

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

April 19, 2022 | minutes final

Present: Trustees Stephanie Ballard, David Kaplan, Bruce Carter, Carol Burton, Alison Grevstad, Janis Traven, Bill Stafford, Stephanie Ballard, Steve DeForest, David Moehring, Erle Cohen, Stephen Faciszewski, Amy Platenberg and Matthew Koenig.

Guests: Waylon Robert (candidate for 36th legislative district) @ 360.489.7640 , Sara Nelson (city-wide City Council member), Parker Dawson (Council member Lewis representative), Fred Rappaport, Jessica Keller (Mag/QA News), Ben Broesamle, Joyce Ditore, Beth De Sort, Deanna Fuller, Diana Lopez, Marilyn Best, Ben Broesamle, Paula Mueller (QACC), Jeff Manson, Candidate, State Rep. - 36th LD - Pos. 1.

General Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Stephanie Ballard, President  
Minutes for March meeting are approved.

Waylon Robert (candidate for 36th legislative district) - Downtown safety, mental health, and homelessness need to be addressed. State should be a funder and a leader. Identifies with the neighborhood. Bill S. asks about the move to ban books in the libraries. Waylon feels that the libraries and community centers are important. Bruce C. asks for experience setting policy - Waylon, 150K for History Link grant, the statewide library grant program, worked in Larry Gossett's office for five years.

Updates from City Hill, Sara Nelson - she has completed her first 100 days in office. Serves as Chair of the Economic committee. Other committees are Land Use, Finance, Public Safety, Arts and Neighborhoods. Her office has a 70% email response. She recently filed an Intent to Fund Staffing Incentives for Seattle Police Officers, a resolution of accelerating adding police officers, which includes lifting a budget proviso. Link: <http://seattle.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5552184&GUID=F4FDB7B2-20D9-479C-B752-3A3E4A53ACFC>

The city needs to address public safety. SPD has lost 29% of its service. Encampments are the second part of the largest problems facing the city - she is hoping to shape policy and budget issues when the time comes. Erle asks what is she doing to bring her fellow council members along. She's been having very frank conversations. A lot of the work was done by the election. She cites a survey by the Chamber of Commerce showing constituents are concerned with safety and homelessness. Carol asks about comments to the Mayor on neighborhoods not being heard - cites the loss of district councils. Asks, how are you going to include the neighborhood? Sara agrees there is no formal communication channel between the neighborhoods to the council. She supports a city-staffed nexus to help with this. She asked Morales and Andreas this question. She wants to press for a new model that can perform this function. She wants to look to other cities where this is going well. Bruce C. asks about Parks, specifically Smith Cove Park. Where is the money set aside for this park (in 2014) and the Magnolia Community Center? Sara: Parks is starting its second round plan - she recommends emailing Andrew Lewis and Parks and her office, that we want action on the money that was allocated. Matthew K. wonders if this police officer incentive is an increase in salary to address an undesirable workplace? Sara says they left because the city was planning to fire them. It's up to the council and Mayor to create a positive work environment for the police department. She believes retention bonuses are very important, but RCW states that this would need to be renegotiated and is currently not allowable. Janis asks about the Mayor not moving bonding forward on the bridges. Asks for help to help get this funding back on track. Sara supports maintaining our existing infrastructure first. Janis - type, size and location study is being put back on hold and is what is necessary to get projects shovel ready. Waylon Robert asks what can the legislature do to help with the hiring and retention of officers? Sara says it's fully funded by the general fund. She answers - the State can expand the Academy. David M. asks about affordable housing, would like to invite her and other council members and the Mayor to walk through developments that were once single family

residences that have been converted to ADU's and DADU's. Properties are being purchased by investors, leveled and one to two additional homes being built on the one lot being sold as individual units. He would like to schedule a time to meet with her. Offers to send her a slide deck. She can be reached at: Sara.nelson@seattle.gov, (206) 518-3320

Andrew Lewis Office, Parker Dawson: RE: bond being declined by Mayor Harrell - Parker is still researching. Mounger Pool and Parks decision to delay the opening of the pools. The issue of lifeguard staffing has been plaguing the public pools over the past year. It is the reason for the Mounger Pool is opening late for this reason. Sara Nelson states this is terrible. She feels this is a win-win to hire staff, create jobs and open the pools. She thinks this needs prioritization and outreach. Joyce Ditore, Deanna Fuller comment on the lack of support for the outdoor pools and ask for creative approaches to create staffing for lifeguards. Paula asks why isn't there some effort to have multiple pools open on a reduced schedule, rather than one open and one completely closed? Parker states that Parks attempted a strategy in the past on a rolling basis, a month at a time, they heard that people didn't like that model. Parker (and Carol B.) recommends that as a community we start encouraging folks to enroll in lifeguard training: <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/jobs/aquatics-employment-and-training>

19:53:18 From Paula Mueller to Everyone: Beth De Sort states that the outdoor pool is one of the safest places to swim during the pandemic. She has created a petition that is circulating with over 200 signatures: <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/open-mounger-pool>

Matthew K. states that there should have been outreach to the community about the lifeguard shortage before making a decision to not open the pool on time. Carol B. - we need a new Parks superintendent.

Transportation/Mobility, Ben B. and Janis T: Recommendations on the ST3 DEIS. City review findings - more analysis is needed to ensure compliance re: steep slope, noise, and run-off. Property acquisition impacts to future City Light substation in Interbay, the Storm facility. More information is needed to demonstrate how visual and transportation impacts from construction and operation of an elevated guideway on Elliott would be avoided or mitigated. The DEIS does not demonstrate compliance with noise regulations for this elevated guideway. ST3 presented how overruns and delays affecting costs. Consolidating a Smith Cove/Interbay station is one of ST3's idea to cut costs, placing it near the Armory, this idea hasn't been engineered at all. Janis believes it's in response to right of way costs, and would be a tunnel all the way from downtown, under Elliot and the Magnolia Bridge continuing under the ship canal to 14th Ave. in Ballard. This would remove the Whole Foods marketplace location and create a difficult access for Expedia and Magnolia. Janis asks ST3, will this new proposal delay the DEIS? Janis reviews comments for MCC and individuals to express on the current DEIS. Parker recommends including your email address and name with your comments to ST3.

Ben states recommendations for the ideal route for ST3, reduce elevation mass of the Smith Cove station for Expedia and cruise ships. The Northwest Seattle Coalition Letter in concept: Tunneled 15th Avenue NW Station Option (IBB-2b) is the best option presented in the Draft EIS. However, we request that Sound Transit reopen the study of a Tunneled 20th Avenue NW Station in Ballard to be considered as the Preferred Alternative. In Interbay, we request Sound Transit advance the Interbay/Ballard Segment - Preferred Tunnel (IBB-2b) as the Preferred Alternative. Sound Transit's Preferred Galer Street Station/ Central Interbay (SIB-1) is the best, but should be improved.

Ben states that in the future, many of the Metro buses will focus on the station at Dravus. David M. moves that MCC prepares a letter with our preference for what our community needs for future transit in the area and signing onto the NW Alliance letter. Seconded by Matthew K. Janis and Ben encourage every individual to send in their comments.

Land Use Committee, David Moehring - comprehensive plan in 2015 and 2019, increased heights of new commercial zones. A new City Comprehensive Plan in 2023 'One Seattle Plan' <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZMLFGG9> and <https://dailyplanit.seattle.gov/community-partnerships-will->

drive-one-seattle-comprehensive-plan-update/. And a link to a poll: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZMLFGG9>

Focus to increase middle housing - townhouses and row houses. It's possible the State may release funding for this. David M. is hoping to schedule a meeting with Sara Nelson to discuss this plan and the ADU/DADU developments. Let David Moehring at [dmoehring@consultant.com](mailto:dmoehring@consultant.com) know if you would like to join a 30-minute discussion with Councilmember Nelson - anyone is welcome.

David M is following up on lane closures during construction of the Safeway/Albertson's building and how that might affect Mounger pool access. There is a new QA site going up soon that is 3x the scope of the Magnolia project for comparison.

Goals and Objectives, Stephanie B - asks committee chairs to fill in Goal/Objective areas in the form.

Committee Formation, Stephanie B - discuss forming a Public Safety Committee. Asks if Erle would be willing to report on developments from the West Precinct Advisory Group. He accepts. Paula offers that they have a representative on the QACC (Bob) who is willing to help guide formation of this committee. Ben B. suggests looping in the neighborhood Block Watch groups.

Nomination Committee - would like to convene this committee earlier than June. No other Trustee having presented an interest in serving as Nominating Committee Chair, Stephanie B, as current MCC President, appointed Stephen F. as Chair of the committee for the '22 nomination cycle.

Joint Zoom Candidate Forum, David K and Paula M - moderator being researched.

Future Meetings, Stephanie B - remote? hybrid? Carol B. spoke with the minister and they have a big screen tv in the smaller room (not great sound). Agree to do a trial run on equipment before deciding.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Grevstad, Recording Secretary