

MPAC Minutes, March 11, 2020 – Approved 6-10-20  
Conducted over Skype

Committee Members: Brian Judd, Aaron Hoard, Diana Kincaid, Tom Kelly, Humberto Alvarez, Jan Bragg, Gabrielle Gerhard, Dianne Hofbeck, Karey Kessler came on.

Guests: Lhorna Murray, Robert Stowers came in, Laura \_\_\_\_, Mark Huston from Pea Patch, Carol Valdrighi. There were several others dings in and out, not clear anyone else joined.

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by Diana Kincaid.

1. Approval of the Feb 2020 minutes
  - a. Golf Carts, item # 6 under Joelle, in Feb needs correction DONE
  - b. Diane moved on the minutes, Tom seconded. All in favor, no objections, and Jan and Aaron abstained as they were not at the meeting.
2. Public Comment
  - a. Diane Hofbeck w Friends of Magnuson, wants to make an amendment to the email sent out today. The scholarship from Friends is \$5000 and the funds are not only from Lynn, it is from all of Friends.
  - b. Jan also has a item for the agenda for today, moved to later on agenda
3. Brian Judd Report -
  - a. Update on SPR and response to Covid.
  - b. Issues around Hygiene ?
  - c. Also short term rentals in Parks, people can cancel their short term rentals and get their fees back on short notice
  - d. Hand sanitizer in all lobbies
  - e. Cancelled most meetings and using Skype, more city employees are telecommuting.
  - f. There will be more city wide announcements from Mayor's office tomorrow and Friday
  - g. All lifelong recreation programs canceled last week through Mid March.
  - h. Also school district closing for 14 days, an announcement came out today.
  - i. He will keep us in the loop around this.
  - j. He has reached out to other property owners in the park and nearby to get info from them on their responses to Covid19 and he will try to share info.
  - k. Jan suggested more hand sanitizer in porta potties, Brian will send it to their central person.
  - l. He can not give annual plan report update at April meeting, will email it out and take questions at May meeting, as he will not be at April meeting.
  - m. Tennis Center contract amendment. Will return Bldg 41 to Parks. Council member Pedersen and others had some questions on the new lease, but now think it's all worked out and it should be on April City Council agenda.

- n. Update on Bldg 47, discussions w Children's Theater? On financial and Capital improvement and construction plan, wants to work with them on their plans . Trying to have more detailed discussions with possible tenants up front.
  - o. Bldg 406 project, Brig, progressing well. Tenants can have a tour later in the month.
  - p. Electric vehicle stations fast charge options are ready to go as of today, the other charges are not ready yet. When they are, a press release will go out.
  - q. In May, Michelle Atkins will tell us about the summer events planned for the park.
  - r. Questions -
    - i. Dianne - boat house status? Very beginning stage of contract negotiations on this. Parks looking for good plans, public access, and support for SSP. Planning and Development Office working w SSP.
    - ii. Question on where does historical significance fit? It is a part of the entire process, says Brian.
    - iii. questions on the Tennis Center and the Public Benefit clause on Tennis Center. Brian says old language does not describe well public benefit, the new language is more specific and proposes reviewing the PB each year in order to have the off set. Still some questions on the rest room clause, and the financial offset to their lease.
    - iv. Thanks for notifying us Strategic Plan meetings were cancelled, are there other ways to give input? Robert said holding off a bit on the Strategic Plan, they are pausing it, to see what the needs are after this period of cancelled events and challenges.
4. Robert Stower's Report
- a. Covid19 response, Parks Dept involved in trying to keep people safe and healthy, lots of meetings and planning events they are dealing with. Who will be at work, who can work from home, what are the other options. More announcements from the Mayor in the next day or two, with possibly some closures. Burke Museum and Aquarium closing for 30 days, Zoo for 15 days.
  - b. Something on the Center for Excellence and Focus Groups, looking at their programs, want them to be complementary to the program, recreation and education programs that meet the needs and interest in the area. They are starting on that, they will start with their outreach within the park.
  - c. Also a lease agreement with Outdoors for all, engaged in a discussion period on Public Benefit working toward an agreement.
  - d. Governance study, he is working on a request for proposal for a consultant. Consider appropriate governance structure and model for the park and future developments in the park. Doing an RFP. What other City

departments have commitments and plans in the Park? Wanted draft by end of 2020, that is not going to happen, hopefully will have draft report by end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021.

- e. Questions from the group
  - i. Question on consultant study, to clarify.
  - ii. What about residents, sounds like they are included, yes definitely, what are the responsibilities to the residents, PDA, Advisory Council, public private corporation? Will take time to develop this.
  - iii. Comment that Strategic Plan was created a while ago, there may be items that need to be updated that are no longer relevant or viable.
  - iv. Robert reminds us all to take care of ourselves and our families.
  - v. Are community centers open? also question about schools and community centers and meals for kids.
5. Priorities and Goals - longer discussion, not attributing ideas to individuals.
  - a. We have a list, partially developed at the last meeting
  - b. Discussion on the goals, window between January and May usually a good time to connect w Council and lobby for the Park
  - c. We can lobby for the park with the council and also with the Parks department.
  - d. Appreciated that we want to highlight a few key aspects to work on advocating for.
  - e. 1 concern - we did not directly have something on the list for the residents, still a goal to get a resident on the committee. Lhorna reminds us there are different levels of capacity from residents to participate in the committee. And people should still be considered even if not at the table, the onus is on us to reach out. Committee agrees.
  - f. How to consolidate list? How to look for themes, such as “connected community” and use that as a way to connect them?
  - g. Concerns about MPAC and its whiteness, not diverse enough and putting residents on it, feels like its tokenism, and how to connect it with the day-to-day life of residents. Have meetings in residential area, also include Mercy Magnuson. And cottages on 65th in the future.
  - h. Mentorship role? Connecting w someone.
  - i. While we focus on these goals and priorities, we also need to focus on equity and representation.
  - j. What are the priorities of the different communities/stakeholders, can we ask them their priorities?
  - k. Returning to the list: maintenance of wetlands, should continue to monitor, and increase ecological diversity; walking loop and definition of natural areas; some of these may be connected to current plans in the park.
  - l. Jan wants to strike “from USGS” on priority list where it reads “ Wetlands –fix water flow from USGS” Should read “Wetlands—fix water flow”

(Per Patti Bakker, there has been no change in water flow from USGS; Jan's original comment may have gotten on the list, she specifically asks to remove "from USGS", but asked that "fix water flow in wetlands" continue to be a priority.

- m. Brian suggests a volunteer to meet with Diana after the meeting, to develop a proposal of a few items. And then share that with the group.
  - n. Have people send her emails if they are interested in meeting with her.
  - o. There was general agreement that we would do this. And then there would be some details in the April meeting, no vote.
6. Jan - discussion on Rodent Bait stations.
- a. Were 20 once in the past when she walked the park.
  - b. Now counted 124 boxes, currently from 10 different vendors, different tenants are having different contracts. 124 boxes may be a very high number. Many are around Solid Ground and Mercy, which is not Parks, but is City Property, also some on UW property. At least 3 different poisons being used, very strong poisons that will affect raptors. This is when raptors reproduce, so may feed poison to their young. Coopers hawks have returned to the park and are nesting here. Many boxes may be outdated and could be disposed of.
  - c. Is there a recommendation for specific vendors, yes, should use Eagle Pest, that is the city's recommended vendor.
  - d. Brian will follow up with Jan, especially on ones that are on Parks property. And people want more info on the plans. Overall recommendation is to not use the poisons at all.
7. 7:30 pm Motion to adjourn Jan, seconded Karey.