

Magnolia Community Council
Board of Trustee Meeting
Open meeting on Zoom

March 16, 2021 | minutes draft

Present: Trustees Stephanie Ballard, David Kaplan, Carol Burton, Lynn Hogan, Mary Hoverson, Alison Grevstad, Steve DeForest, Janis Traven, David Moehring, Stephen Faciszewski, Cheryl Jacobs, Matthew Koenig, Nicole Shiosaki and Jayson Morris.

Guests: Parker Dawson, Fred Rappaport, Jessica Keller/QA News

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm 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.

Trustee Meeting:

Meeting agenda approved

February meeting minutes approved.

Parker Dawson guest speaker: With updates from Jacob and Andrew. Movement on the bridge and homelessness response. Gonzalez submitted an investment letter with significant progress on state and federal dollars for infrastructure. With that, the city is working on getting specific \$2 million for study and scoping for the 1:1 replacement of the Magnolia bridge. \$12 million was appropriated to the response strategy – which boosts the Tiny House initiative and Andrew is working on passing a resolution to use FEMA dollars toward the homeless problem. Two new hotels are opening as temporary shelter for homeless. A third hotel will be approved soon.

Janis – brought up Columbian recycled plastic/coffee husk tiny houses through Starbucks. Latte chalet. Also a request for update on Fort Lawton development. Parker will connect Jacob to Carol re: this. Lynn – comments LIHI is difficult to donate to.

Alison + Nicole – tech committee presented layout options for the website. Cheryl requested a more mid-century font for the header, Mary requested the darker menu bar font. Stephen F. will submit a proposal for folder organization and access to archiving in Dropbox. Nicole will be setting up Facebook streaming for meetings, Twitter and possibly Instagram accounts. Cheryl asked about progress on training/cheat sheet for posting? Janis requested a place for Archives/By-Laws. Questions about content in 'Resources' tab. Recommendation for things like 'Find It-Fix It' other non-profit services. Discussion to link new emails to the MailChimp list.

Janis – Big thank you to Jessica/QA Magnolia news for the article on Shaken Not Stirred, which garnered some responses– a playlist being one. Other than that there were no responses for the cocktail contest. Working on a coloring sheet of the bridge to possibly post at Met Market. Haiku contest may be next. Jason/Magnolia Chamber may partner on some of the less political events.

David – Albertson's update to come in April. They are in the master use permit process. Same height is being proposed – no change there. Next Land Use committee meeting will be the Thursday, April 15th, focusing on state of WA legislation 2020 which encourages municipalities to increase density wherever there is a frequent transit service area. The area where Condon Way and Blaine meets 28th and a radius of 4 blocks around meets that requirement. It would be good to post something on our website to invite neighbors to the April meeting.

Janis – vehicle license increase in fees proposal was voted to a stakeholder group on how the funds will be allocated. She believes the stakeholders have had an initial meeting.

Stephen F. – work on ST3 for a tunnel under the ship canal is making progress, though still ongoing. Draft EIS is still in progress. He would still like to look at King County metro revisions to bus service when he has time. Has not received information on the BNSF Dravus bridge over the railroads. (SDOT does not claim responsibility for this bridge.)

King County Wastewater Division update – re: Bruce Carter’s question from January’s meeting on how many times there have been power interruptions leading to overflows at the plant. Response: Over the past 20 years the plant has diverted polluted wastewater 15 times while the plant was working at capacity. A high percentage of these have occurred over the past five years. Bruce asked - at what future date could you assure us this won’t happen again? There has been a recent emergency declaration by Dow Constantine to provide West Point Treatment with more reliable power, dated March 2, 2021.

Debate series hosted by MCC – on Zoom. Proposing MCC host 2 or 3 primary debates this summer. Janis brings up the Port of Seattle race as another possibility for a debate. David K. - Mayors race has 14 candidates, 4 of them have no contact information listed. City Council District 9. David proposes possibly Tuesdays, June 8th and June 22nd from 6:30 to 8:30 for a 2 hour block. We’ll need to generate questions for these. David K. to schedule w/candidates.

2021 goals and objectives, needs updating – Topics include: 15th Avenue traffic monitoring. Table the Expedia traffic monitoring (for now) though post-Covid revisit this. Draft EIS for ST3 will need to be responded to this year. Advocate for community participation for decisions affecting Land Use. Add looking at DADUs. Advocating for low-income housing, monitoring FLARC (response will need to come after Design and Development presentations). Development of an Emergency Preparedness template for Magnolia residents and continued participation in relevant safety organizations. Steve DeForest recommends the Office of Emergency Management come back to make a presentation to the Board. Carol – there is a Manor Park water pump that they were going to train the P-Patch volunteers on how to use this. There are plans in place to evacuate people from Discovery Park beach, if necessary. Mary H. points out that it would be excellent information to have on our website. Add monitoring renovations to the Magnolia Community Center to the list. Stephanie will circulate this list to collect further comments.

Future speakers: Upcoming Waterfront projects and plans. Urbanist on the subject of impact fees. Q & A on DADUs. Janis – suggests hearing from the Port. Please continue to recommend speakers of interest to Stephanie

Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Grevstad, Recording Secretary