

Magnolia Community Council  
Board of Trustee Meeting  
Open meeting on Zoom

June 16, 2020 | minutes

Present: Trustees Stephanie Ballard, David Kaplan, Carol Burton, Lynn Hogan, Alison Grevstad, Steve DeForest, Janis Traven, Pat Craft, David Moehring, Stephen Faciszewski, Mary Hoverson, Bruce Carter, Don Schlosser, Cheryl Jacobs, Matthew Koenig, Jayson Morris, Valeire Cooper, Ben Broesamle. Guests: Andrew Lewis, Liz Berry, Jeffrey Cohen, Sarah Reyneveld, Frank Rappaport, Jessica Keller (QA News), Brendan, Emma, Carrie Frankenburg (LUC).

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

May 19 meeting minutes approved.

Presentation: The 3 candidates for the Representative, Pos. 2 for the 36th Legislative District in the House of Representatives; Sarah Reyneveld, Jeffrey M. Cohen and Liz Berry introduced themselves and each gave remarks.

Andrew Lewis: City Council taking actions in response to the demonstrations surrounding the death of George Floyd, Black Lives Matter and calls for a new look at the role of policing in the city.

Mosqueda, budget chair is looking at how to fill the shortfall in the budget due to loss of revenue because of the coronavirus. They estimate a 300 million hole. The council has not received a revised budget from the mayor, and he believes she is taking another look at it in light of the current situation. The council is in ongoing discussion and looking at how they could redirect funds, a rightsizing process, of the role or structure of police in traffic direction, mental health responders, etc.

The Design Review Board is shifting to a virtual process and a report is due on June 22<sup>nd</sup> of how that process will work going forward. The Albertson's/Safeway project is entering another phase of design review requested by staff. Andrew is working to ensure there will be a democratic process and conversations will be held with the community while they shift to a 'virtual' system for design reviews.

Bruce Carter questions around police review, subpoena powers. Andrew replied they are looking at extending the 6 month cap for investigations, the conversation has evolved beyond oversight of police. Looking at the police use of force, reimagine the role of police, broader subpoena independence of the appeals process (different judges).

Stephen Faciszewski questions the significant gaps in studies of current transportation usage/services provided by the Magnolia bridge. Andrew replied that the Armory Way option is of interest because it is believed to be cheaper. Janis Traven notes that Armory Way option received the lowest rating from all of the stakeholders. Specifically, the Port does not support the Armory Way option. Stephen states that the BIRT report will come back with funding and timelines for both options.

Stephanie Ballard lists the committees of interest that are available for trustees to sign up with to take further action; Land Use, Transportation, Neighborhoods, Parks, Membership, Nominating Committee.

David Moehring: Land Use Committee presentation

Ursula Judkins – presented diagrams showing the two 10 bedroom mansions being built above the Admiral House and below Ursula Judkins park. Illustrated the planting ‘buffer’ zone being requested by the developers and the views/sightlines from the Ursula Judkins Viewpoint park that will be obscured by these plantings. The Land Use Committee recommends the MCC works with Parks to assure public view is maintained.

2800 Marina Place – 10 lots owned by the Elliot Bay Marina. Illustrated how Lot 1 (on the west side), if developed, would take up the space needed to place a bicycle/walking trail connecting Smith Cove to 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. Lot 5 is also being proposed for development within the bottom of a steep slope. No action is needed at this time until permit activity resumes.

2023 Zoning – The City Council funded \$500,000 for updates to the Comprehensive Plan.. In an effort to get ahead of the process of the 2023 Zoning decisions, the Committee proposes a community-led workshop. The new zoning will address increased housing capacity, diversity, converting single family into multi-family homes, minimize displacement, coming up with alternate names for single family zones.

Questionnaire – Gauge and identify the opinions of the Magnolia residents. Some issues may include : who needs parking, future growth areas planned around transit routes, maintaining tree canopy during development, and should we examine the proposed locations of future bike routes?

Stephen F. question – would David propose the MCC- Land Use take a role in getting ahead of the 2023 zoning? David states it would be a good idea to have thoughts ready on where the community wants additional density in Magnolia.

Cheryl Jacobs – should we invite a speaker from the SDCI (or OPCD) to address MCC about what they’re thinking of in regards to the 2023 zoning?

Discussion that Magnolia is currently not listed as one of the 38 urban villages around Seattle. Carol Burton stated that Magnolia didn’t fit the criteria at the time the list was made.

The land-use committee was provided the go-ahead to (a) work with the community and Parks relative to Ursula Judkins Viewpoint, (b) prepare a draft of a questionnaire on land-use preferences, and (c) conduct a community workshop to locations of additional growth.

Stephen F. and Janis T.: Transportation Committee presentation

Janis states that Fred Rappaport looked at the numbers that SDOT is using for the two options to replace the Magnolia Bridge.. The committee is concerned about the estimates that are being used for the two alternatives. SDOT is using 2006 numbers for the 1:1 replacement and appears to be making up numbers for the square foot assessments for Armory Way. The committee has drafted a letter for a request for documents to be sent to Sam Zimbabwe. MCC motioned and approved unanimously that the formal request for documents and the letter be sent.

Stephen F. – ST3 is in EIS draft process and BIRT will be making a report in November to the Legislature. He suggests we invite Alex Ko with ST3 and Diane Wiatr with SDOT/BIRT to come present at the next meeting to formulate and convey thoughts prior to the November report. He would like to collect input from the board and prepare questions in advance. Council agrees to schedule meeting in July to make up for the meeting missed in March due to Covid. Stephen also suggests board provide input in advance

of July ST3 and BIRT dialog regarding additional topics, specifically, for example: Pedestrian, cycle, bus, closure of the Locks, bike path/traffic on Emerson, and other issues for BIRT to address.

Carol B. relayed at the Smith Cove meetings, plans are to take the Rapid D off line once LINK is in place.

Pat Craft: Magnolia Chamber of Commerce report.

Promotes joining the chamber. Bring the weight of our arguments forward. The chamber posted in support of Black Lives Matter on their website. Foster School of Business did a demographics study of Magnolia. Farmer's market may not happen this year. The organization is struggling to get approvals from the city and vendors are falling away. No Summerfest this year. Live fundraising events in the fall are cancelled and they're looking at new ways to handle fundraising this year. Welcome Back signs being placed around the neighborhood to announce businesses reopening. King County will have grants available for Magnolia businesses but advised them not to try for the first round of larger grants. The chamber sent a letter similar to the content of the one sent by MCC in regards to the Albertson's/Safeway development. The Chamber declined, as did MCC to formally join a proposed committee being formed by interested neighbors in the project.

Janis proposed a motion to add MCC's public support of Black Lives Matter on both social media and a formal letter addressed to the BLM of King County. Unanimously approved.

Steve DeForest: outlines the steps for a Trustee to head the Nomination Committee for new board members in 2021. Usually the President appoints a trustee in June who recruits two non-board members to also serve on the committee. This allows for summer recruitment, publicize the election, solicit and interview candidates and present a report at the September meeting. Trustees can also offer suggestions for other candidates. In October there is a General Meeting of members (all residents of Magnolia and business owners) to offer the slate. An individual can also submit a petition with ten signatures at least 2 weeks prior to the November General Meeting to place themselves on the ballot. In November there is a General Meeting where the election takes place, ballots are counted and the results announced. Board members serve a 3 year term. Board officers serve a one year term and are elected by the board. Out of 21 trustee positions there are six that could be renewed and one or two vacancies to be filled. Lynn Hogan relays the executive board discussed filling new positions where possible with diverse members of our community.

Stephen F. expressed possible interest in filling the position to chair the nominating committee.

Cheryl J asks about the possibility of a candidate forum for the 36th Legislative District seat. David Kaplan replies that MCC is planning to hold one after the primary. Janis brings up the possibility to livestream this on Facebook. Carol B suggests making a list of questions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Grevstad, Recording Secretary