



# Magnolia Community Council

May 15, 2018

Magnolia Community Council Board of Trustees Meeting  
United Church of Christ

Trustees present: Mary Montgomery, Stephanie Ballard, Janis Traven, Cindy Pierce, Richard Piacentini, Mary Hoverson, Carol Burton, Lynn Hogan, Ben Broesamle, Steve DeForest, Bruce Carter, Bill Stafford, David Kaplan, Alison Grevstad.

## Introductions

### OFFICERS

**Motion** to approve agenda with the following additions MSP. Add Magnolia Bridge meeting on 21st May, update on FLARC EIS appeal, and addition of Magnolia representative to ST3 Stakeholders group

### PRESIDENT

Mary Montgomery

**Motion** to approve the April minutes MSP

### VICE PRESIDENT

Lynn Hogan

**Treasurer:** we have paid for room rental for Magnolia Bridge meeting

## Sound Transit light rail routes

Kate Lichtenstein presented the current route alternatives (see graphic attached) with a handout outlining the process and other information. Sound Transit hopes to have a preferred alternative by early 2019; they are trying to expedite the timeline for the route. The process is to narrow the alternatives to get to a preferred alignment. A movable bridge over the Ship Canal would be 70 feet high, the Ballard Bridge is about 46 feet high.

### TREASURER

Mary Hoverson

### RECORDING SECRETARY

Aubrey Mandus

The Elected Group meets on Thursday 17th May, details on ST3 web site. Open to the public.

### COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Aubrey Mandus

Question: why is there no representation from Magnolia or Queen Anne on the Stakeholders Group. The Uptown representative is the only one, Andrea will follow up and let Mary M know tomorrow (Wednesday 16th May).

### TRUSTEES

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

Question: when does the line start climbing to 70 feet, given that trains can only do a 4% grade? Elevated stations will be 40-45 feet, the route will be elevated as it comes out of the tunnel on Queen Anne (not clear at what height). Study is not at that level of detail.

Question: is Sound Transit coordinating with SDOT on the Magnolia Bridge study. Yes, they are working together.

Question: what about bus route changes to feed light rail?

Question: cost of elevated stations, the cost goes up as the stations get higher.

Concerns about traffic impacts during construction and later; visual aspects; how close ST is working with SDOT.

Question: why not use BNSF tracks with a Sounder stop in Interbay especially during the construction period? Answer - will look into that.

Question re Armory Way route which is one of SDOT's route for Magnolia Bridge. Answer - will be looked at in the next phase.

Question: what is the impact if the car tab initiative passes? Don't know

### **Waterfront LID**

City is planning to charge residents \$200M to help pay for the park and ramp down from Pike Place Market. No public vote because the city is proposing the LID not the neighborhood, first time this has been done this way. Needs 60% vote of residents to over turn LID. City also expects \$100M in donations to pay for the park. Council plans to vote on LID 21st May. Group is asking for a letter of support from MCC. Stephanie will draft a letter and send via email.

### **Magnolia Bridge Community Conversation**

Aim to get all transit planners in one room, we need to advertise the meeting on all our networks. The Chamber will facilitate the meeting. The city is moving fast, will decide soon on 1 of the 3 alternatives.

We decided not to do a motion at this time, wait until after Monday's meeting, then vote by email. There was a discussion of the options for the bridge. Any motion should include study of continuing the bridge from 23rd west, not just to Marina. Magnolia needs 3 access points.

Sound Transit plans a station at Dravus, which will increase traffic there - one bridge plan is to rebuild Dravus bridge over railroad and over 15th Ave W. City needs to plan around the ST3 routes, e.g. 20th Ave W, no room for both on that street.

Marina is private but Smith Cove Park is public property. Viaduct (component 10) is a security issue for the Port.

### **West Precinct**

George Scarola attended, talked about homelessness. Navigation Team has 20 members, 2 inspectors. RVs are the hardest issue now since the court decision on RV that was impounded. Aim to have 10 areas in city where camping not allowed. Property crime in Magnolia is up in March.

### **FLARC appeal**

Laurelhurst CC may withdraw their appeal. City plans to file a motion by June 11th. Hearing is set for September 25th - 28th.

### **Land Use Committee**

Meeting on ADU May 22nd at Queen Anne Library 6.15 pm.

MHA appeal is due late June 2018. Asked for summary judgment on some items, will hear on that May 31st. Will take \$70K - \$90K in legal fees to finish the appeal, Magnolia hopes to raise \$35K towards that.

### **Magnolia Park**

Met with Jon Jainga, may have a framework to get work done in the park.

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**Next Meeting agenda items**

Monica Wooton with Magnolia Historical Society is working on volume 3 of Magnolia history, 50s and 60s. She is looking for money or a partnership with MCC to support this. Also CM Mosqueda and King County Wastewater Division.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Carol Burton*

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Interim Recording Secretary