

Magnolia Community Council Board Meeting Minutes 18th February 2020

Present: Trustees David Kaplan, Carol Burton, Cheryl Jacobs, Stephanie Ballard, Lynn Hogan, Steve DeForest, Janis Traven, Pat Craft, David Moehring, Lisa Barnes, Fritz Kessler, Jayson Morris, Stephen Faciszewski, Don Schlosser, David Moehring, Bruce Carter, Bill Stafford

Guests: Diane Wiatr, Chisaki Munaki from BIRT. Cheryl McQuiston, Don Gillmore from Magnolia Chamber of Commerce. Parker Dawson, CM Lewis' office

Fred Rapaport, Gene Hogle, Stan Coe, James Gilbert.

Motion to approve January minutes MSP

Announcement of meeting with Parks Superintendent Jesus Aguirre on 26th February 5.30 - 7 pm at United Church of Christ, Pilgrim Hall

BIRT Project

Ballard-Interbay Regional Transportation System (BIRT) is a system study for replacement of the Magnolia and Ballard bridges with the goal of improving mobility for people and freight. Recommendations are due to the Legislature November 2020 with two more public meetings planned. The final public meeting will cover the draft report. More information at www.seattle.gov/transportation/birt. You can also email questions to ballardinterbay@seattle.gov or diane.wiatr@seattle.gov

The Mayor also has a study primarily economic. Also looking at 25 prior other studies.

Question: what is the budget? Answer: \$700K total, \$550K to consultants with \$150K for staff, meeting rooms etc

Question: access to Magnolia has total of 6 bridges including rail bridges and overpasses. Answer: Study also looking at relationship to I-5, SR99 and 15th Ave.

Question: re Armory site, cost to move National Guard depends on legislative decision. Answer: the PDA is ready for House vote.

Question: who is lead agency? who has final decision? community wants 1:1 replacement for Magnolia Bridge. Answer probably SDOT, they have the right of way.

Question on design: multi modal use is needed for federal \$. Would that mean dedicated bus lanes, which means extra lanes. Answer: ST3 may not mandate that. Tunnel across Ship Canal requires 3rd party funding.

Question: is SDOT communicating with other city departments, they tend to operate in silos. For example houses proposed above the Admirals House would interfere with the proposed bridge route.

Question: community was told 1:1 replacement for Magnolia Bridge, now it's 2 alternatives, the other being Armory Way. Answer: Cost estimates need work, more data to fully assess cost of 1:1 e.g. ROW cost.

Comment: when you talk about race and social justice it isn't just people who live in Magnolia or Ballard, people visit from all over the city.

Village Beautification Project

Project has been worked on for 25+ years, the latest iteration is mostly the last 2-3 years. surveys at Farmers Market, talking to stakeholders, 95% of the merchants in the Village agreed on the plan. The goal is community, bringing people together, provide seating, and flowers. \$120K raised in 2 months, plus \$25K from Neighborhood Matching Fund. Project implemented in phases.

Phase I, which covers W McGraw from 32nd to 33rd Avenues, has started. Benches removed for repainting, plaques refurbished and will be replaced. poles for hanging baskets will go up next week. There will be some noise during drilling for poles. Baskets on poles will be changed seasonally, flowers and maybe wreaths in winter. This is a first for the city, haven't issued permits for an entire block before, should be easier next time. Phase II and III, McGraw to 35th Ave, will be done together. Phase IV is 32nd W and 33rdW from W Smith to W Lynn.

Question: who is responsible for maintenance? That is funded for this year, watering and maintaining the baskets.

New Trustee Orientation

Steve talked about the history and bylaws. Organization was founded in 1924, incorporated in 1939 as Magnolia Community Club. MCC is a 501(c)(4) organization. Bylaws date from 2014, with amendments in 2015 and 2016. Board consists of 10-21 members, elected for 3 year terms.

MCC involved with other groups such as NAC, former District Council, Viaduct Stakeholders Group, Friends of Parks groups, MIQA Be Prepared.

Current Issues include Magnolia Bridge, ST3, Albertsons and Ursula Judkins development, FLARC, Magnolia Park, Emergency Preparation

Tiny House Village

Janis talked briefly about the Tiny Houses Village near Magnolia Bridge. They have a good record moving people into housing, there are still some families with children there. LIHI is now the agency responsible formerly Share/Wheel.

Land Use Committee

David sent out 3 possible motions earlier in the day which will be discussed in March. He is looking for input on possible amendments. Parker (with CM Lewis) passed out handout about the Living Building Pilot proposed for the Albertsons development, and letter from CM Lewis to the Magnolia community. The letter includes the following sentence: "While I regretfully must inform my neighbors in Magnolia that my office has no course of action on the project proposal at 2550 32nd Ave W, I can and will explore strategies to mitigate these impacts and establish more comprehensive permitting policies for implementation by SDCI."

Meeting adjourned 9 pm)

Respectfully submitted by Carol Burton