

Magnolia Community Council
Board of Trustee Meeting
Open meeting on Zoom

July 21, 2020 | minutes

Present: Trustees Stephanie Ballard, David Kaplan, Leslie Helm, Carol Burton, Lynn Hogan, Alison Grevstad, Steve DeForest, Janis Traven, Lisa Barnes, Pat Craft, David Moehring, Stephen Faciszewski, Mary Hoverson, Bruce Carter, Don Schlosser, Cheryl Jacobs, , Jayson Morris, Ben Broesamle

Guests: Parker Dawson, Diane Waitr, Jennifer Wieland, Andres Arjona for BIRT, Alexis Lair, Leda Chahim and Emily Yasukochi for Sound Transit, Fred Rappaport, Jessica Keller/QA News

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Stephanie Ballard, President and David Kaplan, VP

June meeting minutes approved.

Stephen Faciszewski has officially volunteered to chair the nominating committee.

BIRT Presentation – Diane Waitr and Jennifer Wieland (standing in for Tom Brennan):

Opportunities for community engagement will begin the latter week of August. The project looks out to 2042. Now – analyze impacts and benefits of bridges and system. Bridge replacement timeline and funding strategy draft due November 1st. Looking at a couple of types of bridges. Multimodal – where are there gaps in the existing systems? Upcoming public meetings to present draft projects and corridor strategies. Scheduling stakeholder outreach and engagement, public meetings and online surveys. Considering multimodal needs and access w/bridge alternatives. Evaluating 80+ potential options. Janis T. questions reviews of old legislation re: the Magnolia Bridge. West Seattle Bridge brought up as being dealt with in separate studies. Bruce Carter brings up the Dravus section in the railway area is a hazard during an earthquake. Cheryl Jacobs brings up the unsafe crossing on Elliot Avenue near Starbucks for Ballard High School students taking the Metro bus to school in the mornings and afternoons. Diane reiterates these are the kinds of helpful comments they are looking for from the community.

Parker Dawson for Andrew Lewis: Council working on the spending plan. Helping workers transition to new technologies, encampments, Covid, food vouchers, mitigating city services. There is a \$300 million shortfall. In response to questions about the parks and community centers. Parks is balancing keeping park attendees safe and keeping parks open. Lewis is committed to rejuvenating the community centers in District 7 and citywide. Catherine Sims is currently in charge of this area for Lewis and Parker will take over this responsibility in August. David Kaplan asked about unspent funds allocated to the Magnolia Community Center. Parker responded that an auditors request (which would look into this) has been delayed. Bruce Carter asked about the funding for police presence which was supposed to increase from .5 to 2 for this district. Parker responded with statistics that 50% of 911 calls are for non-criminal activity and 3% result in criminal activities. He mentioned the CAHOOTS plan in Eugene, OR which uses a mental health crisis response team.

ST3 Presentation – Leda Chahim, Emily Yasukochi:

Covering the West Seattle and Ballard Link extensions. Ballard Link is currently scheduled to be completed in 2035. However, there are reduced revenues due to the pandemic and realignment of timelines should be available by next year. Early 2021 – publish EIS and 2022 – publish final EIS. Emily went over all of the alternatives they are considering for the alignment of the Ballard Link. Leda talked about station planning, how the city looks at community planning and station access, land use, zoning, street and right of way. How they engage communities w/station planning. Stephen F. questions how metro is engaged with this process. Janis questions what downtown will look like post Covid. Ben B. questions original idea of the portal west of Elliot Avenue. Emily talked about contamination issues for that tunnel.

Janis T. and Stephen F. – suggest an additional meeting be scheduled with Reuven Carlyle, Peter Steinbrueck and Andrew Lewis if possible.

David Moehring–Land Use Committee presentation:

Shared a draft of online survey for land-use committee with a goal for sending it out to the community in September.

Albertson’s meeting update by Pat Craft – attended small team meetings. Carol Burton suggests first week of August to meet with Albertson’s developer.

Pat Craft – Magnolia Chamber update:

Chamber is providing Covid support for Magnolia businesses. Status of the beautification project – launch for the next round of funding. Application in process for a 501c3 non-profit status.

Janis suggests looking into live stream options for an Albertson’s meeting/presentation and future MCC meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Grevstad, Recording Secretary