

Magnolia Community Council  
Board of Trustee Meeting  
Open meeting on Zoom and recorded

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Present: Trustees David Kaplan, Carol Burton, Lynn Hogan, Bill Stafford, Alison Grevstad, Janis Traven, David Moehring, Cheryl Jacobs, Pat Craft, Jayson Morris, Stephanie Ballard, Matthew Koenig, Valerie Cooper, Leslie Helm, Steve DeForest, Stephen Faciszewski, and Don Schlosser.

Guests: Fred Rappaport, Erle Cohen (volunteer, West Precinct Advisory Council).  
Rosie Courtney, Stephanie Jones Stebbins and Keri Stevens (Port of Seattle).

General Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Stephanie Ballard, President

Presentation of trustees running for another term:

Bruce Carter, Pat Craft, Cheryl Jacobs, Matthew Koenig, Jayson Morris.

Trustees stepping down: Lynn Hogan, Valerie Cooper.

General Meeting adjourned.

Trustee Meeting called to order at 7:10 by Stephanie Ballard, President  
Meeting agenda approved. September meeting minutes approved.

Rosie Courtney, Guest Speaker from the Port of Seattle:

Resident experts on the Airport and Waterfront as topics.

Airport/Keri Stevens – Capital Improvement Project Updates for the next seven to eight years.

International Arrivals facility, new pedestrian walkway to connect to the main A concourse. New baggage facilities. New lounges – Amex Club, Delta behind A concourse. New Duty Free shop. North Main Terminal renovation w/Alaska Airlines. Widen Arrivals drives, from two to four lanes. C-1 Building expansion, adding four more floors. South Satellite renovation, shops, dining, meditation, all gender restrooms, lounges and dining. Passenger services, Spot Saver queue, Reserve Parking up to 30% discount, Order at Sea for online food orders.

Stephanie Stebbins/Waterfront, Maritime Division:

2021 recovering from the pandemic and economic impact. Cruise passengers was down 82% (Airport was down 26%). Vaccinations and negative test required to board the cruise vessels. Long-term priorities focus for 2022 on new economic opportunities building in sustainability and equity. The Port is focused on climate change, racial and social justice. Capital Projects: shore power to Pier 66 by submarine cable. Pier 90 berths 6&8 for commercial fishing. Terminal 46 pier will be replaced for fishing/research vessels. Terminal 91 uplands. North Harbor projects T-5 modernization and T-18 upgrades. Maritime Innovation Center – at Fisherman’s Terminal. NW Ports Clean Air Strategy setting goals for emission reduction. Reduce carbon emissions goals for 2040. Maritime Accelerator, geared to promoting businesses. Maritime High School in the Highline School District, focus on exposing kids from underrepresented communities to the field. Duwamish River People’s Park and 14 acres of shoreline habitat.

Bill Stafford – question on the bridge for International Terminal being set up for older passengers. Keri, it will have moving walkways, escalators.

Jayson Morris – Where is the Coast Guard's operations hub supports Pacific Northwest and polar missions in their timeline in tripling base size on Seattle waterfront as the U.S. ramps up Arctic presence? The U.S. Coast Guard is proposing a renovation and expansion of its Seattle waterfront base that during the next decade will be home to three new icebreakers, and probably other vessels which would be good for Seattle.

Question on increasing runway system capacity? Keri, it is not being planned to increase capacity of the

runways.

Pat Craft – increased flights from UPS flying over Magnolia (Fedex from King County). Rosie to research. Asked about the port experience for cruise passengers. Rosie says it's been well regarded and highly rated as the experience being efficient. Luggage is transported directly from ship to the airport. Would the port consider putting a hotel where Staples was located? Steph: the Port does not have that kind of authority, she thinks it's a great idea.

Janis T – has the Coast Guard engaged ST3 for comments on the bridge? Port representatives said that they have engaged regularly on ST3 issues, and will follow up re: any specific interaction with Coast Guard on this issue.

Alison G – Does the new Spot Saver program service all airport destinations? Keri says it should. Describe the focus of the Maritime Innovation Center? Stephanie: the focus will be on driving innovation in the maritime business. There will be some offices and Maritime Blue supporting entrepreneurs, investing in new technology. Who do we reach out to regarding the topic of air noise over Magnolia? Stephanie B to schedule another meeting with Rosie for the Port to address this topic.

Bruce – Maritime throughput of the Port, is it 24/7? Stephanie: Port is working w/terminal operators to improve efficiency and capacity. National Seaport Alliance is working on this.

Stephen F – facilitation of passengers from the Link to the main terminal, will there be quicker access or moving walkway? Inter-mobile facility is in the plans (for the future) to become a new front door from the Light Rail station will be much more terminal side instead of the long walk and would have moving walkways. The garage ceiling is too low for a moving walkway.

Rosie – construction/repairs on Pier 91 just north of the cruise terminal. Piles from Turkey are being installed and were delayed due to Covid. One requires a hammer after 8am for 30 minutes tomorrow. Tides have shifted during the delay and between 10pm and 2am is the only time they can do some welding on the pier. Please let them know if the community experiences disturbance.

Andrew Lewis, Parker Dawson: not present

Land Use Committee, David M: Cheryl – Nick's responses to our questions were not that illuminating. Nothing regarding lower income, accessibility to ADUs are being tracked. Pat Craft – all builders are chasing the loophole in the system to buy single-family homes and building townhomes under one small entity. It's a subtle destruction of single-family zoning. It allows them not to pay into low-income housing funds. Matt Koenig – there are places where the city has rightfully planned townhomes that are zoned that way. This loophole of taking advantage of the ADU legislation allows developers to build 3-dwelling condos on any street, anywhere in Magnolia or Seattle and sell each of them separately. Matt found that Nick was surprised that it was a concern for our community. There could be a way for homeowners to put something in place by joining together. Create a covenant that could be put into the title as a block by the neighbors to restrict this use for perpetuity, requiring permission from neighbors to build ADUs. Assist and prepare a resource/template for the community to help homeowners navigate this issue. Discussion: Cheryl Jacobs thinks this could be a good idea. Would MCC pay for an attorney to draft something that could be used generally by the community? Matt: it might need to be looked at individually by a land-use attorney for specific neighborhoods.

Carol – covenants are in place all over Seattle. How are you going to enforce the covenants. Matt: this restriction would be recorded very clearly on the title of the property.

Bruce – suggests a legislative solution to prevent this runaway loophole. Matt: has lost trust in the city to correct this issue. Though he thinks both of these ideas are good ones.

Don Schlosser – feels like a heavy lift to have neighbors agree, reducing the potential value of their property. Matt: counters it could increase value if the buyers view this as a positive when looking for a single-family home.

Janis – thinks proposal for a package, what it would cost, guidelines for how to proceed feels like a good idea, w/out creating a NIMBY. The city is only going to go in the direction of pro-density.

Stephen F – suggests a program that doesn't get into the gray area of rendering legal services.  
Leslie – single-family homes can sometimes be worse than any condos. Would there be a process for design review? Matt: there could be general parameters that neighbors on a block could choose from.  
Cheryl – maybe check with Andrew to put pressure on city agencies to review this and report back to us.  
Bruce – reach out to other neighborhood councils and letter to the editor.  
Bill – send David M's presentation to the 3 running for council.  
David M – rough draft of this package could be presented next month for further discussion.

Janis T, Transportation/Mobility Committee: proposal in response to the Vehicle License Fee. 100 million for infrastructure projects of which the City Council approved with the condition of 75% for bridges. Magnolia Bridge appears for 5.5 million for concrete, expansion joints, grout pads, paint. Bonding projects should be spent on projects that last for 20 years. Wonders if this would dissuade SDOT from doing anything in the future for an actual replacement.

Stephen F. – ST3 following the realignment process, is there someone to participate as a member of the one of the advisory groups to 2022 that would meet the demographics they're looking for? Jayson is interested. Suggest as a Council that Ben B. and Jayson both represent Magnolia on one of these groups.

Magnolia Chamber Update – Pat Craft: check out the website and join as a family member. Holiday lights are up and reach further out toward Albertsons. Tables and chairs, poles and banners continue to come further up the street. Stepped away from Halloween, raised a couple thousand dollars toward families in need. Re-evaluating events. Shredding at Key Bank. Village December 4th wine event from 6-9. New mural is up. Phase 4&5 beautification expands sidewalk w/trees 33<sup>rd</sup> toward the ball-fields, and 32<sup>nd</sup> toward Albertsons. Matt K. asks about the possibility of McGraw between 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> blocked off for pedestrians only. Pat: activation is the only thing happening right now. It's been problematic for access in the past discussions.

Ursula Judkins Viewpoint Litigation Update, David K and David M: partial victory from the Hearing Examiner order to require SDCI to look at the trees that were planned between the park and the proposed buildings. There is a possibility of other issues such as the Admiral House historical landmark and the proposed stairway that could be asked for reconsideration. And vice versa from Ocean Star regarding the tree buffer. Subsequently Petitioning disputes to the Hearing Examiners decision to the King County Superior Court could become much more expensive. Suggests an executive session of the MCC before the 10-day Motion for Reconsideration due date. There could be more actions that require more funding. Steve DeForest meet with attorneys to determine next steps and present to the board. David K will set up a timely executive session. City Wide Community Council Meeting Takeaways, Carol – encouraged by response and participants. Though they did not have representation from south and west Seattle.

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Update – table for next month.

David K re: letter from the Downtown Seattle Association. Does MCC want to express support of some of their initiatives as priorities for the City Council. Erle, who volunteers w/West precinct advisory council and received this letter and forwarded to MCC through Don Schlosser. The letter does a good job of trying to get the City Council to understand priorities for Downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. Janis T thinks this deserves more attention. Contains a lot of the language in a charter amendment that didn't pass. Businesses aren't paying their fair share and she thinks supporting this letter is not the way to go and suggests we table this for the next meeting.

Cheryl J – Tomorrow at 5pm is the Design review for a 5 story commercial building next to Ace Hardware. It's a year behind the Albertson's/Safeway project. Located next to the church building across from the alley.

From Jayson Morris: Seattle University is administering the 7th annual citywide Seattle Public Safety Survey, which is accessible at <https://publicsafetysurvey.org/> from October 15th through November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Grevstad, Recording Secretary