



# Magnolia Community Council

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## Magnolia Community Council Board of Trustees Meeting February 21, 2017

Present: Bruce Carter, Libby Stevenson, Jessica Gallegos, Chris Kirk, Michael Plunkett, Cindy Pierce, Ben Broesamle, Carol Burton, Mary Montgomery, Aubrey Mandus, Janis Traven, and Mary Hoverson.

Guests in attendance: Seattle Councilmember Sally Bagshaw and Alberta Bleck, Legislative Aide to Councilmember Bagshaw, Laurie Ames, Seattle Neighborhoods, District Coordinator.

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Meeting called to order by Mary Montgomery. Nomination and vote on the office of Recording Secretary - Aubrey Mandus seconded and approved. Special thanks to Richard Piacentini for all his work as Recording Secretary previously.

Introduction of Seattle City Councilmember Sally Bagshaw and Legislative Aide Alberta Bleck to the new council members and the guests in attendance. The Board members introduced themselves and their key issues/areas of concern for Councilmember Bagshaw to address.

Approval of January minutes and other business held until after Councilmember Bagshaw's remarks and Q&A were completed. Kudos from Councilmember Bagshaw to Ben Broesamle, Carol Burton and Leslie Helm for their work on specific matters in the past.

Remarks from Councilmember Bagshaw:  
Parks and Dog Parks -

- Planning coming together for Smith Cove Park, after meeting on 1/31 with many reps.
- Next steps: work with the Port to finish connections and get them to raise it up.
- Next meeting scheduled soon next month. Homelessness -
- Opioid Addition Task Force made their recommendations in September.
  - Safe Injection Sites aren't really treatment locations.
- Sheriff & Police Chief, Budgeting Focus: Treatment.
  - San Francisco 'Navigation Center' example program.
  - Get treatment needed rather than just safe injection. o Needle disposal and theft issues due to opioid addicts.
- Opening first 'Navigation Center' in the Spring near Capitol Hill.
- 3 more encampments have been opened in the meantime to help.
- Service providers have more funding to stay open 24 hours with storage lockers available now.
- Mayor Murray announced he would like double amount available for homelessness efforts put to voters. Q&A between Councilmember Bagshaw and the Trustees:  
Definition of 'Navigation Center'? -
  - Wrap-around treatment.
  - Mentalhealthbenefits.
  - Busticket&familycontact.

Bridge Study, Alternate Access: What are the actual options? -

- There will be an RFQ (Request For Qualifications) for a consultant in late March to study

Magnolia and Ballard bridges, with a proposal for cost effective options.

HALA Zoning -

- Doesn't affect single family zones, only neighborhoods with retail and urban village areas. Zoning map provided.
- Supportive comments from Michael Plunkett in favor of expanded population density.

West Point Water Treatment Plant Update -

- It will be weeks before the plant will function at full capacity again. New electrical wiring required, many engines need to be replaced.
- Health officials are warning residents to avoid contact with the water at North Beach and South Beach in Discovery Park.
- Handout provided.

Magnolia Bluff Preservation -

- Clean up, view preservation efforts for Councilmember Bagshaw to review.
- Some invasive plants still an issue.
- Parks department hasn't agreed to help do anything in a while.
- Councilmember Bagshaw suggests, 'Let's start over with letters and invitations'.
- Big leaf maples still an issue as well.

Magnolia Manor Park -

- Dog park still open, steward still there, trying to complete the plan around the reservoir.
- Move the north fence and clean up area for more public access.
- Grant application in the works.
- Councilmember Bagshaw asked to be kept up to date on progress.

Homeless Budget: Who is receiving funding?

- Ms. Bagshaw explained: not much distributed yet. Won't be giving much to organizations that don't meet new requirements.
- Contracts and RFPs will be managed closely. Focusing first on housing and funding for programs that provide housing as a priority.
- Councilmember Bagshaw will provide exact budget figures for MCC.
- Vouchers are part of the process.
- Tent City 5: theft issues at QFC store discussed.
- Dravis Starbucks location feedback regarding homeless/Tent City 5 discussed.

Transportation -

- LED traffic lights discussed.
- Why/how Metro will be cutting route #19 again? o Ms. Bagshaw supposed this is due to low turn-out/use by passengers
- Denny Way changes and Viaduct update? o Viaduct visit recently, last 1,000 feet to go, under Belltown. Breakout expected around May.
- Signal priority: Denny not funded, Mercer is. 2
  - Testing at Mercer scheduled soon. Councilmember Bagshaw and Ms. Bleck departed.

January 17, 2017 minutes - approved. Treasurer's report - sent via email, approved.

District Council report discussion lead by Bruce Carter. Very little to report as the District Councils are reorganization and determining role under the new approach to neighborhoods adopted by the City.

Neighborhood Advisory Committee: New coordinator. Not much to report at this time.

Transportation -

- Denny corridor meeting.
- Stuart & Fairview bus lane via east bound, won't affect majority traffic.
- Mercer signal tests soon.
- Discussed plans to expand the number of bike lanes and trains vs. bus routing issues. Eventually no buses in the tunnel.
- Discussed plans to expand the Convention Center.
- Ben's letter: to encourage efforts to streamline zoning and development of lightrail and incentivize only adding tunnels, nothing else.
- No public meetings scheduled at this time.
- Motion to approve Ben's letter - approved. Key Arena traffic concerns for Magnolia and Uptown with a brief discussion lead by Bruce Carter. City Light Fund: Small sparks fund increased to \$5,000. Discussed grants (Lori Ames & Carol Burton).

Safety Committee: Replacement for Sargent Gracie has been decided. Sargeant Lori Alcantara, Community Police Team West Precinct has taken over for Sargent Gracie. Safety Alliance is fighting Safe Injection sites, accelerated issue to the Senate, per Cindy's discussion.

Project Welcome: TC5 is full, about 75 people. They're working on rat abatement lately. TC5 received coats and blankets from Dravus Starbucks, the still need meals for weekends. Overall they are pretty stable.

Parks: South beach access approved by Parks Department for Smith Cove. Dog park plan has been accepted/preserved. MCC members feel there should be flush toilets but current plans only include non-flush toilets. Volleyball space is also included in the plan. The Design Commission was a great help to get South Beach access.

Suggestions for potential guests at next months meeting:

- Expedia representative (transportation).
- Representative from the Port.
- Executive Director of the Seattle Chamber.
- King County Metro representative. 3

Letterhead draft: no feedback from board members at the meeting.

Your Choice, Your Voice: submit project proposals by visiting [seattle.gov](http://seattle.gov) website to find the forms.

Equitable Outreach & Engagement: applications due soon.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.