



# Magnolia Community Council

MAGNOLIA'S COMMUNITY COUNCIL

April 18, 2017

Magnolia Community Council Board of Trustees Meeting  
United Church of Christ

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Present: Mary Montgomery, Aubrey Mandus, Bruce Carter, Bill Stafford, Mary Hoverson, Steve DeForest, Carol Burton, Cindy Pierce, Michael Plunkett, Tom Tanner, Lynn Hogan, Ben Broesamle

Guests: Mark Isaacson, Division Director - DNRP, Wastewater Treatment Division for King County. Karen Ko, newly appointed Central Region Community Engagement Coordinator.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Montgomery at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction of Trustees, guests, community members.

Mark Isaacson provided the West Point treatment plant update:

- There are three areas they are focusing efforts to improve and fix at the water treatment plant, 1) People 2) Mechanical 3) Biological

### People

- Working 24/7 since February 10<sup>th</sup> to fix the problems
- Key learning points for their crew and facility:
  - Workers very proud of what they do, strong ethics
  - They're working to improve the culture internally
  - Touched by outpouring of support from the community

### Mechanical

- They have met or are ahead of all major repair goals, secondary water treatment equipment will be up by 4/30
- Some rented "key" equipment in place for now, while permanent equipment is being ordered
- Other repairs such as cleaning, electrical replacement, etc. are on schedule or completed

### Biological

- They're not sure how the biology will react
- UCLA, UW retired folks to help with the bio systems and environmental monitoring
- Month of May likely to meet requirements for permit. The four requirements are:
  - Chlorine levels
  - Suspended solids
  - Oxygen demand
  - Affluent & Influent flows
- More info on their [website](#), new data added recently

- Added New parameter for beaches, all beaches are open again
- Working with fish and wildlife, conducting fish tissue study

#### Prevention questions

- Independent review panel to start working on Tuesday
- Replaced old float switches, not going to rely on that type of switch again
- Separated valve power source from one to two valves
- Costs are covered by “layers” of insurance policies through several companies
- Items not covered by insurance:
  - Deductible at \$250k
  - Extra monitoring services
    - All expenses are coming out of their budget, “not expecting” a rate increase or the need for funds from the community
  - County may face possible fines

#### Pre-dated Incidents of a Similar Nature questions

- Not a unique system in general, the facility has handled peaks like this before now
- New float switches will make it easier to maintain, more reliable in rough weather in the future

#### Galer Street Drilling questions

- Pipe filled with dirt, had to drill to the pipe and fill with grout to avoid pipe collapse
- Pipe is 1 mile long, wasn't flowing
- Break and repairs are not related to the West Point Treatment facility issues
- This issue not likely to occur again, it is under warranty. Asking the contractor to pay for the fix, they will have a plan at the end of April
- They are completing the work now and keeping a tab on expenses, not waiting for the contractor to step-up and fix it, this way the community is safe and they can work out the financials later
- Grouting is complete, the break was in the middle of the pipe

#### Karen Ko Introduction:

- Her territory increased, reduction of staff/coordinators for our area, Laurie Ames has moved to the North Region
- She is happy to represent us and encourages us to reach out to her in the future

Minutes of the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved with corrections. Aubrey will make corrections and post on the website.

The Treasurer's Report, the same as March 21, 2017, was approved.

Magnolia Community Council Website Report:

Aubrey Mandus reported the progress made on the website.

- Gathered feedback and urgent corrections from Trustees, Officers
- Discussed goals with Officers
- Changes, updates are slow/difficult to make due to proprietary software layered on top of the WordPress platform
- Software update completed by Joe
- Trustees, Board Members updated on website
- Started fresh website platform, began migrating basic content to new website platform

Feedback and discussion from the Trustees about the website:

- New/better SEO keywords for the site
- Want to see Google analytics report
- Like the idea of creating, reviewing, approving proposal for 'website content guidelines'
- Want to see the email/subscribers list
- Form 'Communications Committee': Carol, Lynn, Aubrey volunteered
- Established end of May/early June deadline for website feedback

Candidate -Issue Forum/General Meeting discussion:

Mary Montgomery advised she will be out of the country this fall.

- MCC needs to form a Candidate-Issue Forum committee to handle planning and execution
- Need to find a way to get better turn-out
- Ballot issues to consider
- Need to make a decision in May if we will have a forum and the Forum Committee needs to start the planning process ASAP
- Consider partnering with Queen Anne

The Magnolia/Queen Anne Coalition report:

Cindy Pierce reported on recent activities.

- Proposal for sales tax to go to the arts, under consideration
- Discussion of homeless issues postponed
- Executive Director of Church Council of Seattle
  - Social/Volunteer work
  - 318 churches involved
  - Their projects include helping immigrants, refugees, tent cities
- Councilwoman Sally Bagshaw sent a list of items wanting feedback from the MCC, Cindy will share with the MCC

Transportation Committee

Ben Broesamle reported on the Expedia letter, Sound Transit, the Mercer Stakeholder group, and the Magnolia Bridge Stakeholder group.

Expedia Letter: Working on a copy of the city's letter, adding in items of interest/concern from the MCC to the letter. Added a request to require Expedia implement a "trip cap" to reduce traffic, and require routine monitoring to confirm trip reduction. The letter was approved.

Sound Transit report: Valuations have changed, future valuations may include a rebate for those who have paid at a higher rate, owners of newer cars will pay less, owners of older cars will pay more. Nothing is finalized for Federal budget cuts, few ST3 projects are likely to be affected.

Mercer Stakeholder group: Established Lynn will attend.

Magnolia Bridge Stakeholder group: Kick-off meeting held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Five Trustees have committed to regularly attend meetings: Ben Broesamle, Aubrey Mandus, Janis Traven, Bruce Carter and Tom Tanner, providing enough coverage at the meetings long-term. Likely won't be a bridge replacement but rather focusing on intersection improvements at Dravus and Emerson.

#### Land Use Committee

Michael Plunkett reported on recent developments around the neighborhood:

- Multi-family and Commercial zones vs. single family/residential zones are next to each other
- Would like to propose new/updated regulations for zoning and inclusionary zoning tax
- Need transition zoning for neighborhoods with businesses and multi-family housing near single family/residential zones

#### Safety Committee

Cindy Pierce reported on activity concerning neighborhood safety and homelessness:

- West Precinct will monitor 10 "hot spots" at all times. Crime is down 4% year-to-date, theft rate has increased.
- Neighborhood Safety Alliance - QFC thefts are not being reported to their corporate office, therefore cannot track theft properly
- Cindy explained she will not support TC5 extension due to theft and crime increase concerns after speaking with community members

#### Additional Community Activity Report

Mary Montgomery presented for the Council's information, several correspondence discussions and letters regarding community activities: Magnolia Trail Report, Magnolia Parks & Magnolia Blvd vegetation/views, Queen Anne Community Council letter to the City re: Privatization of Parks, and Queen Anne Community Council letter to the City re: Expedia Campus.

#### Project Welcome

Janis Traven absent, nothing to report this time but there may be a letter to add to our agenda soon.

#### Parks Update

- Magnolia Community Trail: Tom will meet with Leslie Helm soon to catch up and report back later
- Magnolia Manor: Carol reported that the street fund didn't go through, only go up to \$90K
- Smith Cove: Bruce reported there will be another meeting soon, TBD

- Discovery Park: Now under Stowers leadership. Discovery Park Advisory Council will lose their influence on spending. Lynn will attend next meeting on Wednesday.

Other Business

- Letter to extend TC5 [Project Welcome] to be discussed later
- Term of office for Trustee Yasazi discussed
  - Ask if he is still interested in being a Trustee
  - Status of Boeing Noise Committee
- Future guests suggested, discussed not having a guest also
  - Mr. Stowers
  - Port of Seattle representative
  - Ginni Colwell

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Aubrey Mandus, Recording Secretary