill: That's good to know. Speed limits are something we can still control. We'd be happy to ask that question. There are signal timing upgrades to enhance safety at 65th and other intersections.

Diana: If you need some support, we are happy to provide a letter.

Christa: Because we also have to collaborate with WASHDOT, that makes things more complicated as well. What I'm hearing is we want consistency at 25mph. We can take that back to WASHDOT and our own team at SDOT.

Elisa: Is there a formal process to submit a letter of recommendation from our group regarding Park signage on the *World Flight* monument island?

Christa: We are not touching the monument. The Park signage is Brian's department.

Brian: Yes, I'd be happy to entertain a proposal. To everyone, this is the kind of information that I would love you to follow up with your constituents.

Christa: We will do an email blast. We're reaching out to businesses and apartment complexes about construction. Please forward our emails along to the groups you represent. We want folks to be aware of this project.

Diana: Another person raised this question. It has to do with the building at NE 74th that stretches across over the entryway. Is there going to be impact on the ability to use electrical equipment, such as the radio station.

Christa: Is the concern about noise?

Diana: It's about internet connectivity.

Christa: We will have to talk to our contractor about possible power shut offs.

Bill: Usually we will have a meeting with utilities, WASHDOT and other interested parties. We can raise the question of interruption of service, fiberoptic cables, etc. so that people can be aware of any issues at least and hopefully they can be avoided.

Janice: Are you saying that buses won't be turning into 74th anymore?

Bill: There's not a plan that I'm aware of about a dedicated bus lane.

Janice: They are queued up there, sitting at the entry during their breaks. How will they turn in if the slip lane is gone?

Bill: Sounds like the slip lane is where they're parking.

Bridget: Next to our office is a bathroom that Metro uses and the buses are there all day.

Bill: We'll have to coordinate with Metro. They do get to review the plans. They are aware that the slip lanes are going away and that this can no longer be a layover area for buses. Someone asked when the construction will start. Mid-April is when we are planning to start.

Diana: Thank you for coming to present and for all the work being done. Thank you for prioritizing this corridor. It means a lot to a lot of people.

Christa: Thanks for having us. We'll follow up.

Bill: This is some good coordination information we've gotten tonight.

BRIAN'S REPORT (SEE ATTACHMENT)

For those that are interested in the capital project community center, I emailed login information to everyone. Also coming up, scheduled just yesterday, on March 30th from 6-7:30pm there will be a public meeting for the wayfinding and signage plan being developed for the Park. A proposal for new signage (historical, directional, visibility) and I will send that invitation out to everyone.

We have had a rash of really unfortunate property theft and damage in the Park – Outdoors for All and Mountaineers were affected – there has been generally a high level of crime in the Park. We have engaged SPD and we will host a tenant meeting. These folks can help specific tenants to make their premises safer. The most popular things being targeted are catalytic converters. There's no easy answer. Security would not stop this. We don't want to be over policed. We want to be respectful and mindful about what policing means to people of different backgrounds. It's not violent, it's property based. We are using the tools at our disposal and are doing our best to not create more harm by over policing. Hoping that the longer days will bring more light, more hope.

There was also a roof leak during the heavy snow and it shocked me. If there was a roof in the park that I was worried about, it was not Building 30. But it leaked all the way through three floors. So, some of our artists were affected and work was damaged. It was surprising to us. The roof was repaired but there are still some walls that need work.

Malik: Suggests asking for a Crime Prevention Coordinator. CM Pedersen is seeking this from Mayor and SPD.

Brian mentions that he is measuring utilities and other usages in the annual report. We are continuing to explore next options in our racial equity conversation. Special thank you to Garrett. I would love for this to be co-creative and will reach out to develop next steps. I'll have more to report out as the year goes on.

Lhorna: I know that property crime is up throughout the city and it's unfortunate in the Park. There are a couple things we could do here in the Park that would deter crime. The CC parking lot lights are now turned off and it's a little sketchy over there.

Brian: I had a work order to have them turned on at the appropriate schedule. I'm hoping that happens by the end of the week.

Janice: Is anything being done about the remote control airplanes?

Brian: They are not legal, except in Carkeek Park. You can call the police, but they do crash on the historic buildings and can be a threat to people's safety as well. We've spoke to them in the past about it not being allowed. They may need to experience a ticket in order to stop.

Janice: I just have noticed it's been daily flying of single planes and today it was four. It seems to be increasing. Non-emergency number doesn't answer and they redirect you to the website which redirects you to 911.

Brian: Because of the historic buildings, they do land on the roofs and cause damage. They can crash and land on other people and cause injuries. They can damage wildlife. We have a no drones policy for privacy reasons as well.

Lynda: I sent an email to Brian last week. I was walking with a Mercy Magnuson person and a plane crashed 10 ft away from us. I think it's very dangerous.

JULI HORAN – MPAC PRIORITIES (SEE ATTACHMENT)

Juli: Budget priorities was one of the original reasons to make the list. The priorities should be reviewed yearly. They're to make sure that our priorities and Parks and Rec's align so we are on the same page. Does anyone have any questions about those priorities or would like to add?

Malik: Assuming everyone knows that CM Pedersen is committed to the community center?

Juli: Yes, we are moving forward on that.

Diana: Thank you Juli for your work on this.

DISCUSSION ON IMPACT SUB-COMMITTEE

Diana: We've been talking about celebrating Juneteenth and other holidays of importance to our tenants. Sometimes we want to have projects that require funds and this initiated the idea of perhaps this year, depending on COVID and the vaccination progress, hiring a person like Michael Maine (sp?) who has worked on projects at Magnuson Park. The thought was to celebrate with kids and the families for Juneteenth and to have it done in a professional and really well-done way. We need funding and I would like to hear from the rest of you guys and Lhorna if there is something to add, please jump in. What programming would enrich this park?

Lhorna: it's important to include events that are cross cultural, events that wouldn't usually happen in a place like this. The area's becoming more diverse. Parks partnered with Public Libraries a few years ago for a Juneteenth celebration and Michael Maine was a part of that. He is a photographer and is a phenomenal resource to have in our community and having someone like that here to help celebrate African American community. There's so many barriers right now due to COVID but I'm glad the conversation is on the table.

Diana: How do we raise funds to have events that would enrich this park? We have potential opportunities within the Park. Are there people interested in creating an impact sub-committee to look at how to raise funds so that we could start having this kind of programming. It would be wonderful to start with Juneteenth. Depending on COVID it would be a great step for the values that we speak to.

Elisa: Friends is interested.

Lhorna: I'm interested as well. Are we *able* to raise funds?

Brian: The CC Advisory Council would be easiest. Maybe for those of you on the call here can chat with ARC. Doing this kind of work, it's about community and co-creation.

Diana: We should cross the bridge of MPAC, CC Advisory Council...if not now, please reach out to me soon. MPAC has not done this as far as I know in the past, but I think it's a good step forward

Elisa: Friends groups of other parks often takes on this role – of fundraising for and hosting public programs. We would like to expand our offerings in the future and be a part of this.

Brian: One of the core components in anti-racist work is being cocreational, collaborative across lines. Think about that in the future.

Diana: Potential fundraising efforts. Maybe a room in a particular building as a way to contribute, that could be very valuable. There are a few of us now to get started and I welcome others to join as well. This is groundbreaking for Magnuson and we'd really love to see this be a successful effort. Michael Maine was a wonderful person to work with and he would add a lot. With that, we are at 7:23pm. Please do send an email to follow up about the impact subcommittee.

JAN – NATIVE AMERICAN RECOGNITION

Jan: I sent some indigenous land statements I have read and I hope this could be included on the Park's website under history of the park. What would it entail to add something to the website? Would it just be by vote by MPAC next month? Do you know any background on what Green Seattle Partnership did to create their statement?

Brian: This is a great time to not rush to do this. I think this is a great idea. I wonder how other groups have created and who they have collaborated to make their statements?. I can look into it and see. Maybe this group could work on it and then have the folks on the Race and Social Justice Team look at it.

Jan: Or...can we just recommend that Parks make a statement?

Brian: I have to look into it. We do land recognition before a lot of our meetings but we don't have a statement.

Jan: I would request we have it on the agenda next month.

Elisa: It would be helpful to get to the bottom of the history of both Duwamish and Muckleshoot in regards to Sand Point. I know they both have historic claims.

Brian: Good point. We need to eliminate blind spots before moving forward. I'll look into it.

Diana: Adjourns at 7:30pm



**Magnuson Park Advisory Committee (MPAC)
Report from Magnuson Park Manager – Brian M. Judd
January 13, 2021**

Topic	Update
Magnuson Park Strategic Plan and Annual Report	I provided a copy of the 2012 Strategic Plan and my 2020 report out to the MPAC membership. Jan Bragg and I also worked through some additional items to add to the annual report, as approved by MPAC in December 2020.
Security Concerns	Magnuson Park has had a variety of concerns in various areas. The concerns revolve primarily around vandalism and a few break-in incidents. SPR Security is in the park every day checking on hot spots and reporting any observed criminal activity.
Building 41 Mural Project	SPR and Friends of Magnuson Park (FOMP) will soon enter into a MOU around the murals.
Race Equity Training Goals 2021	Brian would like MPAC to reflect and brainstorm in February on next steps around racial equity training and work.

Sand Point Way NE

Vision Zero

Our vision, mission, and core values

Vision: Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation

Mission: to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities

Committed to **6 core values:**

- Equity
- Safety
- Mobility
- Sustainability
- Livability
- Excellence

Presentation overview

- Project Background
- Project Area
- Timeline
- Construction Impacts
- Q&A



Background

- Sand Point Way NE is a crucial commuter route and connection to recreation activity centers
- This project is a Your Voice, Your Choice community request



Project area

Completed work (1-9):

- New curb bulbs and sidewalks at NE 123rd St
- Removed slip lanes, new pedestrian-activated flashing beacons and intersection layout at NE 95th St
- New pedestrian-activated flashing beacons at NE NOAA Dr
- Improved bike connection between the Burke Gilman Trail and The Mountaineers at NE 77th St
- Speed limit reduction from 40 MPH to 35 MPH between Princeton Ave NE and NE 74th St
- Signal timing upgrades to enhance pedestrian crossings at Princeton Ave NE, NE 65th St, NE 70th St, and NE 74th St



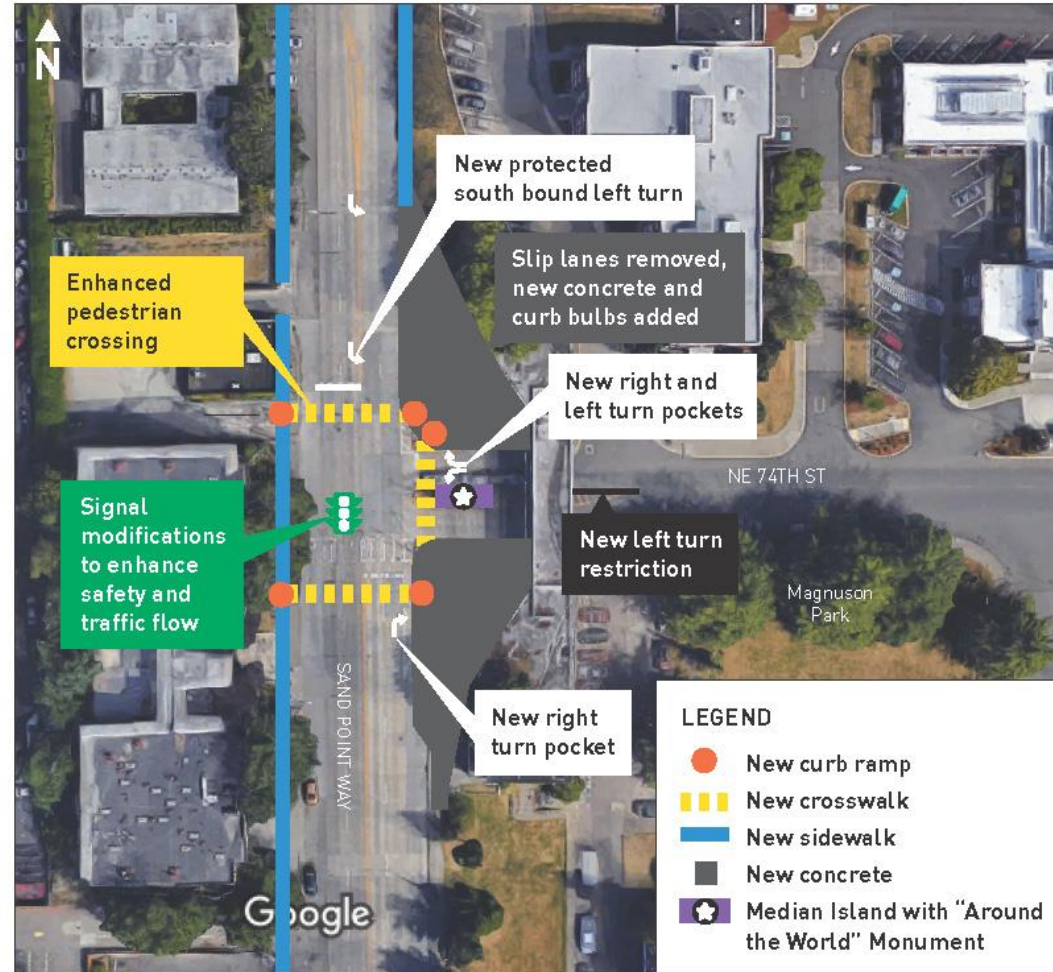
2021 Project area


Upcoming work (4-6):

- New sidewalks between NE 70th St and NE 77th St
- Reconfiguration of the NE 74th St intersection
- New marked crosswalk at the NE 77th St intersection
- New curb bulbs and curb ramps at the NE 70th St intersection



NE 74th St Intersection Reconfiguration



A photograph of a road with a sidewalk, utility poles, and trees. A blue text box is overlaid on the image.

Extending sidewalks along Sand Point Way NE will create a complete, predictable, multimodal corridor that enhances safety for people walking, biking, taking transit, and driving.

Timeline

- Construction to resume spring 2021 and continue through summer.



Construction Impacts

SPRING 2021 – FALL 2021

- Typical weekday hours of 7 AM – 5 PM, Monday through Friday
- Construction equipment staged in parking stalls or shoulder
- Temporary disruptions to parking along Sand Point Way NE
- Limited access and temporary disruptions to sidewalks on Sand Point Way NE
- Noise, dust, and vibrations during work hours



Construction Impacts



KEY	
4	NE 77th St
5	NE 74th St
6	NE 70th St
7	NE 65th St - Completion Date TBD

- 4 NE 77th St
 - Reduced lane width for two-way traffic
 - Relocation or closure of bus stop
 - Sidewalk closed for construction on the west side
- 5 NE 74th St
 - Crosswalk and Bus stop closed
 - Partial entrance closures with either entering or exiting traffic detours provided
 - 1 full intersection closure, detours will be provided
 - Short term closure of Park entrance for signal and paving work
- 6 NE 70th St
 - Two lanes maintained southbound and one lane northbound near the intersection to accommodate the work zone
 - Sidewalk closed for construction on the east side



MPAC Priorities/Goals – 2020-2022

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
- 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
- **MPAC recommends that tenants limit CO2 emissions**

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)

Questions?

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- Perhaps look into grants through Neighborhood Community Partnership Fund

Future Priorities:

- Visitors Interpretive Center/Gas Station
 - Looking for support in moving project forward in a timely manner
- Recognition of Native Americans at Magnusson
 - Update website to recognize the history prior to military
- Electrify park
 - Decrease CO2 emissions
- Bathroom Maintenance
- Permanent art around park
- More amphitheater events
- Capital investment for vegetation and maintenance
- Places to gather – How do we address the separation?
- Lighting on the First World Monuments (Friends)

Completed Priorities:

- Community Center – Project is scheduled to move forward Summer 2021
- Wetlands – Water flow is scheduled to be fixed