



# Magnolia Community Council

MAGNOLIA'S COMMUNITY COUNCIL

March 21, 2017

Magnolia Community Council Board of Trustees Meeting  
United Church of Christ

Present: Ben Broesamle, Carol Burton, Steve DeForest, Jessica Gallegos, Lynn Hogan, Mary Hoverson, Chris Kirk, Michele Marchi, Mary Montgomery, Bill Stafford, and Janis Traven

## OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

Mary Montgomery

### VICE PRESIDENT

Lynn Hogan

### TREASURER

Mary Hoverson

### RECORDING SECRETARY

Aubrey Mandus

### COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

## TRUSTEES

Carol Burton  
Ben Broesamle  
Bruce Carter  
Steve DeForest  
Jessica Gallegos  
Christopher Kirk  
Michele Marchi  
Richard Piacentini  
Cindy Pierce  
Michael Plunkett  
Bill Stafford  
Libby Stevenson  
Tom Tanner  
Janis Traven  
Rex Wardlaw  
Thomas Ysasi

Guest: Jason Thibeaux, Executive Director, Magnolia Chamber of Commerce

The meeting was called to order by Mary Montgomery at 7:00 p.m.

### Introduction of Jason Thibeaux

- Jason moved to Seattle from Texas in August, 2015
- He is a publisher of community papers, including "Queen Anne Neighbors."
- Among his goals for the Chamber:
  - Treat Magnolia "holistically," including Fisherman's Terminal and Interbay
  - Hold Town Halls to garner feedback from the community
  - Help brick and mortar businesses succeed, despite rent issues, labor shortages
  - Engage property owners, some of whom are absentee
  - Create a Business Improvement Area, formulating ways to thrive, setting goals
  - Increase mix of restaurants and retail

The Magnolia Chamber has 120 members, including Expedia and the Port of Seattle; Jason will identify chamber members who will attend MCC meetings

Minutes of the February 21, 2017 meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's Report, the same as February 21, 2017, was approved.

### Magnolia/Queen Anne District Council

Steve DeForest reported that the Council still exists under a new name, the Magnolia/Queen Anne Coalition. The group is working on vision and mission statements and organizational structure.

### Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)

Lynn Hogan reported that NAC members heard from Joseph Gellings, Port of Seattle planner on the Port's strategic plan for Fisherman's Terminal, including over 300,00 sq. ft. of space over 10 years. Phase 1, over the next two years, includes a 70,000-80,000 sq. ft. "gateway" building at the terminal entrance (site of the former bank building). The Port is negotiating now with the future tenant of the space.

#### Transportation Committee

Ben Broesamle reported on the tunnel, the waterfront, and the central city connector.

Tunnel: 20 of 22 projects completed; 14 to 15 days of tunneling remain. Deconstructing the construction area will take time, with much of the equipment to be backed out to the starting point and barged away. Demolishing the viaduct will take six to nine months; the Battery Street Tunnel will be decommissioned and Eliot Avenue and Alaska Way rebuilt.

Waterfront Seattle: Projects include rebuilding Pier 62 (site of concerts) in concrete, with a floating dock on the south side; replacing Marion Street bridge to ferries; expanding the aquarium (private fundraising); completing the seawall project, developing an overlook walk at the Market, and rebuilding the ferry terminal.

Center City Connector Project: Street car lines will run from Occidental and Jackson up First Avenue to Stewart and Fifth Avenue, to connect with the South Lake Union street car. Concern was expressed about the proposed cuts in the new Federal budget.

Mary Montgomery presented for the Council's information, two letters from the Queen Anne Community Council regarding Smith Cove Park and Nickerson Street traffic.

#### Project Welcome

Janis Traven reminded the Council that the City's financial commitment to Tent City 5 is \$50,000 for garbage removal and portable toilets. Janis reported that Libby Stevenson had attended the March 6 Tent City 5 meeting. Most of the original inhabitants of TC5 have found permanent housing. Magnolia Lutheran Church raised \$1400 for new tents. The churches in Magnolia believe they have benefitted by working closely together in support of TC5. The library has provided 13 Wi-Fi hotspots for the encampment. With TC5 scheduled to close in November 2018, the Council discussed possible ways of influencing the City's process.

#### Discovery Park

The Friends of Discovery Park annual meeting is on April 1, at 9:30 a.m. at the Visitor's Center. The Discovery Park Advisory Committee (DPAC) meets on March 22. Janis Traven reported that there will be a free outdoor concert at Day Break Star Center on August 20, asking for volunteers for a Neighborhood Matching Grant.

#### Magnolia Manor Park

Carol Burton is applying for a \$46,000 community partnership grant on behalf of the park.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Lynn Hogan, as Acting Recording Secretary