

April 14, 2021 • MPAC Minutes

Webex Meeting • 6pm-7:30pm

In Attendance: Brian Judd, Diana Kincaid, Janice Bragg, Lhorna Miller, Ann Forrest (guest), Garrett Arnold, Kate Parker, Mary Ellen Bicknell, Elisa Law

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diana calls meeting to order at 6:06pm. Thanks for being here instead of out in the sun. Calls for announcements and public comment.

Jan: Gives update on rat bait boxes. UW reported making a change to Vitamin D. Kate put her in touch with someone at Mercy and Solid Ground and have reported making the same changes. Going the right direction. This will protect the Cooper's Hawks at Magnuson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

Diana calls to approve the March minutes at 6:08pm. Minutes approved.
Diana calls to approve the agenda with an adjustment. Agenda approved.

Jan: Raises the topic of creating an indigenous land acknowledgement statement. Would like it to be on the agenda for next meeting in May.

ANN FOREST – EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION HUB

Ann: The Magnuson Park Hub Captain, Mitch Cameron, is stepping back and we're looking for someone to fill the position. Ideally someone who lives and/or works at the Park and can be trained on how to activate the Hub in the event of a disaster.

What is the Hub? In a disaster, people get together to assist police, fireman, EMTs to help. The Emergency Communication HUB does this. They gather in parks, pea patches, parking lots. "The Hub" is the people and the neighbors come together to get organized in the event of a disaster. They put together equipment in a box that help get neighbors organized. Information will be scarce in the event of an emergency. Systems like Wifi, Alert Seattle and texting might not be available.

The Hub helps match needs and resources, for example having white boards for announcements that help organize folks. There are Ham radios that can connect to the city. The Hub sets up an education area answering common questions after a big disaster. The City impact is broad, but their concerns are higher level. Lots of work for communities and neighbors to do. Magnuson Park needs a Captain or Co-Captain. Ideally someone who lives at the Park and is really good at engaging folks. Questions or comments? Do names jump to mind? Email Ann with suggestions at aforrest@hotmail.com.

Kate: We would like a flyer to put up at Mercy to announce the position.

Lhorna: It's my understanding that Mitch ran into a great deal of resistance from at least one Park stakeholder. Has that issue been addressed?

Ann: We are unaware of any issues.

Diana: Do you know if there are Hub captains involved in neighborhoods around the Park. I'm worried that folks will assume they come to Magnuson Park in the event of an emergency. But could I get the names of Hub Captains around the Park so we can connect and discuss the resources that Magnuson actually has.

Ann: The plan is to help wherever folks show up. People will show up to Magnuson, not knowing where else to go. Park Point Condos have a lot of organization. They will show up to Magnuson Park to help. The ideal situation is to have a Hub within a mile of each home.

Lhorna: Suggests contacting David Jule, president of Residents Advisory Council to get the word out.

CABINS ON 65TH

Diana: 22 cottages and a community center will be built in the complex. I think it's a fantastic project. Would like our support. We need to send a letter of support from MPAC before next Thursday, if we are in support. I will email for you guys to approve and then I would send it to Jesus.

Brian: Point of clarification. The parcel is not Park property. There are several different property owners at Magnuson. I would send the letter to the Councilmembers and the Mayor as well as Jesus.

Mary Ellen Bicknell: Worry that this makes Magnuson Park feel like a place for housing. There's lots of places on the Park Grounds to build housing and I fear more housing will be built.

Brian: You cannot build housing on parcels owned by the Parks Department. We don't expect to see housing popping up on Park property any time soon. The parcels you see here that have housing are all owned or long term leased to Office of Housing, Solid Ground, Mercy, and others.

Jan: What is the reason we need to write this letter?

Diana: We have been told that they want community feedback.

Jan: We don't know how the cottages will affect the Park.

Kate: Housing projects have to show letters of community support.

Diana: Frank Chopp came and talked about it with a different ~~impact~~-MPAC group.

Lhorna: Maybe I'm wrong, but hasn't there been housing here when the Park was a military base? And Jan, there was a lot of resistance when low-income housing was put in here. Lynn Ferguson was a huge advocate for the low-income housing, she can say more on the history.

Brian: The Parks Department is in favor of the cottages and there was legislation around it. Before we entered into the pandemic, I was working on the project manager with them. We do support it.

Diana: Anyone else?

Garrett: Would be good to have more information regarding the project.

Brian: Diana might be able to try and find more. I don't have project information available to me. I only have what was presented to MPAC last year. From inside the city, we haven't resisted this. It's not ours to decide.

Diana: The cottage communities are well-designed and I feel strongly that we need to support the housing. This isn't on Park property and so, it's an important step to show as a group that we do care about providing housing for people who are in need of it.

Lhorna: Provides links about the project.

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/lihi.org/2019/07/29/announcing-sand-point-cottage-community/amp/>

<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/AppDocs/GroupMeetings/DRProposal3034895AgendaID8644.pdf>

<https://communityhousingcapital.org/washington/2020-lihi-ahp-award-sand-point-cottages-seattle-wa>

Garrett: I'm supportive of housing. I just want to know what's what.

Brian: I will also mention that increasing housing options aligns well with MPAC's commitment to anti-racism and equity.

Diana: I appreciate wanting to know what you're signing for. I propose I write a letter conferring with a few folks. If you need additional information, I'm going to write the letter and we can decide from there.

BRIAN'S REPORT (SEE ATTACHMENT)

Brian: Give the floor to Garrett to talk about how the recent crime has affected the Mountaineers.

Garrett: Cascade Bike Club, Outdoors for All and others are affected when our Rental Bays are broken into. We were broken into 4 times. We've been fortifying the building. I've been doing it myself. Police response time hasn't been quick or consistent. The thieves are organized with ladders to scale buildings.

Brian: Outdoors for All have suffered \$73,000 in property damage and losses from stolen vehicles and materials.

Brian: Don't want policing of our residents.

Kate: Thank you for advocating for that.

Diana: Has there been any crime happening at the Community Center?

Brian: No, not that I've heard of.

RUNNING AND WALKING ROUTE

Diana: Could we get a better idea of the running and walking route that is being discussed for the Park? This is a question for Brian, is MPAC going to serve as a stakeholder group in what they're doing? I'm a little concerned that it doesn't sound like they're talking to residents or businesses about what they're doing.

Brian: From their prospective, the public meeting that happened one or two weeks ago was the first of public input. They're giving a study and not making any changes. There will be more public meetings scheduled for people to attend, so that's typically what Parks does around 'studies'. If you'd like a specific consultant to speak to about it though, I can ask your question to them.

Diana: Are they looking at producing a walking/running route in the Park? I've heard mixed messages.

Brian: They've heard that loud and clear from me. But I haven't gotten an update lately.

Jan: They showed the map of the loop in their presentation.

Diana: I've seen that, but it wasn't really defined as to where it went. I didn't see an actual map.

Jan: I think it was a map with a loop.

Diana: It wasn't specific about the locations.

Kate: Wasn't there just a meeting about this within the last week or so?

Brian: It was two weeks ago and not only did they do a mailer about it, but I also sent it out to MPAC members and stakeholders.

Kate: We also put this out to our residents.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Diana: As we get vaccinated and it is possible to have in person meetings. What do we want to do? Do we want to continue virtual meetings? Do we want in-person or a combination. Brian and I are in favor of virtual meetings, there is value. But there is also value in seeing each other in person at times. We thought of having in person meetings 3-4 times a year and otherwise doing things virtually.

Brian: The idea was to center them around food, there will always be virtual capabilities with the conference room having a screen. Not either or.

Elisa votes yes to a mixed in-person and virtual. Garrett also votes yes.

Kate: I would prefer doing the in-person meetings when the days are longer and the weather is better.

Diana: Ok, I think mixed virtual and in-person is the plan.

Brian: We will wait for the City to move forward with the opening up of things.

CLOSING REMARKS

Kate: Looking to host a vaccine clinic at Mercy.

Diana: Let us know when/if it becomes available.

Meeting Adjourns 7:10



Magnuson Park Advisory Committee (MPAC)
Report from Magnuson Park Manager – Brian M. Judd
April 13, 2021

Topic	Update
Magnuson Park Property Crime	<p>Over the last few months, several Magnuson Park tenants, and visitors have experienced a high-volume of property crime. These incidents have involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Car vandalism and theft in the E5 parking lot and large lot next to the Tennis Center.• Vandalism and theft of fleet belonging to OFA, Earth Corps, The Mountaineers, and Cascade Bicycle Club.• Robbery at The Mountaineers.• Building 2 break-ins and vandalism.• Building 406: stolen keys and evidence of attempted door/lock tampering. <p>On Thursday, March 25th I coordinated a conference call between SPD representatives and Magnuson Park tenants. Following this call, Councilmember Pedersen hosted an on-site, in-person walking tour with a subset of conference call attendees. This tour also included SPD representatives. The intent behind both of these gatherings was to connect tenants with SPD reps and resources, and to highlight the need for additional SPD support.</p> <p>On Tuesday, April 13th, I connected with Captain Brian Stampfl from the North Precinct. I will be working with his team to re-engage patrols and connections with the community. Embedded in this will be finding a balance between traditional policing needs and alternative ways of ensuring security in the park.</p>

	The north precinct team would like to attend the May MPAC meeting to hear from you.
MPAC and Requests for SPD Support	How can MPAC engage with the North Precinct seeking alternatives to traditional policing methods as it engages in growing anti-racist work?