

**Minutes for Magnuson Park Advisory Committee**  
**July 13, 2016**  
**Lower Conference Room, Building 30**

**Members Present:** Loren Hill (Chair), Tom Kelly (Vice Chair), Adrienne Karls (Secretary), Carol Valdrighi, Arden Forrey, Gabrielle Gerhard, Chandra Hampson, Humberto Alvarez, Pete Zimmermann,  
**Absent:** Tracy Bennett, Aaron Hoard, Nino Johnson, Emily Dexter, Scott Marshall, Mary Anne Ward, Ken Sparks, Julianna Ross

**Magnuson Park Staff:** Brian Judd

**Guests:** Philippa Nye, Peggy Printz, Nora Smith, Diana Kincaid, Robin Melvin

**Call to Order:** Loren Hill calls meeting to order at 6:07 pm

**Notes from the Chair – Loren Hill:** Herb is going to resign due to health condition(s), leaving the chair for the Seattle Audubon open. SPACE report to be given next month due to Julianna's absence.

**Minutes from May and June meeting:** motion to approve by Gabrielle Gerhard and seconded by Tom Kelly; unanimous vote yes to approve both months minutes.

**Public Comment:** None

**Update of Solid Ground's remodels and upgrades at Santos Place – Philippa Nye:** the current proposal is to add 8 new units at Santos Place where before there was a request for only 6. The new units will be in existing unused shower and laundry space. This was considered in 2014 with last Landmarks Board approval with city funds to be released this fall. This will allow people to be re-introduced to a normal living environment that have been recently released from nursing and/or psychiatric care. DSHS and Solid Ground Case Managers will help them obtain rent subsidy during the time they spend in transition. Solid Ground is looking for a letter of support to proceed with the remodel/construction of eight units in Santos Place. There is a 200 limit cap in the city wide comprehensive plan which they would like to addend in the future. This is not the plan as of now. **Q:** what would the # of units be after the cap is lifted? **A:** we are only looking at the 8 units currently and when that comes up it will be addressed. **Q:** where will laundry be done? **A:** 3 laundry rooms will stay where they are currently located. **Q:** who will be living in the housing? **A:** existing tenants will remain, 8 will be permanent, and no funds remain to assist with transitional housing so it will be listed as affordable housing. Gabrielle Gerhard moves to write a letter of support for Solid Ground's plan, Adrienne Karls seconds. All members present vote yes unanimously. Solid Ground will send the information as to where and to whom the letter will be addressed.

**60<sup>th</sup> AVE street crossing; NSF Major Project overview - Nora Smith:** many children attending Sand Point School walk. The intersection of NE 64<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> meet is a dangerous place for children to be walking. Cars are travelling 40+ MPH and there is little slowing down time before you're upon the road, making it very hard to stop if there are children present at the current crosswalk area. Both NPSF and SDOT support this project. SDOT has already looked at what it would take to narrow the road from 36ft to 25ft. Along with possibilities to slow traffic by means of the following: placement of defining posts, painted area (bright and playful colors to stimulate creativity), improved signage and reflective sleeves over poles indicating the school area ahead. **Q:** in planning did anyone think to stop left turns onto 64<sup>th</sup>

from southbound Sandpoint Way NE and change the ability for drivers to use the suicide lane? **A:** speed limits may be changed; looking to coordinate efforts with the surrounding neighborhoods that support this.

**Community Center Update – Carol Valdrighi:** No renovation news. The MCCAC won't be meeting during the rest of summer. Rock the Park started July 1<sup>st</sup> which is filled with youth camps 3x/day 20 kids per staff person. Anyone interested in Give Big at \$442.00 donation which goes toward the center's matching funds. **Q:** do you advertise that you're part of Give Big? **A:** unsure but we can look into it for next year. We need advisory council members. We have asked ARC for help months ago but we don't know how or when we are going to address this. There's 60 kids signed up for summer school which ends Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>. We have asked for an ARC representative to come out and answer some questions as to what their role is and how they function within their organization. ARC is a nonprofit partner who came together in 1977. It was started to establish a way for funds to go into a general pot of money. Strategic planning funds are where they started and now it has grown. **Q:** Does ARC hire? **A:** Possibly, but uncertain. The community center operations are city staff run. **Q:** what's the history of Magnuson Community Center? **A:** re-opening was in 2004. At that time there were funds available for remodeling. Hours were reduced to 3-9pm and special events that required more staff to be present came to an end. The community centers that thrive are greatly supported by their surrounding communities, elected officials and members of ARC's board of directors. **Q:** why have summer concerts been cut? **A:** Seattle Parks fund is being held due to wanting strategic plans from all of the community centers. All community centers are under staffed for to the types of services they need to provide. This is very challenging for staff. **Q:** Could some entity other than the Department be encouraged to provide amphitheater performances? **A:** Brian will look into the situation regarding concerts in the park.

**Director's Report – Brian Judd:** the tower building comfort station which provided music was recently burned down by an arsonist. Whoever can identify the arsonist there is a reward offer. Not clear as to what the remodel will cost but at the moment it's around \$75K. There will be updates along the way. Security concerns are mostly with mischief. Fires started in the kids' pool caused a huge problem with repairing it. It will cost a lot to fix it and it would be hard to keep kids out of it during the summer for repair. Building 2 has become a popular party site; security window broken on the N. end so they are increasing locks to prevent kids from getting in there. Graffiti is high during the summer. There's been discussion of creating a graffiti wall specifically for graffiti art in attempt to lessen the graffiti throughout the park. The north shore has been very quiet. Cascade bikes were stolen and then returned. SPD are very well informed. **Q:** there are issues with people living in the park. **A:** cars on sand point way are gone but uncertainty of any others. Summer events in the park such as the Gaelic games, Frisbee season, sailing lessons and cascade bike offering summer lessons bring a lot more people into the park. **Chandra Hampson:** reports from the reception hosted at the officers club; no Q&A and there were about 35+ people in attendance. There was an opportunity to talk with Rob Johnson, and Wayne Chappelle. They had a funding discussion about the needs of our LI kids living in the park, the severe lack of services and the need for funding the after school programs. Rob really has a good impression on the needs of our LI kids and the community center. There's a desperate need for many services that would not only help the kids but also, for example, help the single mothers who cannot afford an attorney to help her with her divorce filing. This is only one of the services a low income community could learn and grow from at every level. **Brian Judd:** Explore Magnuson Park newspaper will be sent out electronically to our

surrounding neighbors of the park. There's a few located throughout the park. **Q:** there have been some people in white. **A:** They are not park rangers; small parks community crew to check things out.

**Way finding trail signage – Update and discussion – Tom Kelly:** is there anymore feedback? Are we getting what we are looking for? And are there funders? Wayfinding master plan – designed to find a way to navigate the park, which could be posted online with a way for people to offer recommendations. This could be done on a very low budget as well. Keep a variety; choose a system such as #1 trail systems and wayfinding #2 recommendations from the master plan #3 etc. Urgent needs where people are getting really lost for example; an anonymous person posted maps of the sports field light poles to fill the urgent need. Having something that people could access through an app on their phones would be useful. Provide information on loop routes qualities such as having good line of sight and notable features. Show loops by defining areas and names of routes such as on the waterfront so people could choose among them.

**There will not be an MPAC meeting in August. Next meeting: September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Adrienne Karls - Secretary