

Magnuson Park Advisory Committee

January 11, 2022

6:00-7:30 pm

Attendance

MPAC members present: Samantha De Abreu, Mary Bicknell, Jan Bragg, Ruth Fruland

Participating Non-Members: Lynn Ferguson (Friends of Magnuson Park), Neal Simpson (Solid Ground)

Members of Public: John Fruland

SPR Staff: Brian Judd, Benjamin Burtzos

Welcome & Introductions

De Abreu calls the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Members and SPR staff give brief introductions of themselves and their role.

A quorum of members not being present, no motions to adopt the consent items are put forward.

Announcements and Public Comment

De Abreu has been in touch with Jill Geary, who is working to bring a market to Sand Point/Magnuson Park to alleviate regional food insecurity. One local Safeway store is closing soon and the nearest QFC does not permit shoppers to bring their own carts into the store; both factors make finding affordable and nutritious food difficult for residents of Sand Point.

Bragg inquires about the nature of the proposed market – will it be a food pantry, farmer’s market, other? De Abreu clarifies that Geary’s primary goal is to establish reliable and accessible services, and that the formal business model is still in development.

Fruland asks whether there is a food pantry currently operating in or near Magnuson Park. De Abreu responds that the University District Food Bank currently supplies and helps to operate a pantry in collaboration with Mercy Magnuson Place, but the hours are extremely limited (Wednesday only), and it could not be thought of as a replacement for a market.

De Abreu shares that Geary appears extremely motivated regarding this venture. De Abreu will keep MPAC in the loop about future developments.

Magnuson Park Manager’s Report

Brian Judd delivers the report [see attached].

Members discuss current vacancies of the committee, and some suggestions for recruitment and outreach are made. Suggestions include:

- YMCA staff or another representative of long-term programming organizations
- Arena Sports
- Resident Coordinator at Mercy Magnuson as opposed to off-site staff from Mercy
- Low-Income Housing Institute (LIHI) staff or resident of cottages (Judd states he's already planning to add LIHI as a seat)
- Magnuson Café & Brewery
- Broadway Bound Children's Theatre staff
- Staff from SDOT or SPD
- Northeast District Council Seattle (NEDC)

Judd clarifies that the 3 seats for tenants rotate among the various businesses. He asks MPAC to take the lead on seeking a nomination for the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners (BPRC) and NE Seattle Community Council seats. Burtzos offers that BPRC could be approached in writing or during public comment during one of their meetings. Fruland volunteers to draft a letter to BPRC asking for a nomination.

MPAC Priorities: Updates and Next Steps

De Abreu gives brief overview of the priorities selected by MPAC at the December 2022 meeting. After that session, the priorities were communicated to interim Superintendent AP Diaz, and all parties are looking forward to a productive year.

De Abreu suggests that MPAC focus on 1-2 priorities and initiatives at each meeting. This structure will allow for presentations and background information gathering on each topic to precede assignment of tasks or creation of subcommittees and action groups. These groups could then report back at a subsequent meeting. There is general agreement to this structure.

Judd has coordinated a meeting between De Abreu, Bragg, and a representative from SDOT (Christa Dumpys). This meeting will be first steps to discuss avenues for advocacy and action to improve safety markings at Sand Point. Updates will follow at the next meeting.

General discussion of SDOT maintenance and property ownership at Sand Point

- Ferguson points out that SDOT owns part of the historic Bachelor Officer's Carport on 62nd Ave NE
- The building is part of a jurisdictional dispute between SDOT and Solid Ground
- De Abreu agrees to follow up with Ferguson to determine surveyed lines of ownership
- Fruland emphasizes that sorting out rights-of-way and striping are safety concerns and should be duly prioritized

Bragg suggests that debate hold for time reasons and moves that MPAC adopt a monthly meeting schedule in order to adequately address its business. Fruland seconds the motion. A quorum of voting members not being present, no vote can be taken. De Abreu instructs Burtzos to facilitate a vote in absentia via email before the proposed date of the next meeting (February 8, 2023).

Round-the-World Flight: 100th Anniversary Presentation

Fruland presents a brief history of the first flight to successfully circumnavigate the globe, which took off and landed at Sand Point in 1924. Friends of Magnuson Park, in collaboration with the Museum of Flight,

anticipate hosting a number of celebratory events in September 2024 to coincide with the anniversary of the event.

De Abreu thanks Fruland for the presentation and advises her that if she has a specific request of MPAC to let the committee know. Fruland asks for a list of potential business and community contacts to help bring the proposed events to fruition.

Old & New Business

Josh Castle (LIHI) will be providing a tour of the new cottage development adjacent to the park this Friday.

De Abreu adjourns the meeting at 7:31 pm.

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Report from Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) – Brian M. Judd

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Topic	Updates/Notes
MPAC Vacancies Report	Brian will review the current vacancies with MPAC members and discuss how we work collaboratively to fill these vacancies.
Updates to Annual Report	The MPAC Co-Chairs and I had a fruitful conversation about updating the format for the MPAC Annual Report. I will provide this report at the March meeting.
Additional Invites to MPAC	<p>Planning and Development: I have invited my colleague Oliver Bazinet to present at an upcoming meeting about capital improvement priorities at Magnuson Park in the coming years. This information will align with the capital improvement project (CIP) list I provided MPAC members in December.</p> <p>Recreation: In addition, on behalf of Samantha and Jan, I have invited Kim LeMay (Magnuson CC Coordinator) to present on the upcoming program plan at this facility. I have also invited Kim to attend MPAC regularly.</p>
Question for MPAC: Meeting Schedule	MPAC is currently scheduled to meet once every other month. Should MPAC decide to change this, I request this decision be made soon so we can arrange staff schedules accordingly.