

Minutes for the Magnuson Park Advisory Committee

May 9, 2018

Lower Conference Room, Building 30

Members Present: Gabrielle Gerhard (Chair), Tom Kelly (Vice-Chair), Lynn Ferguson, Mitch Cameron (Secretary), Humberto Alvarez, Jan Bragg, Sandy Bricel-Miller, Aaron Hoard, Lhorna Murray,

Members Absent: Scott Marshall, Tracy Bennett, Jon Carver, Chandra Hampson, Porsche Daggett

Magnuson Park Staff: Brian Judd, Katherine Leitch

Guests: Sally Cope, Diana Kincaid, Ed Bronsdon, Alisa Lubert, Will Gibbs, Loren Hill

Call to Order: Gabrielle Gerhard called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

Approval of April minutes: The Minutes taken at the April 2018 meeting was approved by the Magnuson Park Advisory Council unanimously. Tom made the Motion to Accept the Minutes from April and Lhorna did Second the Motion.

Public Comment:

- Ed Bronsdon – Asking for the support of MPAC as **Outdoors for All** looks for a new home. Bldg 18 is the main focus, but Ed is not ruling out any possibility in the park.
- Diana Kincaid – Major Challenge Fund Update and Sand Point Way NE updates.

Introductions: Round the table

Announcements: Sandy Bricel-Miller – Bldg. 30 Open Studios, Saturday June 2nd 1-5 p.m. with Vicki Scurry(sp?) as guest Artist in the Gallery.

- 20 Artists studio's will be open
- Sandy will have light refreshments at her studio.
- More information coming.
- Will post on Nextdoor etc.

Guest Speaker: Sally Cope

- Sally Cope – Magnuson Off Leash Group – Update on Off Leash Area needs. Addition of low level lighting in Off Leash Area is a controversial subject.
 - Sally is the President (17 years) of the 501(3)(c) that cares for the Off-Leash Area. 200,000 Park Patrons per year, many with dogs. \$500/month for the plastic dog waste bags is a large part of her annual budget.
 - New structure (shelter) with 6 benches being installed in the small dog area.

- Jan favors more signage at each exit from dog area, to Leash Your Dog.
- Tom explained there are other reasons to have dogs leashed outside of the Off-leash area, nesting birds, etc.
- Aaron suggested placing leash guidelines on newsletters, websites and Social Media.
- Lynn wanted to know how many animals per human are allowed in the off-leash area. (No limit)
- Gabrielle suggested signage that encourages licensing all dogs. Reminder only, not a threat.
- Tom was curious about any reported attacks, Sally had no knowledge of any, but had quite a few reports of car break-ins.
- Sally explained there was a request from a large cross section of dog owners who work till late, after dark, to add lighting. To be able to see their dogs after dark now, many dog owners will turn their car lights on, in the parking lot. Non-invasive lights.
- Sally will need to raise Funds for the Lighting project.
- Sandy is not a supporter of more lights in the off-leash park, citing light pollution at the sports fields lights already being too much.
- Sally explained that no lights would be above 26 feet in height, most much lower.
- Lynn raised the question of a circular paved area, currently blocked off. Could it be used as additional parking? Brian will review the area and report back to MPAC.

Guest Speaker: Katherine Leitch

- Katherine Leitch – Interim replacement for Chelsea’s position while she’s on Maternity Leave. Congratulations Chelsea.
 - Review handout “Magnuson Park Summer Events 2018”
 - Highlights
 - Magnuson Summer Movies – Garden Amphitheater – 6:30 p.m. start on August 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th or most Thursday’s in August.
 - Kate mentioned this was a “scaled back version, family movies presented by Scarecrow Video. This is a pilot program to assess public response.” There will be security, every movie night.
 - Jan asked who was responsible for the garbage. Events with 250 or more persons, the Event Contractor is responsible for their own garbage disposal. Otherwise, the Park Maintenance Staff will take care of disposal. Jan pointed out that large concentrations of uncovered garbage is not good for the bird population. Trash containers will be inspected for lids and hatches.

- The movies are free to all. The Community Center will provide the Marketing.
- Shakespeare in the Park – Garden Amphitheater – 7 p.m. start on July 13th, August 9th & 11th.
- Tom noted that the Community Gardens were responsible for the building of the Garden Amphitheater. Please stay out of Gardens no free fresh produce.

Lynn: May is National History Month

- Lynn has given the Solid Ground staff a presentation of the history of the area, particularly the old Navy Base.
- Lynn will give the Waldorf School a history presentation, as well.
- Visitors Interpretive Center
 - Friends of Sand Point NAS has been looking for a place to open an Interpretive Center. FOSNAS attempted to purchase bldg. 2, but that didn't work out too well.
 - We have recently been looking at Bldg. 18, seems to be too large for FOSNAS to occupy alone.
 - FOSNAS met with Holly and Christopher will SPR, we made our appeal to occupy Bldg. 18. Christopher suggested that Bldg. 41 would be a better fit. It is currently leased to the Tennis Center, but they could be persuaded to part with it.
 - SPR and Brian Judd will be reviewing the Tennis Center Lease, and without making any promises, they will attempt to help FOSNAS to acquire Bldg. 41.
 - Aaron asked if FOSNAS could lease the space directly from the Tennis Center? Lynn said all arrangements must go through Parks.
 - At one time Bldg. 18, the Steam Plant and Bldg. 9 (Mercy Magnuson Place) were on the list to 'demolish', and currently Bldg. 41 is redlined due to a collision by a truck that damaged the roof.
 - Vision for the Interpretive Center.
 - Park Information, current maps, events and places of interest.
 - Park History – A/V, Displays, Books, Events, Tours
 - Library Extension? Augment the Scheduled Bookmobile. Library is interested.
 - Coffee Shop – seating and small counter?
 - Information on the 2 Residences in the Park.
 - Artwork.

Tom: Green Seattle Day will be on November 3, 2018 in Magnuson Park.

- Please refer to the Green Seattle Partnership handout.

- Partnership between many municipalities and Stewards and volunteers.
- Expecting 200 people, information tables and the ability to plant a new plant.
- Teams of Volunteers to work with interested parties.

Brian: Magnuson Park Manager, Park Update

- The 2018 MPAC Slate End of Term, end of year.
 - Humberto Alvarez
 - Mitch Cameron
 - Chandra Hampson
 - Carol Valdrighi
 - Scott Marshall
 - Jan Bragg
- Flossie has been working on creating a SharePoint site for MPAC.
- Officer Beck with SPD and Brian discussed Park Security for the summer.
 - MP & SPR will host a meeting with Tenants and Stakeholders about summer security.
 - SPD will be conducting advanced patrols of the Park.
 - MP will hire a Security guard from June to September (hopefully).
 - Plan and have a National Night Out Community Event.
 - 62nd Avenue NE will be closed for the Event in front of the Community Center.
- Arena Sports Public Benefit Fair – May 16th 4-6 p.m.
 - Lhorna and Chandra and Brian worked with a very encouraging Arena Sports Staff to create the Benefits and a great relationship.
 - Lhorna and Chandra are doing all the Marketing for the Event.
- Oliver Bazinet – Senior Parks Planner has asked for a Park Resident volunteer to work with him and his Project Manager(s) to develop criteria & priorities of projects within the Park. Mitch and Gabrielle have volunteered.
 - Loren is concerned and questions the further need to alter the Strategic Plan.
 - Avenue “A” near the Mountaineers is an added priority.
 - Lynn worries about the condition of Building 2’s roof and envelope’s integrity. Can Bldg. 2 be a priority?
 - North end of B – 2’s roof was repairs.
 - Gabrielle – Update for the next steps in our plans of a Prioritized List.
 - MPAC will create its list of preferred priorities.
 - In June the list will be installed onto SharePoint (Flossie’s project).
 - How much private funding is there for:
 - Buildings
 - Lands
 - Infrastructure

- Programming
 - MPAC will talk more about this in June.
- Lhorna, wanted to remind us of –
 - Truck-a-thon on May 21st, \$5 per person.
 - June 18th is the anniversary of the tragic death of Charlena Lyles.
 - Instead of investing in misdirected displays of concern and grief, Lhorna and Stronger Together have teamed up with the Magnuson Park Art Studios to create a positive event for the kids.
 - Trauma Informed Art Sessions in cooperation with Artists in the Park by helping kids develop their creative artistic talents and using the Gallery in Bldg. 30 to display these future Artists creations.
 - Open to the public
 - Art with Heart – Framing or make new Art – Gallery for display.
 - Artwork will be professionally framed.
 - Displayed in the Gallery.
 - Positive Outcomes for Residents of Magnuson Park.
 - In cooperation with the Library.

7:35 p.m. Mitch Cameron made a Motion to adjourn the MPAC meeting and Aaron Hoard did second the motion. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting
June 13, 2018 6:00 p.m.
Bldg. 30 Lower Conference Room