



Magnolia Community Council

Magnolia Community Council Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 20, 2016 7:00pm

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Introductions, Roll Call.

In attendance: Bruce Carter (presiding), Richard Piacentini, Bill Stafford, Mary Montgomery, Stephen DeForest, Lynn Hogan, Michael Plunkett, Mary Hoverson and Janis Traven.

Guests:

Aubrey Mandus
Doug Gehrke

The June Meeting Minutes were approved

The August Treasurer's Report was approved.

Bruce reported that he renewed a certificate of deposit for an additional two year period.

Mary H. reported that she is working on renewing the D&O liability insurance and, if anyone knew an insurer that might offer a quote, please let her know. She also said that the MCC is in fine shape with regards to cash. However, since it has little to no revenue and is always running a deficit, eventually the MCC will need to collect some revenue. The MCC's expenses run about \$3,000 per year. The Board discussed having board members make voluntary contributions and Mary said she would send an e-mail to board members with a suggested amount.

Bruce and Mary M. reported on the 2017 board meeting schedule. The third Tuesday of each month could present some difficulties for Trustees, particularly Jan, Feb and Nov. The Board discussed meeting on another day during those months. Mary will send out a meeting schedule.

Nominating Committee – The members of the nominating committee are Stephen DeForest, Greg Carnese and Doug Gehrke. Stephen reported that there are five current board members whose terms expire and who are interested in renewing their terms and there are five new candidates interested in being on the Board. The nominating committee recommended increasing the number of board members from 15 to 20, which would accommodate both the existing and the new members and would provide benefits such as new

blood and more members attending meetings. Stephen previously sent an e-mail addressing this issue.

The Board voted to expand the number of board members from fifteen to twenty.

The nominating committee also recommended that in October and November the general meeting and the board meeting be combined into one meeting per month. The nominees will be presented at the October meeting and voting for the nominees will occur at the November meeting.

Land Use -- Michael reported on the City's proposed changes to its comprehensive plan. The new draft plan, which is going to the city council, takes neighborhood communication out of the planning process. Michael presented a draft MCC letter to the City requesting that three clauses from the existing comp plan, which have been removed from the new draft plan, be retained. These clauses deal with preserving single family residential areas.

The Board voted to send the letter regarding the comp plan as amended.

Michael reported on the QACC legal challenge of the City's proposed legislation allowing for more backyard cottages. The QACC raised \$20,000 for its legal effort.

The Board voted, with one abstention, to contribute \$500 to the QACC for their appeal on the EIS, with the funds to be contributed if the appeal occurs and with the approval of the president of the MCC.

Election Forum -- Mary M. reported that the forum will occur on September 27th and will be co-sponsored with the QACC. She needs help 30 minutes before it starts and for 15 minutes after it's over. It's at Pilgrim Hall. Written questions will be provided by the MCC in advance and by audience members who complete a card upon arrival. The issues will be ST3 pro and con and the District 7 congressional candidates.

Magnolia Parks Views -- Richard reported on the MCC's ongoing efforts to restore and maintain views from Magnolia Blvd, Magnolia Blvd Park and Magnolia Park. In late July, Parks used a Spider mower to cut brush and undergrowth at these parks. Although it was a positive step, the views from these parks are still being lost due to the growth of Big Leaf Maples on the slope. Until recently, Parks coppiced these trees to maintain views, as is set forth in the Vegetation Management Plan, but they have not done so in the last couple years. The MCC and community members have been working with Parks to get this work done, but Parks has been very slow.

The Board voted to send a draft letter, with edits, to the City and Park's staff thanking them for the recent mowing and requesting that they restore and maintain the views from these parks.

Magnolia Community Center – Lynn reported on proposed cuts to the level of service of the magnolia Community Center. The Magnolia Community Center generates \$750,000 from its programs. The proposal under consideration would pool money generated from community centers throughout the city. There is a meeting on September 28th where this issue will be discussed. Lynn will report after the meeting.

Project Welcome – Janis reported that Tent City is coming up on its 1 year anniversary. There are 80 people living there and they have a wish list on Amazon of things people can donate.

MQADC – Stephen reported that September 26th is the date for a city report on the future of district councils. The district councils are suggesting that the Mayor give them six to eight months to see if they can become more inclusive. The issue with the City is not the cost of the district councils, which is only \$500 to \$600 per year, it's the cost of the Neighborhood Coordinators.

WPAC – Michele sent a report by e-mail.

Smith Cove Park – Bruce reported that parks took over design of the park and their design has it as a sports field park only. There would be no access to the water and nothing would be done in the intertidal zones. Parks says there is no money for beach access, even though there is a \$6 million budget. There is a meeting on October 6th for public comment on the plan and to meet the new landscape architects.

T-91 Trail – The trail through Pier 90/91 is being proposed at grade level.

Magnolia Trail Project – The plan is to build a bike/pedestrian trail from the marina to 32nd Ave. West. Stephen reported that they are awaiting a feasibility study.

Discovery Park – Stephen & Bill reported on a plan to convert the unused buildings at Discovery Park, west of Montana Circle, to a performing arts center.

Bill reported on a proposal by the Magnolia Chamber of Commerce to change two blocks of McGraw in the Village to festival parking, which could be a controversial issue.

Meeting adjourned 8:55pm