



Magnolia Community Council

Magnolia Community Council Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 16, 2016 7:00pm

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Introductions, Roll Call.

In attendance: Bruce Carter (presiding), Stephen DeForest, Janis Traven, Michele Marchi, Carol Burton, Mary Montgomery, Paul Fogarty, Richard Piacentini

Guests:

Joe Villarino, Webmaster

Laurie Ames, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods

Charles Bookman, Friends of Art on Pier 86

Jessica Gallegos, Friends of Art on Pier 86

Sally del Fierro, Port of Seattle

Fred Rappaport, Magnolia Rep NAC, with Port

Steve Smalley, Magnolia Voice

Dongho Chang, SDOT, Magnolia Resident

Jeanne Kohl – Welles, King County Council

Lawrence Eichorn, SDOT Dept. of Management and Resilience Planning

Nocci Milner, Bridge and Safety

Shary Flenniken and Mike Jones, Mag Bridgecrest Neighborhood

Gary Holcombe, Community Activities

Marcie Stone, Community Member

The January Meeting Minutes were approved

The January Treasurer's Report postponed until a future meeting.

Steve Smalley expressed his concern regarding what he considers excessive paint used for utility locates on streets and sidewalks.

Charles Bookman made a presentation on the proposal for putting art on the grain terminal at Centennial Park, which is on the north end of Myrtle Edwards Park on 15th Ave. The Friends of Art on Pier 86 "FAP86" received a City matching grant to do a feasibility study on the project and that study is ongoing. The grain terminal is owned by the Port and they are open to the feasibility study. The Friends have a website, FAP86.com, and are looking for public input on the proposed project. They encourage the public to go to their website and provide feedback. The grain terminal property has many facets

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and there are many ways it could be used for art. He stressed that the art would not hinder operation of the grain terminal. He showed examples of various art projects on grain terminals around North America. Expected costs for this project would be in the range of a few hundred thousand to millions of dollars and would be funded by public and private sources. Jeanne Kohl-Welles said that her impression from the Port is that they are skeptical of the project. Charles responded that he believes the Port is testing the wind and he is hoping for public input that will sway the Port to support the project.

The Board voted to send a letter to the Port supporting the project.

Lawrence Eichorn gave a presentation on the City's emergency preparedness planning and emergency access to Magnolia. An earthquake is the most significant natural hazard for Seattle. In the event of an earthquake, short span bridges, such as the one at West Dravus Street, have shown to be the most stable. If there is an earthquake in Seattle, the most seismically stable route in and out of Magnolia would be West Dravus Street, with West Emerson Street being the next most stable and the Magnolia Bridge being the least stable. SDOT estimates that an earthquake of magnitude 5.7 or higher would cause damage to the Magnolia Bridge. Any seismic event of magnitude 5.7 or higher within 50 miles of Seattle triggers an automatic damage assessment of Seattle's bridges and routes. SDOT's organizational structure changes in the event of a disaster, so that it can maximize its ability to respond to the emergency. After an earthquake, removing debris from destruction of the Magnolia Bridge that may be blocking 15th Ave, is the City's third highest debris removal priority. The City has a design for a replacement of the Magnolia Bridge, but they don't have funding for it and don't know when they will. If the Magnolia Bridge comes down in an earthquake, the City can use the Port's property for an at-grade access to Magnolia. However, if there were a tsunami associated with the earthquake, this access would likely be delayed or unavailable. Catherine Blaine School is a Community Hub in the event of an emergency. There is an application on the Seattle Dept of Construction website that allows a user to determine what hazards are applicable to a particular property.

Magnolia Outreach – Janis reported on the MCC's "Project Welcome", which is an effort to develop and respond to the community's long term and immediate needs in a two pronged manner, a virtual welcome wagon and welcoming those in need. The goal is to build community through communication and through providing assistance to our neighbors in need. Board members and guests discussed which types of support would be appropriate for the MCC to provide.

[The Board voted to adopt Project Welcome with one dissenting vote.]*

Magnolia Memories Books – Bruce reported that he recently received a call from the Magnolia Historical Society that they would take the MCC's books in

March, after the current agreement expires. The MHS would store the books at their cost and would pay the MCC \$4.00 per book as the books are sold, with payment to occur quarterly. The Board voted, with one dissenting vote, to approve the proposal from the MHS subject to the MCC receiving the proposal in writing from the MHS.

The Board voted to send a letter to the City recommending Charles Bookman be appointed to the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Move Seattle.

The Board voted to write a letter to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor about the Magnolia Bridge, Magnolia Homelessness and safety in Magnolia. The letter will be sent to Board members for review prior to going to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Safety Committee – Michele reported on the recent meeting in which the committee members discussed ways to strengthen block watch and emergency preparedness.

Magnolia Manor Park – Carol reported that they received approval to do screening on the north end, to extend the fence on the north east end and do various other items in the park.

Sound Transit 3 – Janis reported that both Jeanne Kohl-Welles and Sally Bagshaw were supportive of the MCC's recent letter to Sound Transit 3.

Meeting adjourned 9:20pm.

*due to questions as to whether this vote occurred, the issue will be taken up at the next meeting.