



# Magnolia Community Council

October 17, 2017

Magnolia Community Council General Meeting &  
Board of Trustees Meeting - United Church of Christ

Trustees present: Mary Montgomery, Aubrey Mandus, Janis Traven, Carol Burton, Mary Hoverson, Bill Stafford, Lynn Hogan, Steve DeForest, Bruce Carter, Richard Piacentini, Cindy Pierce

## OFFICERS

Guests: members of the community, City Attorney candidate Scott Lindsay, City Attorney candidate Pete Holmes

### PRESIDENT

Mary Montgomery

### VICE PRESIDENT

Lynn Hogan

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Mary Hoverson

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Michael Plunkett  
Bill Stafford  
Libby Stevenson  
Tom Tanner  
Janis Traven  
Rex Wardlaw  
Thomas Ysasi

Meeting called to order by Mary Montgomery at 7:02 p.m. Brief introductions of the Trustees were made to the members of the community in attendance. Community guest and Seattle University student Matthew Todd made a brief presentation encouraging community members to take the Seattle Public Safety Survey [online](#) before the November 30 deadline. Results will be published in January, 2018. The draft minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting were approved as was the Treasurer's report. Mary Hoverson reported payments to renew the MCC Directors and Officers (D & O) insurance is underway.

## General Meeting

### Nominating Committee Report

Janis Traven provided an [updated report](#) for the nominations for the open Trustee positions. Carol Burton and Mary Hoverson will run again. David Kaplan had withdrawn as a member of the Nominating Committee; he was replaced with Virginia Klamon. The full slate of candidates will be moved to a public vote at the November meeting. All open positions will be filled with the current slate of candidates. An overview of the candidates was presented, providing a brief introduction of the following candidates: Stephanie (MacKeen) Ballard, Alison Grevstad, David Kaplan, David Moehring, Charlene Strong.

## Board of Trustees Meeting

### Fort Lawton Redevelopment

Carol Burton reported that Sally Bagshaw's assistant, Alberta Bleck, shared the draft EIS should be out next month. The Army will sell it for development if no EIS is in place by March 2018. A representative from the Coalition for Fort Lawton reported there was a unanimous vote of Seattle School Board to include a school option. They are also working with Tim Burgess and other city officials to get approval for a school at Fort Lawton.

### Magnolia Bridge Stakeholders

Bruce Carter shared that an emergency plan was created after several meetings, and that Pamela Vasudeva has agreed to attend our next meeting as a guest speaker to discuss the traffic studies and emergency proceedings.

### Port of Seattle Uplands Development

Bruce Carter reported about the City's traffic plans regarding truck traffic in the area north of the Magnolia bridge, or the 'Northgate', located at 20<sup>th</sup> and Thorndyke.

### **Expedia Campus Occupancy**

Bruce Carter highlighted the need to appoint an MCC liaison to work with Expedia was discussed. The MCC wishes to foster open communication and a strong relationship with Expedia as they transition onto their new campus in order to ensure the needs and concerns of the community are considered as things progress.

### **Detached Accessory Dwelling Units**

David Moehring will be hosting a land use informative meeting about backyard cottage legislation this month. Information about the meeting has been added to the website and social media. Community members had questions about the MCC's position on this issue and Mr. Kaplan's appeal. Mary Montgomery and Bruce Carter shared information about the MCC's previous support for Mr. Kaplan's position regarding detached accessory dwelling units a few years ago.

### **Sound Transit Light Rail Extension**

Steve DeForest reported a Sound Transit representative gave a presentation at a recent meeting of Magnolia and Queen Anne residents. The representative said that because the voters approved ST3 to extend the light rail down 15th Avenue, Sound Transit moved forward with its endorsement and funding approval for the extension. Steve DeForest explained the community's favored alternative is to change the light rail routing to 22nd Avenue, with a tunnel under the ship canal. Carol Burton received emails from Ben Broesamle's group for Magnolia and Ballard; they are working to ensure Sound Transit will consider this alternative. 2035 is slated as the finish date. Concerns about the little consideration for businesses, parking, and traffic lanes were discussed. The 15th Avenue route would also include a new bridge next to the Ballard Bridge. This new bridge would be required to rise at least 25 times per day, based on present boating traffic. At the Sound Transit meeting a question was asked why the existing Sounder rail line couldn't be an alternative route. The Sound Transit representative didn't have an answer. A community guest said at the time of the request for the Sounder lane (2004) the rider numbers weren't high enough, so Sound Transit said it wasn't a valid option. Bill Stafford explained some of the history regarding the Ballard bridge rush hour traffic and boat traffic right-of-way. Although the hours of commuter traffic have substantially lengthened. Bill conjectured that the current hours are not likely to be changed anytime soon.

### **Magnolia Community Center Advisory Group**

A presentation is scheduled soon by the City to advocated for work, updates, improvements. Lake City Community City will receive fund but no mention of Magnolia Community Center yet. Lynn Hogan is schedule to attend one of their meetings soon. A Magnolia Community Center representative may need to lobby the city to get the funds needed for the updates to the center. ARC funding distribution was discussed as part of the issue. It was reported the Magnolia Community Center needs major work, and while the work is being done the clubs and services will need homes during the renovations.

### **Smith Cover Park**

Bruce Carter shared the proposed letter to Sally Bagshaw requesting help with funding decisions for the park and advocate for beach access on behalf of the community. The letter was approved and will be sent.

### **Magnolia Manor Park**

Carol Burton reported that they were able to get two street trees replaced. Carol had to reapply for utilities location even though that had already been done, which was time consuming.

### **Discovery Park Committee**

Bill Stafford reports there's no one in charge of the park currently. The new program expanded the territory for the Parks Department representative to a larger area covering the entire city, not just Discovery Park. It was also reported that car prowls in the park are down.

### **Q & A With Community Members**

A member of the community asked if meter maids are checking on cars parked in the neighborhood. Trustees reminded the community members that there's a 72-hour rule for cars parked illegally.

### **New Business**

A general reminder about the November meeting was issued, and the MCC Trustee holiday party. Mary Montgomery also reminded everyone about the break for the month of December. There was a brief discussion about suggested guest speakers for the upcoming November meeting.

### **City Attorney Candidate Mini-Forum**

The City Attorney candidates attended and responded to questions prepared by the Magnolia Community Council Trustees and those submitted by members of the community in attendance.

Mary Montgomery thanked the guest speakers for participating and all of the members of the community for attending.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Aubrey Mandus*

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