



Magnolia Community Council

October 16, 2018

Magnolia Community Council Board of Trustees Meeting
United Church of Christ

Trustees present: Mary Montgomery, Aubrey Mandus, Alison Grevstad, Stephanie Ballard, David Moehring, Cindy Pierce, Janis Traven, Carol Burton, Steve DeForest, Jessica Gallegos, Tom Tanner. City of Seattle representative Annie Tran and associate. Principal of Magnolia Elementary School Katie Cryan Leary.

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Introductions

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. Mary Montgomery announced the general meeting has been moved to November 20. Trustees and guests gave brief introductions.

Seattle Democracy Program Presentation, Annie Tran

The program will launch in January, 2019. In 2017 over 80,000 vouchers were returned. Approximately 1.4 million was distributed to six campaigns.

- Candidates can submit profile info for the city website.
- The city will release candidate tool kits this week.
- Also taking 1:1 meetings to coach candidates.

Principal of Magnolia Elementary School Presentation, Katie Cryan Leary

Ms. Leary has been in public education for over 25 years and working in elementary leadership for eight years. She has worked with Catharine Blaine for a few years prior.

- Magnolia Elementary opening delayed to allow more time for updates and building improvements (more classrooms, etc.)
- Discussions happening around town regarding boundary changes which will affect the number of seats available at Katherine Blaine.
- Decisions regarding “option school” possibilities will be decided by the board in January.
- Concerns raised about staff parking on the street, parking is not included in the plan. Staff will be required to park at least one block away.
- Grand opening is set for Labor Day 2019.
- Enrollment office has formula for predicting the number of students to estimate total enrollment.

Old Business

Motion to approve September minutes passed. Treasurers report: Mary Hoverson absent, Mary Montgomery gave a verbal report on her behalf, the MCC bills are being paid, Mary Hoverson thanks the trustees for quick reply about the tree lighting sponsorship. Motion to approve spending for tree lighting sponsorship with the Magnolia Chamber of Commerce passed.

West Precinct Advisory Council (WPAC) Report

Cindy Pierce submitted her report before today's meeting.

- The Navigation Team is growing, there's now an 'RV squad' monitoring and taking action when necessary.
- Overall city crime has dropped, minor crime increase in Magnolia.
- The city will open the 'Aloha Family Village' in South Lake Union area soon. They aren't sure what the format/requirements will be for Aloha Village yet.

- Department of Neighborhoods has a new brochure, there are public funds available for special community projects.
- 'Coffee with a Police Officer' opportunities are announced on Facebook and NextDoor periodically. Neighbors are encouraged to participate.
- Tom Tanner suggested that we comment back to the city asking for consequences for those who move their encampment down the street. Cindy cited San Francisco litigation as a reason Seattle won't do the same.
- There was some discussion about why the city won't address the addiction and services issues.
- Carol Burton suggested we invited Andreus as head of the Department of Neighborhoods to come to an MCC meeting, Cindy Pierce volunteered to invite him.

Magnolia Chamber of Commerce, Sally Bagshaw, City Budget Meeting

Mary Montgomery gave a verbal report on behalf of Bill Stafford. Sally Bagshaw's priorities as discussed at the recent meeting:

- Seattle Center, Key Arena
- Uptown transportation
- Pioneer Square and courthouse area homelessness
- Belltown, Battery Park area
- South Lake Union traffic
- Magnolia Bridge: not enough traffic for federal funding, talking to state legislators now
- Sound Transit route
- Waterfront park

Land Use Committee Report

David Moehring reported on changes proposed to final Environmental Review Statement for ADU/DADU. New ordinance would limit height to 30 feet. Tree ordinance postponed until January 2019. Appeal discussed, residents are free to add an additional accessory dwelling units (ADUs) after one year of property ownership. Appeal date is Thursday, Marty Kaplan is keeping things close to the vest, he wants communities to support it but needs to keep a good handle on things. He will likely name the MCC in the appeal. Mary Montgomery hasn't seen anything from Marty yet. David says it is likely Marty will get back to the MCC soon.

Carol Burton shared general information about Fort Lawton Redevelopment project. Elizabeth Campbell's activities have died down, no exhibits were presented for her case. Carol will watch for more information on this.

Carol gave an update about BNSF railroad, they heard from the Coast Guard. Another update will come later regarding repairs. Neighbors continue to grow concerned.

Transportation Report

Carol Burton also shared that the Nickerson repaving project will extend another week.

Janis Traven reported on the recent Magnolia Bridge Stakeholder meeting. Efforts are in motion to try and make the Magnolia bridge part of a transportation corridor, some city officials 'get it'. Our state representatives have been very helpful in advocating for us. Sally Bagshaw, Peter Steinbrook and others are looking to get funding. The city is working

to finalize the new budget. We need to get official support by October 23rd to have the Magnolia bridge replacement considered as part of the budget. Letter from the community sent to the city will help, see Janis' email with sample letter. MCC will post information on NextDoor, social media and the website. Motion to send official MCC letter to the city passed.

Steve DeForest reported on the Alaskan Way Viaduct closure, provided a handout.

Parks Report

Bruce Carter and Richard Piacentini absent for the meeting. Carol Burton reported there's some undesignated /unknown funds for Smith Cove park. She and Steve are asking questions but haven't received answers yet. They will let us know what they hear.

New Business

- General meeting moved to November 20.
- Save the date: MCC holiday gathering on December 4 at Mary Montgomery's home.
- Notice: need some social media assistance and website support, please let us know if you or a friend are interested.
- Building use agreement for church meeting space has been received; need to designate a contact person.
- Confirmation/clarification needed for files stored at the Windermere real estate office.
- Tentative guest: King County Wastewater Treatment, Magnolia Conveyance Project.
- Possible new homes being built behind Ursula Judkins park.
- Other possible guest speakers:
 - Sound Transit
 - Department of Neighborhoods

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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