

Magnolia Community Council  
Board of Trustee Meeting  
Open meeting on Zoom and live-streamed on MCC FB page

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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, Leslie Helm, Valerie Cooper, Don Schlosser, Lisa Barnes and Jayson Morris.

Guests: Parker Dawson, Fred Rappaport, Ben Broesamle, Jessica Keller/QA News, Monica Wooton, Alex Haas, Cindy Johnson, Courtney Ray, Mike Gruber. John Marasco, Mark, Nick Simpson, and Kym Michela with the Albertsons/Safeway project.

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 revised and approved. March meeting minutes approved.

Parker Dawson guest speaker:

Magnolia Bridge – proposal for utilizing Vehicle Licensing Fee dollars toward making bridge repair and replacements. Andrew's office feels positive about the outcome.

Tiny House program – is it worthwhile to donate funds to build a Tiny House? He believes it's a fantastic way to get involved. Interbay is on a short list to be expanded. That would be a great way to volunteer time and/or resources. City has ongoing needs for resources provided to these sites that are handled with their city budget. There are also currently faith based groups and local community organizations involved.

Lynn H – Questions how does 'It Takes a Village' intersect with 'Compassion Seattle?' Parker and Andrew are not allowed to talk about this under the election's ethics law.

Albertson's Project Update:

Kym Michela, John Marasco/Real Estate, Nicholas and Mark Simpson/Architect

John Marasco, there is a meeting with the city for the Master Use Permit – May 26<sup>th</sup>

They are seeking a written recommendation from MCC for the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Context: 146 residential units on top of Safeway, today they're at 133 units at a little larger unit program. Safeway has acquired Adronico's stores. Non-potable water uses need to be sourced with non-potable water. Water for irrigation, toilet, and heating/cooling requirements will be provided by water from the site. Heat from Safeway refrigeration will be recirculate to heat the units.

Nick and Mark Simpson, they are working with the community in regular meetings. Showing slides of progress on designs with an upper level setback at the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. Alley side now has 14+ minimum setbacks from the alley. Also on the alley side there is a 60 feet setback with 'wetland' planting, 5-foot soil base for terrace planting. There are angled bays for down alley views rather than looking into neighbor's houses across the alley. Materials are red brick, sand colored brick and wood siding on the facings. There are two 2-story townhouses on the Northwest corner of the site. Roof will have amenities, solar panels and green roof. Grocery store is recessed approx. 5-6 feet. There are Discovery bay windows on the 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave W. side. There will be 24 part-time parking spaces for cars. There are a

series of 4 short-term bicycle-parking stalls between trees on the sidewalk. Carol – where is the loading dock. It is now moved behind a sound wall to accommodate much smaller trucks (not interstate sized). Cheryl – is the café a Starbucks? Answer is yes. In the setback balcony area there are 2-foot w/x18 inch deep gardening areas accessible from windows (Chive garden). South-facing large blank concrete sheer wall is an opportunity for some kind of décor/artwork (green wall won't survive); they don't have a plan for it yet.

Erica Schmidt – are the material you're sharing available? The answer is yes, they'd be happy to share samples of them. Is the meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> open to the public – the answer is yes. Are the drawings available? – John offers to run through a zoom call with Erica.

Tiny House Donation, Lynn Hogan – MCC to become an active participant as a donation of a Tiny House to the Interbay site. Vote to donate 3,000.00 from MCC to supply all of the building materials, with volunteers to build the house. There is also an option for a contractor volunteer from our group to build the house. Lynn moves to donate 3,000.00 toward the construction of a Tiny House. Janis reminds that she serves on the advisory committee of the Interbay Village. In the past you've been able to donate to LIHI to do exactly this. Their kitchen facility also needs some maintenance and may be a more immediate need. Lisa B. suggests checking what they need. Don S. likes having a specific element like a house, rather than maintenance for a kitchen. Don has not seen the financial statements for MCC, and wonders if we have enough funds. Mary H. supports Don's comment re: a specific element (a Tiny House) and states MCC has the funds. David K. suggests we could wait for the opportunity to build a Tiny House and find out if there is a more immediate need from Janis. David M. mentions that LIHI states 3,500 for materials. Vote to donate up to \$3,500.00 toward the purchase of materials for construction of a Tiny House in the Interbay Tiny House Village managed by Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI). Motion passes. Janis is happy to give updates on the Interbay Tiny Village offline in the future.

Magnolia Bridge update, Janis T: it's the right time to contact City Council members. Senate and House proposal for \$54 million for BIRT may pass this session. Lewis, Herbold, Peterson, Mosqueda put in a striker amendment putting bond capability into the Vehicle Licensing Fees to raise \$100 million dollars, 75% to bridge replacement and preservation. We should be thanking these Council members. They need 5 votes for support on the Council; they currently have 4 sponsors. The hearing is at 9am tomorrow morning and they will vote in about two weeks. Ben B., multi-modal folks have 3 million being cut which might eliminate Mosqueda's support. Percentages and bonding ability may change. Janis proposes we write a letter in support of the striker amendment to send to all the Council members. David K. suggests Janis and Stephen draft a letter for MCC to vote on. Janis agreed to draft a letter. (A striker amendment replaces legislation/ordinance that is already been filed.)

Land Use Committee, Cheryl J: Brainstorming topics for 2021, Cheryl proposes a discussion on ADUs and DADUs, and making it relatively specific. Inviting a planner with the city who covers this subject as a possibility for a July meeting. Pat Craft to speak on this from a real estate perspective? Owner occupancy, parking, scale and height changes to the neighborhood, tree cover and natural light/climate change could all be translated into questions. Other topics could be permitting and prefab. Pat C: There's a move in the city of eliminating single-family home zoning. David M asks for more time next meeting – 15 minutes.

Chamber Update, Pat Craft: You can be a member! For only 65.00! Continuing Phase 2 and 3 for additional blocks, up to 35<sup>th</sup> of the Magnolia Beautification project. Trying to activate the Fisherman's Terminal area. Pursuing a mural project on 27<sup>th</sup> and W. Commodore Way – they're developing artwork/murals honoring maritime history. Also looking to create music and artist's events, w/artists creating art live.

Magnolia Tech Committee update, Leslie Helm: Update on website layout and menu bars with content under each. We need a list of the active committees and chairs. Leslie will circulate final list to go under each subcategory for trustees to review and comment. Joe is working through the layout now. David K. asks to take out the copy re: the church and change to FB on the Under Construction page. Stephen F: sent out a spreadsheet as a first stab for folder hierarchy going forward for public materials. Hoping trustees can take a look and get back to him with comments.

Candidate Debate Series, David K. – scheduled for June 8 and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have some candidates interested to attend our May meeting. 5 in position 8, 5 in position 9, 9 or 10 candidates for mayor.

Janis T: Bruce C. asked if MCC should be writing to our federal delegation at this point? Janis thinks it may be a little premature.

Transportation, Stephen F: Sound Transit looking for feedback on the realignment due to increase in construction costs. Decision could come in July. Ballard/Downtown is the most important to us. Tunnel to Ballard is still the most important to us.

Nominating Committee, Stephen F: asks trustees whose 3 year terms are coming up to think about whether they're planning to return. Question for the board on whether we want to work with an outside party to help MCC in development of board diversity/recruitment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Grevstad, Recording Secretary