

Magnolia Community Council
Board of Trustee Meeting
Open meeting on Zoom

October 20, 2020 | minutes final

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.

Guests: Fred Rappaport, Jessica Keller/QA News, Nicole Shiasaki

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

Housekeeping request to please mute microphones unless you are speaking.

For attendees by phone: *6 to mute/unmute and *9 to raise your hand to the moderator w/questions.

General Meeting:

Stephen Faciszewski – Nominating committee was successful in recommending six returning trustees; Stephanie, Carol Burton, Mary Hoverson, David Moehring, David Kaplan, Alison Grevstad. Nicole Shiasaki is submitted by the nominating committee for the open position. Nicole has lived in Seattle for six years working in non-profits in the King County area. She heads a local department of SCIU 775 in equity and engagement which supports home care workers.

Our next meeting will be on November 17th, where we will vote on the 2021 trustees.

Here is a link for how to set up the use of polls in zoom meetings if we choose to vote this way.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/674907/how-to-create-polls-in-zoom-meetings/>

Trustee Meeting:

September meeting minutes approved.

October meeting agenda. MCC donation for the tree lighting for the holiday season will be added before the business section. Discovery Park parking lots have been re-opened, this topic will be tabled unless they're closed again.

Guest speaker– Parker Dawson for City Council member not present this week. Per Carol Burton, 2022 will be the beginning of the new six-year plan for Parks Dept. budget.

Transportation Committee update, Stephen F. – Interagency meeting outcome as it related to the Ballard and Magnolia bridges – external consultants have broken it down into high and low cost options and it seems the broader group has bought into it. They've tied the two bridges in together in a high and low cost option. The low cost option includes Armory Way in Magnolia and a mid-rise Ballard bridge. High cost is a tall span for Ballard bridge and a 1:1 in-kind replacement for Magnolia. Didn't seem they were making a recommendation for one over the other. In his opinion it doesn't seem to move the pendulum toward a 1:1.

Fred Rappaport – the presentation they put forward includes 3 lines with the Armory Way bridge and 1 line with the 1:1 bridge, which makes it feel weighted toward the Armory Way bridge, even though they say they remain neutral. He has questions about the 2019 study also reflected in the BIRT study, stating that the low-cost alternative is the Armory Way bridge. He wonders whether the data is really that accurate. Request for information is not readily forthcoming. Stephen F. has reached out to the council

members and has only spoken with someone live with Andrew Lewis' office. No response from Mosqueda, Gonzalez, Peterson to schedule a meeting re: the bridge.

Carol Burton – Burlington Northern has decided to repair the existing bridge over the ship canal not replace it.

Cheryl Jacobs – how do we get a bridge that costs so much more than another?

Janis T – there is an impression that SDOT is taking a stance that they want to kick the can down the road. It's going to take a bigger consortium of state, federal, city and transportation agencies to get something done. We had hoped that the BIRT study would be an honest study with more voices drawn in. Draft report was due Oct. 9th and has not been filed as of Oct. 20th. Stephen and Janis - It's going to take a multi-faceted approach, larger infrastructure bridges levy or bond to make funding happen for a 1:1.

Carol Burton – history, the original bridge was paid for 50% by a LID with some paid for by the railroad. Two assessments were made for the LID. 1928 the vote was for all of Magnolia. The city was originally going to pay for the whole bridge and then reneged on it, which is the reason the LID happened back then.

Parks Committee Update, Carol Burton – Smith Cove, west side is being worked on by the Athletics department. Smith Cove Park was a line item in the 2014 vote. The dedicated funds raised for this park have not been spent.

Land Use Committee update, David Moehring –

Magnolia Safeway–meeting tomorrow on Magnolia Safeway, their committee plans to have a workshop meeting in November or next year. Land use: For Wed, Oct 21, join a public video conference about 2550 32nd Ave W Magnolia Albertsons' redevelopment signup to Comment at 3pm [//tinyurl.com/MagnoliaSafeway](https://tinyurl.com/MagnoliaSafeway) (and/or write to PRC@seattle.gov ... it was due Oct 19th... but will still be recorded for public record.) Anytime, you may review design and others' thoughts [//tinyurl.com/MagnoliaSafewayDesign](https://tinyurl.com/MagnoliaSafewayDesign)

Ursula Judkins – buffer of tree lines will be planted at a six foot height, though if they grow to 20 feet it would effectively remove any view of the city skyline from the park.

2800 Marina Place – a desired bike path planned where 3 property lots were proposed for development at the north end of the parking lot. Doesn't seem to be any action on the development plans at this point.

Single Family Surprise – 83% of the city is single family zoned housing. Shows example of a 3 unit development on N 67th St. House 2,500 sq. feet, ADU and a DADU each at 1,000 sq. ft. If the community is concerned, here is an example of an aggressive density development.

Pat Craft hopes this great work will be utilized at the appropriate time to inform the community as these projects start opening for public comment. Bruce Carter, it's important to share this information with other community councils and Andrew. Janis, sadly district councils have been eliminated making it harder to work together with other neighborhoods on issues like this.

Magnolia Chamber of Commerce update, Pat Craft – new banners along McGraw replaced flower baskets in the fall. Holiday lights going up in November. Phase 2 and 3 of beautification moves further along McGraw and then along side streets. Close to foundation status for 501c3. Albertson's discussion/involvement, will attend tomorrow's presentation. Endorse a living building intention. Increased focus

on vagrancy issues. NE corridor on W. Commodore Way status is a problem, recruiting more businesses to help along that corridor. Check the chamber website and support local businesses.

Mary H. comments Village looks marvelous and would like to support the tree lighting with 300.00 donation. Discussed robberies of construction sites, sewage dumping, mentally ill person in the village and other examples. Pat Craft – Find It Fix It is the best way to report such incidents in the future, build awareness, help compile complete data for the city.

Stephen F. – Nicole and Lisa Barnes to possibly partner with the City Council on solutions for these challenges. Lisa Barnes, a new outreach team will be in place (to replace the Navigation Team) that will be comprised of more social workers instead of more police. During the pandemic there have been less sweeps to help keep down the spread of Covid. Hyper-local outreach team could be developed, though would require more capacity for substance abuse, mental health support that is not in place at the present time.

Janis T – we're at the beginning of hard times for more people. What we're seeing now is just starting. Describes learning about how meaningful it can be to provide safe housing for people who have lost their homes through her work with the Tent City and Tiny House villages. She calls for compassion and patience.

Valerie Cooper – we can have compassion and we can also have rules.

Mary H. – moves to support the tree lighting in the Village for 300. Approved.

Alison G. – moves to support the QA Helpline (which also serves Magnolia) with a like donation of 300. Approved.

Lisa Barnes – will provide cards to distribute for people in need to guide them to their resources at QA Helpline.

Stephanie B. – website upgrade. Request to consider hiring a consultant to develop a more robust website. Carol B. – we pay Joe V. to host and post to the website. He needs content to be written to post. Stephen F. willing to partner with Carol B. with a proposal on what a project would look like and come back in January with what that might look like. Cheryl J – is there a bigger vision of what we want to include? Steve DeForest – recommends a subcommittee to oversee and recommend steps to revitalize the website. Stephen F, Leslie Helm, Alison G. volunteer to help with this and Carol B. has been volunteered. Janis tracks the MCC inbox and Facebook, we're not optimizing our email list. We don't have access to the email list. It would be better to not have to rely on Joe to send a letter out. Carol B. states this board has been extremely hesitant to send emails. Stephanie B. solicits input on suggestions for content on the website and topics for next month's meeting.

Holiday gathering discussion tabled to next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Grevstad, Recording Secretary