



Magnolia Community Council

Magnolia Community Club Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 21, 2015 6:30pm

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Introductions, Roll Call.

In attendance: Carol Burton (presiding), Stephen DeForest, Janis Traven, Mary Montgomery, Mary Hoverson, Bruce Carter, Bill Stafford, Richard Piacentini, Margaret Cerrato-Blue, and Rex Wardlaw

Guests:

Laurie Ames, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods
Joe Villarino

The March Meeting Minutes were approved.

Storage Locker – Mary H. reported that if the MCC pays for the storage locker one year in advance, it would get one month of free rent, which is \$165. She believes the MCC could downsize to a smaller locker with the removal of some empty file cabinets and shelves. The consensus was to pay the rent one year in advance, with the intention of downsizing the storage locker by the end of the one year term.

Website – Carol reported that with the help of Joe Villarino, the website transfer to a new hosting company was completed, but the website is still not being updated. She mentioned that a ListRocket email was sent to 424 recipients in October of 2013, but was opened by only one recipient. The Board discussed the inadequacy of the MCC email setup and the current webpage, and discussed the problem of finding someone to manage them. Joe Villarino said he would help the MCC manage these items. The Board expressed an interest in paying him to oversee a communications volunteer who would do these tasks and discussed ways to find that volunteer.

General Meetings – Carol reported that the April general meeting was successful, with around 60 attendees and a lively discussion. She attributed the higher turnout to better communication of the meeting to the community, including outreach by the Chamber. The Board discussed the May, September and October general meetings, including the May meeting topic, which will be crime and emergency preparedness. The Blaine cafeteria will not work for the September and October general meetings and an alternative venue will need to be found, likely the Magnolia Lutheran Church or the United Church of Christ.

The September meeting will be held on September 17th and the October meeting will be held on October 8th, with the September meeting topic being ballot measures and the October meeting topic being a candidates forum. The Board discussed circulating questions to the candidates in advance.

Transportation Levy – Carol reported that the Howe St bridge, bike trail and pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks are the only Magnolia capital projects in the Move Seattle Transportation Levy. Bill mentioned an online survey regarding the levy that citizens can take and he distributed a draft flyer for the MCC to sponsor, which encouraged Magnolia residents to express their opinion in the survey. The Board voted to authorize Bill, Bruce and the Executive Committee to redraft the flyer and send it out to the public without further review by the Board.

Magnolia Village Pedestrian Rezone – Margaret reported that she has been in communication with the City on this topic, including attending a hearing with the City. In general, the City has not been responsive to the community's concerns on this issue, but they are now looking at rezoning a smaller area in Magnolia. Margaret forwarded the City's recent report on this issue to the Magnolia merchants and has recommended that they follow up on it.

Book Sales – Steve reported that he discussed the book contract with the Magnolia Historical Society and recommended that the MCC renew the sales contract with them for another year. The Board voted to do so.

Smith Cove Park – Bruce reported that the Friends hired a consultant and there will be a meeting on May 13th at 7:00pm at the Magnolia Lutheran Church, where they will be looking for public input.

MQADC – Stephen reported on the recent meeting, including discussions on the Move Seattle levy and Magnolia Bridge replacement.

NAC – Bruce reported on the recent meeting, including T-91 lighting.

Mary H. reported that she filed the forms required for the MCC to preserve its nonprofit status.

Laurie informed the Board of the PACE, volunteer leadership training program.

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm