

MPAC Minutes  
1.13.2021  
WebEx Meeting

In attendance: Brian Judd, Diana Kincaid, Aaron Hoard, Garrett Arnold, Robin Melvin, Bruce Fischer, Janice Bragg, Juli Horan, Karey Kessler, Kate Parker (Mercy Housing), Mary Bicknell, Taurmini Fentress, Lhorna Murray, Mike Stewart, Elisa Law

Diana: Calls to order at 6:03. Asks for volunteer for Secretary. Elisa volunteers. Calls for announcements.

Janice: Brought to committee last year, there is still an issue with drainage from the ponds on both sides of Lakeshore Drive. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Dec they were full after heavy rain and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Dec they were completely empty. Someone at Natural Resources was notified. A leak in the shore pond closest to the lake was discovered.

Brian: It's a known issue and we'll keep our eye on it.

Diana: Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting in December.

Motion to approve minutes by Janice, Bruce seconds. Motion passes.

Diana: Approval of agenda for current meeting. Motion passes. Paul Davenport who was slated to present on updates regarding the Community Center is unable to join due to power outages. Diana gives partial report that the Community Center has received additional funding. Due to COVID, some projects in early stages were delayed. The CC Advisory Committee pushed for the wood floor, furniture, and clearing of blocked windows. These items will now be funded.

Lhorna: Any news on the status of the Community Center reopening now?

Brian: Now, our buildings remain closed. The governor will make his announcement of the next phase and we wait for the mayor to supplement that announcement regarding city buildings.

Brian: Gives report on Parks (*see notes attached*).

Lhorna: Checks in about a recent police 'bust' of drag racing activities on Sand Point Way. Has that solved the issue?

Brian: My guess is probably not. One good thing coming up with that corridor – Diana developed with SDOT some funding and plans to improve safety, including reduced ~~the~~ speed limit.

Janice: On Monday, in the Arena parking lot I saw someone doing donuts. But didn't call 911.

Brian: That's a safety concern. We need to be keeping an eye on that, it can hurt someone in or outside the car.

Garrett: Could Brian elaborate on hot spots in the park?

Brian: Building 2 is one – the large double hanger building right behind the Mountaineers. Building 11 has a breezeway on the north end of the building where folks are trying to keep warm. They've started a grill fire which is a risk. The parking lot next to Mountaineers is another spot – the RVs there have recently moved to Sand Point Way though, which is usually where they go from there. We have a moratorium on doing anything to move people along who might be experiencing houselessness.

Karey: A friend of mine stumbled on one of the portable playgrounds and thought it was great. Wanted to pass that positive message along.

Brian: That's Parks! COVID-19 is helping push along plans the Parks has had for a while to encourage folks to use the parks during all seasons. That's it for my report.

Diana: Let's open it up for introductions. I started being active in Park issues way back in 2003 and ~~was~~ eventually was invited to be on and become chair of the Park board. I live nearby and love this park, especially in COVID it's such a relief to have this place. A place of refuge away from all the noise. I love so many of the organizations and their activities in the park as well. I feel strongly about the need for social justice. There was an incredible BLM rally in the summer that was powerful. This group's purpose is to share what we are all doing and then to go back and share with our constituents. I'll introduce Juli, Vice Chair of MPAC.

Juli: I joined the MPAC Board as the representative for Sand Point Elementary PTA. I'm a neighbor of the Park and am interested from that perspective. I'm interested in connecting families to the Park and what's going on.

Lhorna: I'm rejoining MPAC, I was in the group a couple years ago. I represent Solid Ground Housing Residents. I've lived in the park since 2014. My vision for the park is an equitable community. I'm looking forward to watching the community grow as one versus something more fragmented and interested in facilitating that however I can.

Karey: I represent the artists in Building 30 West and my kids use the Park in many ways as well. The artists usually have two open houses a year, we missed the one last Spring and the one in the Fall and will most likely not be open this Spring either. But it's a wonderful part of being an artist in Magnuson Park – but all of us have work in the SPACE gallery and it's on the website. Check it out to see what's happening inside the building.

Garrett: I represent The Mountaineers. I'm the rental, facility and event manager these days. I spend a lot of my days at the Program Center and doing virtual community events. I see a lot of

people coming into the Park through our rentals. My first love for Parks began with Discovery Park and then I came around to Magnuson.

Bruce: I'm the manager at Solid Ground and want us to be good neighbors to the Park and for the Park to be good neighbors to us. Looking for an equitable future for our residents and the Park.

Elisa: I'm here representing Friends of Magnuson Park, or FOMP as their new Executive Director and first-ever staff hire. I'm interested in rebranding FOMP and building awareness of what we've done to protect and interpret the history of the Park and doing that through stronger coalitions and partnerships with residents, visitors and stakeholders of Magnuson. We want to do more exhibitions and get ready for the centennial of the First World Flight coming up in 2024.

Taurmini: I live in Mercy Housing with my kiddo and some pets. I work with folks experiencing homelessness. I'm really interested in hearing how this group is thinking about and talking about equity. My neighbors are amazing folks.

Kate: I'm with Mercy Housing Northwest. We're loving the exhibit that FOMP put up. We're dealing with COVID right now trying to meet people where they're at. Continuing to do Food Pantry every week, but we've seen a dip in the numbers. We were serving 100 households prior to COVID and now in the 80s. Think this is likely due to people not feeling comfortable coming out as much to gather and get the food. Trying to work with parents so they can stay engaged and know what's happening. We've been pursuing trying to get a crosswalk across the street.

Mike: I represent Boyer Children's Clinic. We joined the Park in 2016. We serve children with disabilities 0-3. Pre-COVID we had on-site therapy and family support services. With COVID we moved everything to tele-support services and all our families are receiving our care that way. Boyer is interested in a lot of what you all have shared. The last 4-5 years we've spent a lot of time working on our racial equity strategy. For our agency, we want to create creative partnerships. Once things open back up, we want to find ways to work side by side.

Robin: I'm a close neighbor to the Park and is now a representative for the neighbors. I use the park as a bird watcher, have been involved in the environmental movements. One thing I've noticed over the years with the committee is that I've noticed that there's a lot of different entities and view points and hope we can find ways to move forward as a whole group.

Jan: I'm a volunteer at Seattle Audubon Society. My position is a representative of the environment. My interest is in decreasing the carbon footprint at Magnuson Park, of both the tenants and the staff equally. Mayor Durkan put out a green plan for the city shortly before COVID hit and we haven't been able to put that into place yet. We have 25 years of information on the birds of the park. I'm also a neighbor of the Park. I've really learned a lot from being on this committee and have enjoyed being here.

Aaron: I represent UW and am possibly the longest serving member of MPAC. We have three buildings: 29, 25 and 5. We have a pediatric dentistry clinic which has a full surgical suite as well as the giant building right behind it – it's a 425,000 square foot building – which houses Burke Museum items, medical storage, an art studio, a materials testing lab, and lots more. We acquired those when the city took over the Navy base and we've mostly restored the whole place. We're happy to be here and have done a lot for the historic preservation of those buildings.

Mary: I am a member of MESA which is Magnuson Environmental Stewardship Alliance, our goal is to reforest Magnuson Park. The park is really reflecting a lot of Native plants and we think it's extremely important to protect the habitat. I'm a member of the Washington Native plant society and have an interest in them as well as birds. I really feel anxious and motivated to have everyone enjoy and understand birds and the plants in the Park. I'm also interested in having an open place for children to just mess around in. I'd like to see children interacting with nature on a very personal basis. I really enjoy Magnuson Park, the art, the sports, the water. It's all wonderful.

Lhorna: Neighborhood Matching Fund is opening up next month – it's a community partnership fund put together by groups that want to build projects to create stronger connections. Worth looking into for those of you.

<https://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-matching-fund>

Diana: We're going to move ahead and look at our ~~the~~ priorities.

(Juli attempted to go over priorities – internet was garbled (see attached document for MPAC priorities) Brian suggested moving priorities to the next meeting.

Diana: Our goal is to be a thoughtful and deliberative group and to make sure that people have plenty of time to consider and check with your organization as well before making decisions. Please take a look at the priorities list, it took months to create. And it was a very constructive process to bring everyone together and reach that agreement. Make sure you talk to your organizations about what we're doing at MPAC in order to build a stronger community. Superintendent of Parks, Jesus, is supportive of what we're doing and is interested in the work we're doing. It's gratifying to have that support. If you have questions, contact me. Look over the documents I've sent along.

Jan: The minutes are located on the Magnuson Park website.

Brian: I will get the minutes on the website once they are approved.

Diana: Well, welcome to MPAC! I think we'll do a lot this year.

Kate announced something about a television monitor in Mercy Housing which shows upcoming events

Meeting adjourns, 7:30pm.



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

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>Magnuson Park Strategic Plan and Annual Report</b>	I provided a copy of the 2012 Strategic Plan and my 2020 report out to the MPAC membership. Jan Bragg and I also worked through some additional items to add to the annual report, as approved by MPAC in December 2020.
<b>Security Concerns</b>	Magnuson Park has had a variety of concerns in various areas. The concerns revolve primarily around vandalism and a few break-in incidents. SPR Security is in the park every day checking on hot spots and reporting any observed criminal activity.
<b>Building 41 Mural Project</b>	SPR and Friends of Magnuson Park (FOMP) will soon enter into a MOU around the murals.
<b>Race Equity Training Goals 2021</b>	Brian would like MPAC to reflect and brainstorm in February on next steps around racial equity training and work.