



# Magnolia Community Council

June 19, 2018

Magnolia Community Council Board of Trustees Meeting  
United Church of Christ

Trustees present: Mary Montgomery, Aubrey Mandus, Janis Traven, Lynn Hogan, Jessica Gallegos, Bill Stafford, Ben Broesamle, Steve DeForest, David Moehring, David Kaplan, Cindy Pierce, Charlene Strong.

## Introductions

### OFFICERS

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm. Mary shared that councilwoman Mosqueda had to cancel her appearance at the meeting. Trustees gave self-introductions.

### PRESIDENT

Mary Montgomery

## Magnolia Historical Society Presentation

Monica Wooton presented information about the third book launch from the Magnolia Historical Society. The grant for the third book is under review, they are still collecting donations for the project. They have raised \$8-10K and need to reach \$15k. The book is scheduled to release in the fall/winter of 2019. They history of the Magnolia bridge is up on their website, they have asked the MCC to add the link to our website as well.

### VICE PRESIDENT

Lynn Hogan

### TREASURER

Mary Hoverson

## Old Business

Motion to approve the meeting agenda passed. The motion to approve the meeting minutes from May accepted with changes also passed. No treasurers report, there are no bills to pay right now.

### RECORDING

### SECRETARY

Aubrey Mandus

## West Precinct Advisory Council (WPAC) Report

Cindy Pierce attended the June 15 meeting. The police department reported crime is up around the city. The area behind the Interbay QFC has lots of RV's parked illegally. Over 15 vehicles received 72-hour parking citations. Parking restrictions will soon be enforced between 2-5 a.m. Three RV's have been impounded. The department shared that a local man, known as "Pallet Man", allegedly owns 97 vehicles and parks them around local neighborhoods. Belltown has concerns about crime on Third and Bell Street. The guest speaker at the WPAC meeting, Steve Gustopson, discussed the opioid crisis. According to Gustopson the biggest issue is the concern about safe injection sites in vans. The state Supreme Court is set to vote on September 16 on opioid issues. There's also a new drug that is said to cure heroine addiction but it wouldn't work if the patient is on a 'cocktail' of other drugs.

### COMMUNICATIONS

### OFFICER

Aubrey Mandus

### 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

## Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) Report

The last meeting of the NAC mainly consisted of informal discussions due to the absence of members on vacation. The NAC also briefly went over the minutes of the previous meeting.

## Community Conversation - Magnolia Bridge Replacement Study

Janis Traven reported representatives from SDOT, the Port of Seattle and the City of Seattle attended the May 21 meeting the MCC co-sponsored with the Magnolia Chamber of Commerce. There were 400 people who signed in and about 450 people total in attendance. There were 2,800 hits on the Facebook Live stream. Janis believes the MCC has been noticed in a productive way. The final meeting was postponed because they added eight-hour "drop-in" sessions to review the plans with the public. There's a grass-roots movement to request a 1:1 replacement of the Magnolia bridge while the

planning study and survey reports have been leaving out the 1:1 replacement option. SDOT has said they will look into our survey results. SDOT has their online Open House available now, Janis found it confusing. Some of the MCC trustees felt we should consider paying to 'Boost' future Facebook posts, like Janis did with the Live Stream of the bridge meeting, for important issues. There was a State Representatives meeting today, some Federal staffers talking about the bridge as well.

Question: What's our next move?

- Volunteers at the Magnolia farmers market to promote the survey and encourage people to use the bridge more, to help bump up the traffic studies.
- Suggestion to go to the legislators, government representatives and SDOT with our plans, encourage a plan "B" option as well, propose financial plan to start defining things more, proposes planning additional meetings over the summer.
- Proposed the MCC consider possible lawsuits and hiring an engineer to evaluate costs for the new bridge, independently of the city's study. Mamette bridge was cited as an example at \$60 million.
- The need to promote the bridge efforts and information was reiterated, suggestions were made to involve the press and further educate the public.
- It was suggested that the bridge could/should be treated as a levy issue.
- Ben Broesamle shared that the bridge study references 2017 traffic data.
- It was suggested the historical society could petition for landmark status for the Magnolia bridge, and the neighborhood could agree to an in-place rebuild of the bridge and agree to shut down the bridge while the work is being done.
- It was suggested the MCC should discuss/meet with contacts at Expedia and get them on board with the issues.
  - Charlene Strong and Janis Traven will connect and share contact information.
  - Ben Broesamle would like Expedia to participate more in Magnolia Stakeholders meetings.
  - Katherine Chang is the Chamber board contact at Expedia for Magnolia.
- Monica Wooton wants the major safety concerns addressed in our bridge campaign, to further educate the public and add urgency with the city.
  - Janis Traven would like the MCC to consider paying for a Survey Monkey subscription and continue to use it moving forward.
- Bill Stafford suggested the MCC vote to give Janis Traven the authority to start requesting RFPs from Engineering firms as a possible strategy to add pressure to SDOT. Motion passed.

### **Land Use Committee Report**

David Moehring reported the ADU draft EIS public comment period open until 6/25/18. He also shared the parking requirements are not enforced on new diagram. He urges others to take the survey and write letters, a sample letter was provided.

### **Parks Report**

Elliot Bay bike trail rerouting information available now. It will be uploaded to the MCC website as soon as possible.

### **New Business**

- The MCC needs to appoint the chair of nominating committee leading up to the vote in November to fill vacant trustee seats.
  - Mary Montgomery has nominated Charlene Strong as chair of the nominating committee. Vote to approve Charlene passed.
- Mary Montgomery will be in contact with councilwoman Mosqueda to reschedule her presentation.
- September 18, we have tentatively scheduled a representative from the King County Wastewater Treatment Division to give a presentation about the Magnolia Conveyance Project.
- Reminder, there are no MCC meetings in July and August.
- Expedia representative was suggested as a potential guest speaker.
- Charlene Strong shared that ‘Stop the Bleed’ training will be coming soon. She has been speaking with Frank Ball to pull together an emergency management program, ahead of any potential emergencies.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Aubrey Mandus*

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Recording Secretary