



# Magnolia Community Council

January 16, 2018

Magnolia Community Council 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

Guests: members of the community.

## OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

Mary Montgomery

### VICE PRESIDENT

Lynn Hogan

### TREASURER

Mary Hoverson

### RECORDING SECRETARY

Aubrey Mandus

### COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Aubrey Mandus

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Stephanie Ballard  
Ben Broesamle  
Carol Burton  
Bruce Carter  
Steve DeForest  
Jessica Gallegos  
Alison Grevstad  
David Kaplan  
David Moerhing  
Richard Piacentini  
Cindy Pierce  
Bill Stafford  
Libby Stevenson  
Charlene Strong  
Tom Tanner  
Janis Traven

Meeting called to order by Mary Montgomery at 7:00 p.m. Brief introductions of the Trustees were made to the members of the community in attendance. Community guest [name] made a brief presentation about the Magnolia Farmers Market and the extended dates into October. Distribution of handbooks to the new trustees. Draft of roster and draft of topic chart distributed to trustees. Agenda reviewed, discussed issue chart, added Fort Lawton and motion to vote on DEIS position to the agenda. Motion seconded and approved.

## Election of the officers

Motion to approve the full slate of officers seconded and approved. Thank you card for Mary Montgomery delivered.

## Minutes and Treasurers Report

Meeting minutes from November 21, 2017 reviewed. Edits from Steve DeForest discussed, corrections from Carol Burton will be provided. Motion to approve the minutes seconded and approved. Treasurers report reviewed, trustees thanked for \$1,600 contributions at the end of the year. Paid for the MCC meeting space (\$225) and security deposit (\$250) fees with the United Church of Christ and web host fees (\$335.40) for 2018

## Fort Lawton DEIS

Carol reviewed the updates to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. She also explained the development plans are for the Army Reserve property and not Discovery Park property. The final EIS is due by March, otherwise the Army Reserve property will be sold to a developer. Alternative 1 (the Preferred Alternative) will include a mix of affordable housing, homeless housing, school playfields, etc. Parks expected to keep the motor pool and maintenance facility property. North forest and south forest areas expected to stay with housing development planned for the center of the property. The trustees discussed voting to establish an official position in support of Alternative 1.

Community members and trustees discussed questions about the development plan. Comments of frustration were made about Fort Lawton related meetings being full but unrepresentative of the neighborhood. Concerns were voiced about the types of housing proposed and the success rate of other similar housing programs around the city. Community members expressed concern about the expedited timeline and shared the desire to support the plan for the development of a school on the property. It was also suggested that the MCC add stipulations to any vote to include additional options for use of the space at Fort Lawton.

### **Fort Lawton DEIS (continued)**

Questions were raised about the MCC's position regarding Fort Lawton Redevelopment and the process surrounding decisions made as a committee on behalf of the community. Due to seemingly unrepresentative survey results from the city, community members suggested the MCC create our own survey regarding Fort Lawton using Survey Monkey. It was suggested the MCC could use the survey to collect information and opinions from around the neighborhood via social media channels (Next Door, Facebook, etc.) and submit it to the city. Questions were also raised from community members regarding the need for low income and homeless housing in Magnolia.

The trustees discussed the intention to continue to help educate the neighborhood about the need for public comment to the city via website and social media.

Motion to support Alternative 1. Amendment suggested by David Moehring to include feedback from the community in the motion to support Alternative 1. Motion failed (9-9 vote).

Additional comments from the community suggested the MCC "package the information" for Fort Lawton Redevelopment for the public with instructions about how the community can cast their vote and be heard by the city and make recommendations about which position to support.

Motion to approve the MCC position to support the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 1) for Fort Lawton. Motion passed (11-5).

### **Chamber of Commerce presentation - Lotchie Kerch**

Invitation to Community Conversation event on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Discussion about improvement projects around Magnolia.

### **Land Use Committee - David Moehring**

Mandatory Affordable Housing appeal handout provided to trustees and community members. David provided an update about appeal donations. In order to maintain a seat at the table David recommends the MCC provide the minimum \$500 donation for SCALE. Motion to provide \$500 approved.

Update on the DADU/ADU issue. David received a summary of scoping comments, he will issue an online questionnaire and petition to receive comments by January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The next meeting will be held February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Magnolia Public Library.

### **Topic/Issue Chart**

Reviewed the categories of the chart, discussed the need for volunteers to take point on specific projects moving forward. New trustees were asked to help out by filling open positions.

### **New/Old Business**

- Transportation report from Ben. Questions about the budget breakdown for ST3 projects. Ben offered to provide additional information to specific questions via email for those with questions.

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- Next meeting will be February 20. Guest speakers from the Port of Seattle scheduled to appear.
- NAC agreement review by Bruce. Memo by Bruce and Steve to ensure the North Gate issues are acknowledged and alternative access is available.
- New representative from the city will be stepping in to manage the Magnolia Bridge Stakeholders meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Aubrey Mandus*

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