

Magnuson Park Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – 6-7:30 PM
Hosted on WebEx

In Attendance: Diana Kincaid, Juli Horan, Brian Judd, Jan Bragg, Karey Kessler, Lhorna Murray, Aaron Hoard, Garret Arnold, Elisa Law, Taurmini Fentress, Gabrielle Gerhard (guest), Kate Parker, Sandi Bricel Miller (guest) , Lynda Larsen, Lynn Ferguson (guest), Rhonda, Robin Melvin

- 6:00 Call to order – Diana’s audio was not working, so Vice-Chair began at 6:10
Introductions all around – Committee and guests
Request for Secretary – Diana’s audio began working, Juli Horan volunteered
Announcements/Public Comment –
The Birds are back and photos of spring/summer birds are now on the Seattle Audubon kiosk, north of boat launch. Osprey came back in April, but don’t know if there are eggs yet.
Friends still receiving scholarship applications through this month.
- 6:15 Approval of April Minutes: MPAC did not receive the minutes, approval move to June.
Approval of May Agenda: Unanimously approved
- 6:20 Parks Report – Copy of report attached
Brian sent documents about anti-racism to the group, however members did not receive them – he will resend.
Jan Bragg brought up the use of remote control airplanes in the park which is prohibited. Brian was touring the park with some new police officers and noticed the airplanes and pointed them out to the officers.
Garrett Arnold noticed 2 abandoned RV’s and was wondering what can be done. Brian said that police have started ticketing vehicles without plates, but it may take some time to get to them all. Cars can legally park for 72 hours, but people can go the Seattle Fix It app to report things.
- 6:45 Mural Project – Sandy Bricel Miller
There are two different projects:
1 – History of Flight Project, sponsored by Friends of the Park, Building 41, the old gas station, Friends would like to turn it into a visitor’s center. The goal of the mural is to share aviation history. Creating 18 panels on plywood to be displayed in chronological order of aviation history. Will be utilizing The Brigg, artists, art students and hopefully teen park residents (5 spots/session for residents). These panels will be covering the windows.
Portraits of famous pilots will be on the garage doors (Bill Boeing 1919, Lindbergh).

There will be stamps of the Flying Jetty and WWII aircrafts from Blimp through 1970. Kate asked what would be the best way to get the info about the project opportunity to the teen residents. Sandy offered to do a presentation, but that might be hard with Covid.

Lhorna pointed out that Bill Boeing headed the racist housing covenants and questioned the appropriateness of children painting him. Brian and Sandy agreed that would be a problem and would discuss later.

Lynn Ferguson indicated that people of color and women would be included in the Series.

One of the panels will include aircrafts that have crashed and are still in the waters around Magnuson.

There is a "Flight Around The World" mural in Mercy Magnuson.

2- Garden Mural, headed by Emily Bishton, funded through Dept. of Neighborhoods grant and will be two murals. Theme: All Are Welcome.

Sandy has been meeting with children to hear their perspective on how to make people feel welcome.

One side will be done with relief ceramic tiles made by children (about 100). The themes for the tiles will be Mt. Rainier forest, wetlands and marine life.

There will be a steering committee of 10-12 children.

YMCA and Outdoors for All children were invited, but very little participated. Sandy asked how to reach out to residents to get the children involved.

The actual making of the tiles will be June 21, 2021 and will be held outside.

The south side of the mural will be painted with a wetlands theme.

Jan Bragg asked if the earlier idea for the mural was to include Native Americans. Lynn Ferguson and Sandy said they decided to have a plaque attributing the Native Americans and that there would be a separate mural on a separate building dedicated to Native Americans and the Duwamish land and thanking them for the use.

Sandy and Emily have discussed including the Duwamish people into the garden mural. Having children be included in the project will help them feel connected.

7:10 Addressing Segregation

Diana attended a meeting where city council members were discussing the park, but were not actually at the park. Diana asked: What does MPAC want to address and what can they contribute? Sandy's project is an example of what needs to be done to bring people together. The Community Center could be a place for that to happen. With regards to the Circulation Plan – are they thinking about this? Diana opened it up to discussion.

Lhorna seconded Diana's thought on desegregation and that arts are a part of that.

That the mural project is trying to do this during this hard time.

Sandy said she is trying to look at creative ways to include the kids. To include children

from all walks of life is good in theory, but harder to actually do.

Jan said that something she loves about the park is when it is warmer, the families that are hanging out and bbqing is very culturally diverse. These are families living in apartments and getting outside.

Lynn Ferguson said that the changes that have happened within the last 25 years have made the park much more diverse. Special events (movies, etc.) might help bring people together.

Brian's proposed curriculum works very well with this discussion.

Diana asked if it would be possible to get more vaccines to Magnuson for 12-15 year olds. Linda Larsen informed MPAC that there would be another vaccine clinic on May 20, 2020.

Selecting Future Leadership

Diana will not be continuing as chair after December. She wants the group to think about who the chair will be or how the process will be.

Brian asked the group to contact him if they are interested in the position to discuss it.

Diana was also hoping by September, MPAC could have an outdoor get together.

Native American Recognition

MPAC needs to make sure it is written in the history on the website.

Jan would also like MPAC to recommend that the Magnuson Park website include historically accurate information about which tribes lived in the area of Magnuson Park.

Diana would like to make sure the language used would be approved by tribes. Brian said that Parks is moving toward having key Native elders to make sure Parks and the City are moving forward in an appropriate way.

Jan referred to a document on HistoryLink.org that SPR SPAR had made possible and which had been emailed to MPAC members. Friends suggested that Jan check their website, may be more accurate.

Community Center Renovation and Celebration

Rhonda wanted to know the anticipated opening date for the community center. Brian said the project will be going on July 2021 through May 2022.

7:31 Adjourn