

Minutes of Magnuson Park Advisory Committee
February 11, 2015
Lower Conference Room, Building 30

Members Present: Loren Hill (Chair), Ed Bronsdon (Vice Chair), Julianna Ross (Secretary), Pete Zimmerman, Tracy Bennett, Gabrielle Gerhard, Aaron Hoard, Tom Kelly, Arden Forrey, Julie Neilson, Ken Sparks, Nino Johnson

Absent: Herb Curl, Nancy Bolin, Lynn Ferguson, Parks Commission rep.

Magnuson Park Staff: Cheryl Fraser, Brian Judd

Guests: Councilmember Jean Godden, Carol Valdright, Joanna Tarr, Chandra Hampson, Emily Bishton

Call to Order: 6:05 pm Loren call to order. Councilmember Jean Godden special guest.

Introductions around the table

January minutes: approved without changes

Community Center Tour until 6:40: Carol V. speaks to the need to accommodate all the kids from Solid Ground housing and be fully staffed. Immediate need also for summer programming funding, Rock the Park needs \$38K (see last month's minutes). This year want to increase # of kids and have adequate snacks. Appeal for MPAC members to go out into our communities and ask for funds, matching grants especially.

Chandra H: speaking for Sand Point Elementary kids, thanks Carol for her passion and energy for the kids. She challenges us to watch our language about kids living inside vs. outside the park because we are all one community. She puts a plug in for pre-K, because kids here don't have access to Pay for K. The school has 22 languages and a high percentage of students eligible for free or reduced lunches.

School is similarly space constrained. It was built to serve the kids from families at the base and is just now serving again. No free after school care so kids come to the park.

Loren Hill: we circulated a draft letter about increasing community center hours, staffing and development; what are the thoughts? Let's rank it in the legacy plan -- vote to send? Committee unanimously in favor.

Councilmember Godden: the new superintendent is really good at working with kids, per his background. DC system was terrible, is now great. Can't promise anything but he'll be confirmed and we can ask him questions re; pre-k, low income kids, etc.

Ed Bronsdon: Sunrise Rotary Club is promoting their event again (see last month's minutes) which helps fill the void of school lunches during the summer.

Rob ?? with MPCCAC: the facility is a concern and the hours are also a concern, see notes from above.

Director's report

Brian Judd: Intl Assoc of Special Event Planners for Magnuson Park in B30, April 15 hosting monthly meeting in B30 and show them all the spaces in the building -- cocktails and swing dancers in OC, main event in hangar with team building and dinner and dessert in workshop. Then they will bring their customers to the venue. April 15

Cheryl and he met with the leads of Mercy Housing and had a great conversation, talking about park holistically, they seem on board with us and will continue conversations re: circulation, parking, etc.

Cheryl Fraser: New B11 development. City is landlord and has to take care of things underground. They found some internal funding to do some upgrades at the building, over next couple months more construction adding water lines, improvement to parking lot, sewer lines, lighting. There is not the full load of electrical power they expected so it's being repaired and will enhance data services and fiber optics, etc. 2nd floor has a lot of interest and actively negotiating with two tenants who will come to MPAC and share their plans.

Upgrades at Sail Sand Point too.

Camp Goodtimes is renting part of gatehouse and is now moved in. Parks special event staff and ball field staff are moving into other part of 138. Parks Dept. is happy with appt of Jesus Aguirre. Julie Neilson asks about striping just for B11 because Solid Ground needs to speak to SDOT about striping their lots. Brian has been working with SHA and SDOT to address the Solid Ground parking carport situation.

Julie N. of Solid Ground introduces Juanita Mc. with Ally Development: They are navigating changes to programs, changes in buildings. They're looking at projects in the pipeline and considering over next 10 years. They had the one night count and it was bad: 3,773 unsheltered or emergency sheltered people. Solid Ground seeks to end homelessness through housing. Solid Ground has a long term ground lease here in the park, a couple undeveloped parcels. Solid Ground is considering additional units, and would need to request an increase to the existing 200 unit cap as described in SMC 23.72.010. The attached document was provided to MPAC at the meeting at which the potential projects were discussed. The unit cap referred to does not include housing units planned for Building 9.

Carol V. asks about services that accompany the increases of population in the park. Solid Ground has services/counseling onsite but Carol is asking about recreation. "We need a 10 year plan for recreation."

Emily B. wonders what the average occupancy is of a unit. Julie Neilson estimates 51 family units = 2 and 3bdrm units but it's hard to say how many ppl. 3-4 ppl in a 2 bed room apt. is average now. Maybe 60-70 ppl in the 51 units, but that's pure conjecture. Solid Ground resident asks about rent increase and staying safe during construction.

Carol V. asks if Solid Ground is working with school system to plan for this increase in children. Julie says it may not be necessary because they're not new people to the community. But 31 families with children plus others without kids -- so yes Seattle Public Schools should be made aware.

20 units may go to Ronald McDonald House or Children's Hospital. This is all just conversation right now.

Carol says SG needs to have better facilities for these kids -- like having refrigeration for the food they need. No expense -- asking for trade off. If Solid Ground keeps putting kids who need services, the park needs some help from SG. Julie says we have programs for kids and we're open to discussion and partnerships. Tom asks about the existing green area, putting green... "the meadow" is important to the community. SG is not looking at that because they understand its importance. TK would like to see a long term guarantee as part of any new developments or changes to the original understanding.

Loren -- Magnuson was not really included in Legacy planning so let's see if we can pull the pieces back together.

Ken Sparks offers museum presentation – see attached handout. Hoping veterans will be given preference for housing in B9.

Loren asks what percentage of Building 2 they looking at. Ken says they're looking at the whole north part of building

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm