



Magnolia Community Council

Magnolia Community Council Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 20, 2015 6:30pm

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Introductions, Roll Call.

In attendance: Carol Burton (presiding), Mary Montgomery, Stephen DeForest, Bill Stafford, Mary Hoverson, Tom Tanner, Bruce Carter, Heather Ussery, Rex Wardlaw and Richard Piacentini

Guests:

Joe Villarino, Webmaster

Greg Carnese, Magnolia Chamber of Commerce

Shaun McMullin, Transportation Committee

Michael Plunkett

The September Meeting Minutes were approved

The September Treasurer's Report was approved.

Candidates Forum – The consensus was that it was a successful event, with approximately 50 attendees and good questions.

Magnolia Chamber of Commerce – The Board discussed trying to coordinate more events between the MCC and the Mag Chamber of Commerce. Greg Carnese talked about the fact that the Chamber does work for the community that is not strictly business oriented, such as working with the Parks Dept. He said the Chamber is working towards improving the community, which is what the MCC is doing, and mentioned the idea of some sort of merger of the groups. In Greg's opinion, having multiple independent organizations, each working separately, is not as effective as having one unified neighborhood organization. The Board discussed ways to reach out to some of the many community organizations in Magnolia in order to combine resources and efforts. There was also discussion of linking the organizations websites. Greg and Carol will get a list of the various Magnolia organizations and their contact person.

Expedia Campus – The Board discussed trying to track the progress of the Expedia project. The consensus was that it would be beneficial to have a person that attends meetings and represents Magnolia's interests with regards to this project. Shaun McMullin volunteered to be the MCC lead

representative on this project, with Bill Stafford assisting and Bruce Carter acting as an alternate.

Crosswalks – Carol will see if a representative from the City will talk to the Board about the crosswalk program.

Park District Plan – Carol previously sent out the list of Seattle Park District funded projects in Magnolia, which number a few, including planning for Smith Cove Park.

Athletic Field Turf and Lights – The Board discussed whether it should support having Parks put artificial turf on the North and South fields in Magnolia. Michael Plunkett said if there is money associated with a particular improvement, it should be listed on a CIP. Carol will contact parks to ask them to send someone to a MCC Board meeting to tell us what they are planning with the fields. The question the Board will ask is “what is in the Parks CIP for Magnolia and what is funded?”.

Communications – Carol is listening to the MCC voicemail and Joe is responding to e-mails, but the MCC needs a communications officer who can do social media, post content on the website, etc. Joe will place something on the MCC website advertising for an intern or similar person to help fill this role.

Marina Trail – Tom reported that the feasibility study on the trail is complete and shows the trail can be built, but the feasibility study does not provide the alignment of the trail, utility relocation, etc. They are applying for a 2nd neighborhood grant and that money would be used to determine the alignment and figure out the cost. They have been talking to the Port in an effort to connect Smith Cove Park to the Elliot Bay Trail, and the Port is considering it. He said that the community has been very supportive of the trail and SDOT supports it too.

Smith Cove Park – Bruce reported that approximately 100 people attended the final Smith Cove Park meeting. He showed the Board the park design that was developed through input at the public meetings. That design will go to Parks for approval. There is 6 million dollars set aside in the Metropolitan Parks District budget to build the park.

West Mercer Corridor Stakeholders Group – Tom reported that he can no longer attend the meetings and asked that someone take his place as the MCC representative. Rex volunteered to attend the next meeting.

Comprehensive Plan Update – Michael Plunkett reported that the City is working on updating the City’s comprehensive plan. A number of communities are being up zoned, which will allow higher density, but Magnolia will not.

He is concerned that will change and the City will amend the plan to up zone Magnolia. He wants to know if anyone on the Board is monitoring what is going on with the comp plan update with regards to Magnolia. The MCC used to have someone doing that, but currently it does not. Michael said he would be following it and will report to the Board.

Magnolia Manor Park – Carol reported that the next phase is still on hold, but they hope to put in a bid and build it next summer.

Holiday Party – Tom will be holding the MCC Holiday party, with December 6, 7 & 8 as the possible dates.

Meeting adjourned 9:00pm.