



Magnolia Community Council

Magnolia Community Council Meeting Minutes of General Meeting and Board of Trustees *Tuesday November 15, 2016 7:00pm*

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Introductions, Roll Call.

In attendance: Bruce Carter (presiding), Richard Piacentini, Mary Montgomery, Carol Burton, Stephen DeForest, Lynn Hogan, Bill Stafford, Rex Wardlaw, Tom Tanner, Janis Traven, Mary Hoverson.

Guests:

Carla Kotila, Rick Greaves, Jeanne Greaves, Elizabeth Campbell, Betty Sanders, Cindy Pierce, Aubrey Mandus, Libby Stevenson, John Maynard, Sally Maynard, Ginny Tanner, Mark Simard, Greg Matous, Toni Matous, Linda Potter, Doug Gehrke, Sibby DeForest, Liz Hoover, Gretchen Taylor, Chris Grady, Mike Johnson, Shari Flenicken, Sue Magelton, Chris Kirk, Andrew McDonald and State Senator Reuven Carlyle.

Bruce Carter introduced Stephen DeForest, chair of the nominating committee. The nominating committee directed the nomination and election of Trustee's. Doug Gehrke, a non-trustee member of the nominating committee, oversaw the trustee election.

Trustees elected at the meeting were:

Jessica Gallegos
Christopher Kirk
Aubrey Mandus
Cindy Pierce
Libby Stevenson
Stephen DeForest
Richard Piacentini
Bill Stafford
Tom Tanner
Janis Traven

General Meeting concluded 7:20pm.

Board of Trustee's Meeting Commenced.

The November 15, 2016 meeting agenda was approved.

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The October Treasurer's Report was approved, as revised. Mary reported that the MCC had recently received donations from some board members.

The October meeting minutes should indicate the signers of MCC checking accounts to be Mary Montgomery, incoming president, and Bruce Carter, past president. The minutes were approved with this revision.

Project Welcome – Janis reported that there was a gathering for Tent City residents in November. At that gathering, the residents expressed their appreciation for the community's support.

A discussion of the City's proposal regarding camping locations was deferred due to lack of information from the city on the proposal.

Land Use- Bruce reported that the City has not responded to the MCC's recent letter.

Holiday Party – Tom reported on the MCC Holiday Party to be held on 12/8/16. He let it be known that current and incoming board members are invited along with some city leaders.

Alaska Way Viaduct – Stephen reported that the seawall will be substantially completed during the second quarter of 2017. He described the Colman dock upgrade and said that the viaduct replacement tunnel is 60% complete. The north portal access is substantially complete, but the south portal has some work still to be done. The entire project is scheduled to be done in 2021 to 2022.

Reuven Carlyle – The State Senator made a presentation to the Board and described what he sees as the big issues Washington State is facing.

1) McCleary Decision: Washington State is 41st in the nation in funding schools and the K-12 finance structure is a mess. The state constitution is clear that the state is responsible for funding schools, but the state has been retreating from that obligation and local levies are being used to make up for the lack of state funding. These levies are being used for school capital improvements and maintenance. His goal is for the state to fund enough money to support school capital improvements and maintenance so that school levies can be used to fund school programs, which is what they are intended for.

2) Cuts in Federal Funding: He said that Federal support is now coming as block grants, with no specifications as to use, rather than funds for particular programs. He believes this makes it easier for the Federal Government to cut overall funding rather than cutting a particular program.

3) Obamacare: The Federal/State partnership on Obamacare is very uncertain at this time. The City, County and States are all going their separate ways right now, making it very hard to cooperate.

4) Transportation: This is a transportation budget year, which always adds a challenge to getting things done.

Senator Carlyle mentioned the reopening of Magnolia Middle School and the reallocation of kids in Magnolia and Queen Anne to different areas as an example of the difficulty faced by school systems. There have been three separate court decisions finding that the state is severely underfunding K-12 education, Salmon Habitat and Mental Health. There is a property tax limitation in Washington State that limits property tax increases to 1% plus economic growth. Although the state portion of property taxes can increase by more than that limit, if the state increase exceeds the limit, the city and county portions would decrease accordingly. As such, he doesn't see property taxes as the best source for additional state revenue. He said that where the state has provided funding for early learning, the results have been great. He sees funding early learning as the most efficient use of education dollars.

With regards to funding a replacement for the Magnolia Bridge, Senator Carlyle said he felt the same frustration as he is hearing from the community. He is getting nowhere with the City on that issue. He discussed Sound Transit and said his main concern is taxing inequality and adding another entity that is fighting for funding with the State, County and City. He talked about driver's licenses and that the State is out of compliance with what TSA requires. He believes the state and Federal Government will work this out before the 1/1/18 deadline. He described his concern about inadequate funding from the state and communities for mental health care and believes there is a direct correlation between the lack of mental health care and the increase in the homeless population. He believes there needs to be a balanced and integrated approach to homelessness consisting of housing, drug counseling and mental health care, and unless all three components are present, it won't work.

MQADC – Stephen reported on the Pathways Home Initiative, which was presented at the last meeting. Carol reported that the City's budget includes language to remove the District Councils and neighborhood large grant funding.

NAC – Bruce reported that the Port presented a Terminal 91 uplands redevelopment plan, which looks to him to be very similar to their previous plans. Janis mentioned that the redevelopment plan could provide an opening to discuss a Magnolia Bridge replacement.

WPAC – Rex reported on a recent trip to the West Precinct, where they mentioned a few successes, including community policing and that a number of former "Jungle" residents accepted community service help. However, Eastlake has seen an increase in crime because a number of former "Jungle" residents relocated to an area under I-5 near that neighborhood. A loss for the

Magnolia area is that Sgt. Paul Gracy, a Magnolia resident, will be retiring from the police force.

Magnolia Community Center Advisory Board – Bruce reported that he was told that the letter from the MCC previously requested by the Community Center Board, is no longer needed.

Smith Cove Park – Bruce reported on their recent meeting with Parks.

Magnolia Trail – Tom reported that the engineering consultant is looking at the recently completed feasibility study and that Expedia is looking at how their employees can bike to work, which should be helpful to the Trail effort.

Magnolia Manor Park – Carol reported on the project's progress, including that the earth work needs to be finished by 12/24/16 or they will need to stop work until April and that the dog park is almost completed.

Discovery Park – Bruce mentioned that he would like to see a better connection between the MCC and Discovery Park leadership, but it's not clear who makes up the Discovery Park leadership.

Magnolia Blvd. and Magnolia Park Vistas - Richard reported on the October letter sent from the MCC to the Mayor and Parks officials expressing concern about the loss of public view corridors from Magnolia Blvd and Magnolia parks. The letter thanked the City for its recent mowing of brush and undergrowth, but stressed the need for more work in order to save the iconic views being lost at these parks due to the encroachment of vegetation. The letter mentioned the MCC's longstanding dedication to the maintenance and preservation of public view corridors in Magnolia. Richard reported that after numerous meetings, it's been difficult to get Parks to commit to a work plan.

Good of the Order – Stephen reported on the repaving of Nickerson, which will be done this spring. It will take six months to complete and will result in road closures and delays.

Potential Board Meeting Guests & Topics:

Schools

Discovery Park leadership

SDOT on alternate access if bridge collapses

Port on Pier 91 uplands

Metro on bus routes, drop #19 in spring?

Seattle Parks Superintendent on Magnolia Parks issues

Meeting adjourned 9:05pm