



Magnolia Community Council

November 21, 2017

Magnolia Community Council General Meeting &
Board of Trustees Meeting - United Church of Christ

Trustees present: Mary Montgomery, Carol Burton, Lynn Hogan, Bill Stafford, Tom Tanner, Bruce Carter, Steve DeForest, Janis Traven.

Trustees excused: Mary Hoverson, Cindy Pierce, Aubrey Mandus.

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Guests: David Moehring (Land Use Committee), Stephanie Ballard, Heidi Grossman, Charlene Strong, Karen Ko (DON), Matt Adkins (Coalition: Magnolia, QA, Interbay), Lisa Reid (SCJ Alliance), Kit Loo (SDOT), Marni Heffron (Heffron Transportation), Toby Thaler (Seattle Fair Growth), Rich Koehler (West Seattle Juno Land Use), Carrie Frankenburg (Land Use Committee).

General Meeting

The nominations committee presented the following for election to the Board of Trustees:

For re-election – Mary Hoverson, Carol Burton

For vacancies - Stephanie MacKeen Ballard, Alison Grevstad, David Kaplan, David Moehring, and Charlene Strong.

No petitions for nominations received by 7th November 2017.

Motion to elect all nominees MSP.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Motion to approve minutes of 17th October 2017 MSP, with corrections of small errors.

No Treasurer report.

President's request - MCC does not ask for dues, but does incur expenses. President requests Trustees to consider making donation by check to the PO box or online.

Old and Ongoing business

There will be a public meeting on Smith Cove Park on 5th December, 6-7 pm at Blaine School.

Magnolia Trail - Department of Neighborhoods (DON) advised that the trail is not high priority for the CIP budget. There may be another opportunity in the Bike Master Plan. The group was encouraged to work with the Port on access through T91.

Sound Transit will be at the Mercer Stakeholders group meeting on 13th December, 7.30 am. Lynn will attend. The Northwest Coalition is working on getting the 20th Ave W route accepted.

We should ask the Port to talk to us about their plans for the Uplands, the Port is

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looking at the big picture when developing the property. The NAC agreement permanently closes the north gate.

Tent City 5 (TC5) has moved to a site immediately north of the Magnolia Bridge. A lawsuit has been filed which limits the size of the footprint, resulting in 10 fewer tiny houses. No power or water yet. They are looking for blankets, flashlights, batteries. Microsoft is providing Thanksgiving dinner, Janis is making Turkey for Sunday.

Question - has anybody spoken with Council Member Bagshaw's office about this? Charlene is on Mayor elect Durkan's transition team, that may be another avenue. MCC requests power and water to be hooked up ASAP.

SDOT Presentation on Traffic Maintenance during Bridge Closure

Advance Planning (Section A on handout)

Planning to prepare for a shutdown in an emergency started in 2002. A solution to replace Magnolia Bridge is expensive, current cost estimate is \$300M. The Move Seattle levy included money to study access if the bridge is down. A short term response traffic plan was completed in October 2017. SDOT is now working on the long-term plan.

Marnie Heffron presented the Emergency Transport Plan, if one or more bridges fail. The immediate response is for the Fire Department to assess the damage and communicate viable routes. At this point the Fire Department will be in an assessment mode, not rescue. Goal is redundancy in chess routes. BNSF knows where some vehicles may cross the railroad tracks at designated points. Also places where people on foot can cross the tracks.

Currently SDOT does not have remote control of traffic signals to change signal timing. Need to update detection so signal timing can be changed.

Short term closure plan (Section B on handout)

If Magnolia Bridge is down we do have Dravus and Emerson. Right now traffic volume is highest on Emerson, then Dravus, then Magnolia Bridge. Hot spots include Dravus/15th and at 20th Ave W; Emerson/Gilman; Hayes/Thorndyke. Already have detour plans, and re-routing transit. Access to Elliott Bay Marina and Palisade would go through the Port property. Detour plans include routing 15th Ave south bound traffic via Bertona, possibly with a new traffic light. Make 2 left turn lanes eastbound on Dravus to clear traffic from bridge over 15th Ave W. Bridge sections over 15th Ave W are the strongest parts, though Emerson section has some seismic vulnerability.

Implement with 6 months (Section C on handout)

Access to Magnolia, and other sites, via ferry, from/to Coleman Dock, Elliott Bay Marina. Discovery Park.

Question on tsunami risk and escape routes - basically get to higher ground. Magnolia Trail has risk of landslides. Tsunami gates on Magnolia Bridge would close.

Question -how would light rail on 15th Ave W impact these plans? Consultant answer,

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looking at cheaper alternatives to replacing the bridge, including different routes. they will return in January with alternative routes. Long term plan includes looking at growth, light rail, Expedia, and construction along 15th Ave W.

Ballard Bridge is seismically vulnerable, there is money in Move Seattle for upgrades.

Magnolia has an active emergency preparedness group: miqabeprepared.org. They plan several workshops in 2018 at Magnolia Community Center.

Land Use Committee

Committee will meet Tuesday 28th November, 6 pm at Magnolia Library.

Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) legislation - there is a petition asking for more options in the scoping of EIS, keep owner occupy rules, parking, lot size.

Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) - as part of the “grand bargain” a developer could pay for affordable housing at a different location, instead of including affordable housing in their development. West Seattle and a coalition of 21 neighborhoods plans to appeal the final EIS on MHA. The EIS is not detailed regarding particular neighborhoods. Request that MCC join the coalition Seattle Community for Affordability, Livability and Equity (SCALE), formed to file the appeal. It is a state registered non-profit group. SCALE also asks for help with fundraising and the appeal, expected donation \$500 - \$5000 to contribute or fundraise. QACC is not joining SCALE, they will concentrate on the ADUs. SCALE also had little buy in from SE Seattle.

Motion by Land Use Committee: Magnolia Community Council to support and ‘join’ (through September 1 2018) the city-wide Seattle Coalition for Affordability, Livability and Equity in the collective appeal of the MHA FEIS. Motion passed.

Discussion on motion noted that Magnolia is not really impacted as we have no urban villages, agreement that there was a lack of outreach to communities. Ballard District Council is not supporting SCALE though other Ballard groups do.

Motion by Land Use Committee: Magnolia Community Council to have member of the Board participate in the decisions of the Coalition. Participation will be acknowledged with an initial donation of \$500 to SCALE, with solicited community donations to target a total of \$75,000 to \$100,000. Not voted on.

Motion MSP to defer action on the 2nd Land Use Committee motion until we get input from the Treasurer, and talk with Ballard DC and QACC.

David Moehring will be MCC representative on SCALE.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Burton

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Temporary Recording Secretary

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