

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

May 18, 2021 | minutes draft

Present: Trustees David Kaplan, Carol Burton, Lynn Hogan, Mary Hoverson, Alison Grevstad, Steve DeForest, Janis Traven, David Moehring, Stephen Faciszewski, Cheryl Jacobs, Nicole Shiosaki, Pat Craft, Don Schlosser, Lisa Barnes, Stephen DeForest, and Bruce Carter.

Guests: Andrew Lewis, Parker Dawson, Fred Rappaport, Ben Broesamle, Jessica Keller/QA News, Bruce Harrel, Colleen Echohawk, Sara Nelson, Kate Martin, Ted and Jeanne Coulson, Sharon Le Vine, Paul Glumaz, Joan, Gene, Tami Olson.

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by David Kaplan, Vice 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. April meeting minutes approved.

Bruce Harrell, mayoral candidate. He's appalled at the state of the city right now. He uses common sense and a moral compass. Not supportive of starving the police department of resources. Good response times, effective policing, optimizing police performance. Small business recovery plan.

Colleen Echohawk, mayoral candidate. Born in Delta Junction, AK. An enrolled member of the Kithehaki Band of the Pawnee Nation and a member of the Upper Athabaskan people of Mentasta Lake. A twenty year resident of Seattle. First time running for office. Policing, climate change and biggest reason she is running is to tackle homelessness. She is the executive director of Chief Seattle Club, a non-profit that is building affordable housing for Urban Indians. Wants to take care of infrastructure.

Sara Nelson, City Council candidate, Position 9. A pragmatic and progressive small business owner. Experience working in Richard Conlin's office for ten years. Owner of Fremont Brewing. Economic recovery is her first priority. Retain and bring more jobs to Seattle.

Kate Martin, City Council candidate, Position 8. Running against Teresa Mosqueda. Has served on community councils. She will bring district level democracy.

Ursula Judkins Viewpoint, David Moehring, Ted Coulson: Appeal process for land use regarding the two proposed mansions below the Ursula Judkins Park. Are these being used as single-family residences or an adjunct for the nearby business Admiral House)? Owners of the two mansions are the same as the owners of the Admiral House. While the appeal is pending there is an opportunity to negotiate and mediate with the developers. 'Friends of the last 6,000' have also filed an appeal. Would like to resolve the loss of the view from the park due to this development and planting buffer in the early stages. There will be work on hearing preparation, witness designation, participate in mediation. They need to raise approx. \$6,000 for legal fees. Steve DeForest weighs in on importance of maintaining the view from the park. Janis T. make sure construction they have planned will not interfere with the 1:1 replacement of the Magnolia Bridge. There is a memorandum of agreement when the Admiral House was originally sold that she has requested from the city, but not found so far. Sharon LeVine, was on the committee with Ursula Judkins when the city sold the property which is now where Expedia is housed. Parking lot for the pier is guaranteed in perpetuity and the bridge over Elliot Avenue were all put in place during Ursula

Judkins tenure. Pat Craft asked if we have reached out to the owners or gotten any response? Ted answers not yet. The amenity of this park is the view. Don Schlosser asks if the owner would remove the barrier? Is that an acceptable concession? Ted answers yes, or a low growth planting. Ted is asking MCC for public outreach, help with fundraising for legal fees for a land-use lawyer, motion for Trustee's action. Steve DeForest notes that MCC is a 501c4 organization – so donations are not tax deductible. Bruce Carter moves to assist in earmarking fundraising efforts through the MCC to help with legal fees for this effort. Motion to place a fundraising effort on MCC FB page.

Andrew Lewis and Parker Dawson guest speaker: Parks Dept. had a meeting with SDCI re: Ursula Judkins and will update us on information from that meeting. David M. requests that he reconvene with us in a month or two to give an update on city land-use issues. David K. asks about an update on community centers, specifically Magnolia's. Andrew is not aware of status of programming right now. Capital improvements were funded for last summer, but postponed due to Covid. Libraries in District 7 have curbside service on a limited basis. Janis T. what is the next step for the 1:1? Thanks the Council for supporting the VLF toward bridge maintenance. City bonds to spend 75 million on bridges and 25 million on other transportation needs. SDOT needs to come to the Council with a project list in the fall. (An older proposal had SDOT led stakeholder group gave only 1 million instead of 7 million to bridge maintenance.) Also looking to a Federal support package, along with State support for the BIRT bridges. Andrew thanks MCC for reaching out to support the bridge infrastructure and asks we continue to support this. Biggest issue facing the city is chronic homelessness. Andrew thinks there will be more big bridge failures in the future, and supports investing in proactive bridge maintenance. What other sources of revenue can we use to get resources out in the field so we don't have to constantly fight over the amount of money available for transportation projects (bridges, pedestrian, bike lanes). Cap and Trade revenue and other sources are being looked at.

Land Use Committee Updates, David M: Albertsons/Safeway project final review is next week on May 26th at 5pm. 138 condo units with a Safeway store. The proposal intends to participate as a Living Building project. Cheryl J, an update on proposed topic of Planning Dept. speaker in September for approx. 30 minutes about ADUs and DADUs.

Transportation/Mobility, Stephen F: Sound Transit is in a holding pattern re: West Seattle/Ballard route. No response from Sound Transit on that realignment.

Tech Committee, Stephen F: Dropbox folder storage structure is in place. Paid subscription would give us more permission capabilities.

Paul Glumaz, Candidate for City Council, Position 8: Running to address the crisis of homelessness in Seattle. Zero tolerance for homeless people on the streets, parks and school grounds.

MCC Financial Information overview, Mary H/David K: Mary has sent out a treasurer's report to be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting in June.

MCC Debate Series Summer 2021, David K: Mayoral on June 8th, City Council on June 22nd, City Attorney, and possibly Port. Plan to have livestream and chat capabilities on FB. David could use some help drafting questions and format.

Tech Committee, Alison G: Joe V. has just sent a rough draft of the website template and we will be able to share with the group soon.

Cheryl J: Pool opens Jun 19th and Farmer's Market opens on June 5th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Grevstad, Recording Secretary