

Magnolia Community Council  
Board of Trustee Meeting  
Open meeting on Zoom

January 19, 2021 | minutes final

Present: Trustees Stephanie Ballard, David Kaplan, Leslie Helm, Carol Burton, Lynn Hogan, Mary Hoverson, Alison Grevstad, Steve DeForest, Janis Travenç, Pat Craft, David Moehring, Stephen Faciszewski, Bruce Carter, Don Schlosser, Cheryl Jacobs, Jayson Morris, Valerie Cooper, and Nicole Shiosaki.

Guests: Dana West, Tom Bauer, JR Meksavanh, Sidney Orr, Parker Dawson, Fred Rappaport, Jessica Keller/QA News, Ben Broesamle.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by David Kaplan, VP and 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.

Regular Trustee Meeting:

November minutes approved.

West Point Treatment Plant: Presentation by Dana West, Tom Bauer, JR Meksavanh, and Sidney Orr. Description of the recent overflow event was requested from Tom Bauer by Bruce C. The plant experienced power issues at a 440 million gallons peak flow event. The plant suffered power issues that knocked off the pumping systems as it did in 2017. Emergency bypass gate was opened for safety reasons. Do they have power backup sufficient for this? The answer was no. Safety interlocks bypass storm water and raw sewage around the treatment plant. The make up is about 80% storm water.

Main presentation from Tom Bauer: Mission of the organization; preserve the health of the Puget Sound region and preserve valuable resources. History of the development of Metro. 2 large treatment plants in West Seattle and South in Renton, 4 total. West Point was completed in 1966 with primary treatment (removes about half of the solids and disinfects the effluent) for 125 million gallons a day of raw sewage. Secondary treatment removes 95 percent of solids. Remaining water is as pure as 80% of the world's drinking water. 1988 permit to expand West Point to meet the new standards of this Clean Water Act. 130 million to 100 million reduction in flow during the summer, when they do repairs and maintenance (structural, mechanical, electronic). Formed a working group with City Light, came up with 30 total, of which 9 are feasible actions to incorporate to decrease "sags" (that knock equipment offline) and other solutions to create more stable electrical service to the plant. Among these are to upgrade electrical systems, power-monitoring equipment, and possibly install a new dedicated power feed from a not yet created substation.

Valerie C. commented on exhaust emission smell – they recommend we call the West Point main number and file an odor complaint. 24/7 number to call is 206.263.3840. Identify wind direction and location as best as possible.

Bruce Carter – how many times have there been overflows? Bruce requests the past ten-year's numbers. System overlocks were activated to avoid the same situation from 2017. Voltage sag doesn't necessarily mean power outage. West Point is dependent on power from City Light.

JR presents two projects – In 2019-2020 there was an upgrade reservoir to meet code and allows access for inspection. One for drinking water 18,000 gallons and one for industrial use at the plant. Installation

of a 460 ft. potable water overflow pipe. Installation, and restoration work with shrub and tree plantings is complete and will continue for the next 3 years.

A sediment roof tank project is upcoming. Removing concrete beams and improve odor control system from 2021- 2023.

West Point recommends you only put TP and waste in the toilet. Wipes have been a big problem for them during Covid times. Fat, Oil and Grease (FOG) constricts your in-home and city pipes. FOG backed up the Brightwater plant recently.

What effects would a person experience if they went into the water during an overflow event? Tom suggests could be GI, skin irritation, pinkeye. It's hard to say based on what pathogens are in the water at the time. Signs go up until Public Health gives the okay after monitoring the water near the beaches in their lab.

Pat commented on the overflow – has the plant been upgraded or ready for another power failure? 2017 event had an electrical anomaly that still hasn't been explained that knocked power systems offline. Emergency bypass gate would be put in place when life and safety would be compromised. They've put in automatic switchgears to maintain equipment readiness. This recent event was also caused by a power anomaly. Safety systems responded as they were designed. Bypass gate was activated to keep the plant running.

Dana thanks the group for meeting during Covid. Invites us to come for a tour with Tom post-Covid and for any interested member of the board to form an ongoing partnership with their organization.

Parker Dawson from Council Member Lewis' office:

Status of Smith Cove audit—office of city auditor that they can only take one audit at a time from city council due to covid budget cuts. They have one full time employee a week. They're working on an audit request for a sidewalk maintenance program audit at SDOT. Smith Cove is queued up with them along with a few other items. Will approach that later this year. 3.1 million dollars of allocated funding is being held along with 500,000 in partner funding (250K from Port, 250K from King County that will expire in a few months). Request 2.9 million needed to fund Phase 1 construction was denied from last year's council along with all requests from Parks were delayed. Lewis' office is working to ensure that funding is not put in jeopardy due to the delay in construction.

Police reform and luring business back downtown—largest barrier for reentry in downtown is that Covid is so apparent. Working on maximizing vaccinations. Push on doubling up on financial support for small businesses. Meeting with downtown associations and small business organizations. Police reform, establishing effectiveness of additive measures. Spreading workload among other organizations that don't require a police response. Interested parties can follow up with [Camille.Brown@Seattle.gov](mailto:Camille.Brown@Seattle.gov). Also she would be the person to follow up on Lisa Herbold's proposal for leniency in criminal activity.

Ft. Lawton housing— Dept. of Housing just briefed Lewis on this project. More progress will be made this year.

Further the Magnolia Bridge issue— Strauss and Berry working on this potentially at the federal level?, and focus work on the 1:1. Jacob Thorpe is the contact for this matter.

Janis T. asks that requests for Federal funds include language that the 1:1 is the preferred replacement. FONSI. Was an environmental assessment submitted for public comment back in 2015?

Elliot Bay Marina trail – progress! There is some conversation scheduled on this.

Tech Subcommittee update:

Recommend a central digital repository for historical information. Expand services with Joe to host digital storage of documents securely. Janis brings up that Joe has requested the Gmail account password. MCC does have a Dropbox account. Janis has an MCC account at MailChimp and is using the email list from Joe. Recommendation to discuss this further with the board in February.

Website – recommend expanded access to FB and website with recommend gatekeepers to monitor and review content. Encourage committee chairs and trustees to post. Build in protocol and templates to help create and share posts. Build on engagement, use FB and website to help build community support for future positions. Cheryl J. recommends we discuss this further in February and identify board members willing to take these recommendations into further action.

Land Use Committee, David M. – Thurs. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> is next meeting. City requests to add multi-family density at transit areas. Sending out a mailer to ask for help to identify areas of good candidates for high density in Magnolia. Phinney on 536 N. 67<sup>th</sup> St. is an example of size and bulk of a 3-unit development.

ST3 update, Ben B. – costs for Ballard increased from 8 to 12 billion. Sound Transit now states that the tunnel option will cost the same as the above ground/bridge alternative.

Chamber of Commerce, Pat – new president, David Dougherty. Pat is continuing to serve as advocate. 501c3 has been set up, so beautification along McGraw and all of Magnolia can continue. NE quadrant looking to improve and enhance development in that area.

Stephanie – Discuss MCC priorities for the year in February. Speaker in Feb will be Eden Mack, former SPS board director. Cheryl and Val will spearhead subject matter questions for Eden. Contact them to add your questions.

Binder with the by-laws and updated roster will be done electronically this year. If anyone has updates, please send their new contact information to Stephanie this week.

General meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Grevstad, Recording Secretary