



# Magnolia Community Council

September 19, 2017

Magnolia Community Council Board of Trustees Meeting  
United Church of Christ

Trustees present: Aubrey Mandus, Steve DeForest, Bruce Carter, Bill Stafford, Janis Traven, Jessica Gallegos, Carol Burton, Mary Hoverson

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Guests: members of the community

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Meeting called to order by Steve DeForest at 7:00 p.m. The draft minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting were approved, as was the Treasurer's Report. Payments to renew the MCC P.O. box, bill for website changes and Candidate Forum were noted for last month's expenses.

### Recap of Candidate Forum & Feedback

Sincere thank you's for Bruce Carter's coordination efforts and all the hard work by his team to organize the Forum. The MCC Mayoral Forum recording session was well received. It was recommended to have questions submitted in advance again next time as this worked well for the community and was especially helpful to the candidates. Submitting questions in advance allowed the candidates to prepare thoughtful answers and provide insight into the concerns of the community in advance of the event which made the interaction with the community more meaningful. The Candidate Forum was lively, lots of positive feedback.

Though the Forum was a success and many attendees felt they learned a lot from the Q&A, one issue discussed was the low turnout due to the city's Mayoral Forum scheduled on the same evening. Attendees felt the video footage of the Mayoral candidates is a great asset and should be continued for future events, including the Candidate Forum. Channel FOX 13 had cameramen at the event, the footage of the Candidate Forum might be available. There were comments about the Forum being added to NextDoor Magnolia the day before the event. Additional comments indicated there was more than one post to NextDoor about the Forum. It was agreed that NextDoor should continue to be part of our outreach efforts. School district contacts were also discussed as a potential avenue to help advertise and spread the word about events like the Candidate Forum in the future. The [Magnolia Mom's and Dad's](#) Yahoo group (similar to NextDoor, but for parents specifically) was suggested as another way to conduct outreach and spread the word next time. *Magnolia/Queen Anne News* is a good resource, it was suggested we write and run an op-ed piece with our ad for future Forums. Attendees indicated we should also find a way to keep a better record of candidate responses during the Forum. It was suggested we record/film the full Candidate Forum next time and consider hiring someone to help film. Larry Phillips did well as the moderator. Bruce plans to send out thank you notes to the helpers, candidates, moderator.

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### **New Business: Nominating Committee, Airport Roundtable, CSO Pipe Replacement Nominating Committee**

Vote held among the Trustees, electing Janis Traven as Chair of the Nomination Committee. Janis' community contacts, Estee and David, agreed to join the Nominating Committee. Reviewed the list of Trustee terms ending soon, Janis Traven will reach out to the Trustees and ask if they plan to run again. There will be a call for candidate recommendations to fill the Trustee openings at the October meeting, followed by the voting process at the November meeting.

### **Airport Roundtable Liaison**

The Airport Roundtable liaison position was discussed, a request for candidate recommendations was put to the Trustees. Aubrey Mandus said her husband, Alex Mandus, might be a good fit for the position. She has reached out to Emily Greene requesting more information but hasn't heard back yet. Steve DeForest will send a copy of the Roundtable candidate requirements to Aubrey Mandus.

### **CSO Gravel Pipe Replacement Project**

Elizabeth Campbell's letter to the City regarding the CSO Gravel Pipe Replacement Project was discussed, Trustees weren't sure if she had received a response yet, they will report back when they hear more.

### **Fort Lawton Community Stakeholders**

Carol Burton reported the process has been slow moving and there's no new updates since her last report. It sounds like the EIS will take longer than expected. A Draft EIS might be out in December or January. Carol Burton said it is likely the Parks Department will land bank the park portion of the property. Jessica Gallegos suggested appointing a liaison to PTA's and parent groups to improve ties and communication efforts with the community, specifically regarding Fort Lawton redevelopment concerns. Erica Nash and Susan Dale Estey were recommended as candidates for this position.

### **Land Use Committee**

Steve DeForest suggested we ask Chris or Marty to Chair the committee. Carol Burton offered to reach out to them and ask.

### **Neighborhood Advisory Committee**

Bruce Carter expects there will be discussion about the plans to improve existing bike trails at the next meeting.

### **The Coalition**

A representative from Sound Transit gave a presentation at the last meeting. Steve DeForest and other attendees kept asking about the 15<sup>th</sup> Ave W discussion. The Sound Transit representative emphasized they would be working on the preferred alternative. Some of the Trustees speculated that Sound Transit may have to borrow funds from plan 3 to pay for plan 2 and we should watch the budget closely to see what happens.

## **Parks Reports: Smith Cove, Magnolia Parks, Magnolia Trails**

### **Smith Cove Park**

The sports field will be reviewed soon. Bruce Carter will set up a meeting with Larry Phillips and report back.

### **Magnolia Parks**

Follow-up from the park walk recently, parks brush was cleared and is now down. Nothing else to report so far.

### **Magnolia Trails Meeting**

Janis Traven reported the City doesn't seem to want to do anything for this project. It has been given low priority and there's no momentum to move this forward.

### **Tent City 5**

Janis Traven reported the Port of Seattle will lease the Tsubota property from the City for the successful relocation of Tent City 5. Tiny houses will be built by work parties from the community (Microsoft and others). Bruce Carter believes Magnolia and Queen Anne should also receive more credit for their efforts to help Tent City 5. Aubrey Mandus requested information about the Tsubota property move-in dates and copies of the Thank You letters Janis Traven received.

### **Recap of Summer Activities**

The Summerfest parade was discussed and several folks reported the Magnolia summer events were well attended. The Music in the Park event on August 20<sup>th</sup> was discussed as a big success. There were 400 programs handed out and 200 surveys answered by members of the community. Responses to some of the ten questions in the survey showed:

- 73 people gave the event a "5" out of "5"
- 67 people would like to see music events like this "Often"
- 30 people would like to see music events like this "Very often"

Information like this shows there is real interest in the concept of repurposing Fort Lawton property for venues and/or performance space. The City's support was much appreciated and necessary to accomplish the event. Attendees said the weather was perfect and many asked when the next music event in the park would be. It also turned out to be a big draw for the Daybreak Star site with many attendees discovering Daybreak Star for the first time. It was noted that Sound Performance was pleased with the site/location and many thought this was their best performance.

### **Communications Committee**

Aubrey Mandus outlined the website changes over the summer, discussed the quarterly newsletter sent in August, and encouraged the Trustees and liaisons to submit their community reports so she can publish the information on the website. It was suggested that the MCC start a LinkedIn page.

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**Other Business**

- Guest speakers for next month: City Attorney Candidates, Port representative as an alternative

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Aubrey Mandus*

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Recording Secretary