

# Minutes for the Magnuson Park Advisory Committee

June 13, 2017

## Lower Conference Room, Building 30

Members Present: Gabrielle Gerhard (Chair), Tom Kelly (Vice-Chair), Mary Anne Ward (Secretary), Lynn Ferguson, Mitch Cameron, Jon Carver, Humberto Alvarez, Jan Bragg, Chandra Hampson, Sandy Miller

Members Absent: Scott Marshall, Tracy Bennett, Carol Valdrighi

Magnuson Park Staff: Brian Judd

Guests: Corina Grigoras, Diane Klontz, Alan Castle, Alisa Lubner

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

Approval of April minutes: Approval of the minutes was rolled over until July as everyone had not had time to read them.

Announcements: Department of Neighborhoods has online voting through Your Voice, Your Choice. Two of the projects they are considering are near the Park. Voting ends June 29. Please take time to vote.

Lynn saw 2 Lorquins' Admiral butterflies in the butterfly garden.

Speaker: Alisa Lubner reported that there are more things marked off than are left to be done. She is very happy to say that the public funders, permits and a start date for construction is set. There will be a pre-construction meeting on July 11 in Santo's Place. The notice of the meeting will be sent to Brian for distribution. Brian will send it out to all the tenants in the Park and Gabrielle will distribute it to the neighborhoods. The meeting is about safety, timing, introducing the team and the process for construction. The contractor will start the second week of Sept. The finished product will provide 148 studio, one bedroom, two or three bedroom units. Ninety-five of the spaces are reserved for low income. Depending on who moves in this should bring 300-400 people into the Park.

Jon asked about opportunities for leveraging all the kids that will be coming in.

The focus right now is on the construction and then they will examine ways to integrate the families into the Park.

Chandra is concerned about Sand Point Elementary's limited resources for kids and adults. She is looking for collaborative programs with the City and Parks.

There will be space within the building for community events and a full time person. This should help with getting kids enrolled in school.

Jon wanted to know about the interior and exterior. It is a contributing historic building so the outside historic aspects will remain. The interior has only one original wall. They are gutting the entire interior....new utilities, electric and water. The architect will bring plans to the July 11 meeting.

Lynn asked if the three chapel stained glass windows were going to be reused in the Mercy Housing plan and if the exterior Chapel and Crow's nest signs were to be retained and the answer was no. Mercy Housing then offered them to Friends of Sand Point Historic District for preservation and Lynn accepted their care.

The goal is not to build an island but rather a community. Jan asked about lighting.

The outside will not be separately lit but there will be light from inside the building so 62<sup>nd</sup> will be better illuminated. The desire is to have that space feel welcoming and safe.

Mary Anne reported on Sail Sand Point becoming a Safe Place through the program at Youth Care. This make SSP a safe place for a homeless or run away youth until they can be provided care. The desire is to have the Northshore be a Safe Place as well as other places in the Park. The Community Center will also be a Safe Place.

Firehouse: Sandy offered to serve on the committee to develop that building. Sandy has had a number of ideas. She would like to see it serve the whole Park instead of a small group. She feels food brings people together. Most people who live in the Park don't have cars and shop too much at the 7-11. She would love to see it developed as a farmer's market. Could be a key welcoming spot for the Park. Sandy is looking for more ideas.

Lynn would like to see a coffee shop and visitor's center.

Humberto thinks an alternative to the 7-11 would be great as long as it is reasonably priced.

There was a discussion about what it would take to have the gas station fixed up. It is part of the Tennis Center lease.

Committee Reports: The signage committee has met a couple of times. They are still trying to come up with a strategic approach. Mitch feels that there are just a few key signs that are needed.

The new membership committee had its first meeting today. They are looking at terms which expire at the end of the year. Mitch, Brian, Jon and Gabrielle are on the committee.

Brian's Report: Sunday in the Park there will be a Food Truck Rodeo from 11-3pm. It will be in the Junior League parking lot. We are entering a 1 year "test" to see how it goes with the food trucks in the Park. There will be food trucks on the Northshore, the swim beach, Junior League parking lot and the boat launch area. Each truck will have their own compostable bins and recycling bins. They will be using low or no generators. Monday the trucks will be in the Park every day.

Bldg 11 parking lot lights are installed. Lights will stay on until 10pm.

Parks is down to the final bid for a restaurant in Bldg 11.

Gabrielle asked if we want to be more strategic about our agendas. Mary Anne said the SSP board is using part of each meeting for education. She would like to see presenters who explain how Parks works.

There will be an Emergency Management Manager at the July meeting. They will talk about what will happen in the Park if there is an earthquake.

Other education topics could be:

Issues within the Park

Development of a calendar for Parks Dept meetings and events

How does the Parks Dept work? What is the management plan?

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How can we lobby as a committee? How can we influence and advise the Superintendent?

Mary Anne made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Ward

Secretary

