



Magnolia Community Council

Magnolia Community Club Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 16, 2015 6:30pm

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Introductions, Roll Call.

In attendance: Stephen DeForest (presiding), Mary Montgomery, Rex Wardlaw, Bruce Carter, Mary Hoverson, Bill Stafford and Richard Piacentini

Guests:

Laurie Ames, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods

Alberta Bleck, Councilmember Bagshaw's Office

Sibby DeForest

Joe Villarino

Wes Walls

The May Meeting Minutes were approved

The May Treasurer's Report was approved

Sibby DeForest made a presentation on the former Magnolia Elementary School building. Seattle Public Schools recently proposed the building as a historic landmark and the decision will be made at a public hearing on July 15th. She is supporting the historic landmark designation and advocating for the building to be reopened as a school or as a community center. Seattle Public Schools is considering reopening it as a school for K-8th grades, although in the past they have said it would be too expensive. She read a draft letter to the Seattle Public Schools supporting the designation and the reuse of the building as a school or community center.

The Board voted to send a letter to the Landmarks Designation Board supporting the designation of the Magnolia Elementary School building as a historic landmark.

Website – Joe Villarino and Stephen reported that the website is in need of more content and encouraged board members with affiliations to local groups to provide content on their activities and issues. Joe reported that the number of subscribers to the website has increased since the new website was introduced.

Transportation Committee – Bill reported on the recent meeting, including discussions about whether the committee should be set up as a committee of the MCC board or of a wider group. The consensus of the MCC board was that the committee should be set up as a committee of the MCC board.

Transportation Levy – Bill reported on a recent City Council meeting he attended in which a number of amendments to the Levy were under discussion. He pointed out that the City Council has the ability to change the projects funded by the levy after the levy passes. He suggested that the MCC write a letter with the purpose of education the community about the levy and the condition of the Magnolia Bridge.

The Board voted to authorize the MCC Executive committee to send a letter to the City Council regarding the levy.

General Meetings – The Board discussed the October general meeting, which will be a candidate's forum co-sponsored by the MCC, the QACC and the MQADC. The intention is to have the meeting in the Interbay area, but the venue has not yet been determined.

MQADC – Stephen and Laurie reported on the recent meeting, including reports given by the Magnolia and Queen Anne Chambers of Commerce and the City's Economic Development Council.

Discovery Park Advisory Committee – Michele had previously sent an e-mail report on the recent meeting.

Smith Cove Park – Bruce reported that the Friend's recent Saturday public site tour was successful, with good attendance, including Council Member Bagshaw and her opponent. There will be a second public meeting on the park in July, at which time they will present three design options for the park. One option will be chosen and presented to DPR for their consideration in September.

Laurie reported that Seattle's "Night Out" will occur on August 4th and that there are funds available for Night Out activities through the City's Neighborhood Matching Funds program. Applications are due by June 22nd.

Alberta Bleck reported on proposed changes to the City's low-rise zoning standards.

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm