

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

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Present: Trustees David Kaplan, Bruce Carter, Carol Burton, Alison Grevstad, Janis Traven, Bill Stafford, Steve DeForest, Mary Hoverson, David Moehring, Don Schlosser, Cheryl Jacobs, Leslie Helm, Stephen Faciszewski, and Amy Platenberg.

Guests: Maliq Phakdymanivong (Council member Lewis representative), Fred Rappaport, Jessica Keller (Mag/QA News), Paula Mueller (QACC), Jeff Manson, Candidate, and Tyler Crone, Candidate, State Rep - 36th LD - Pos 1.

General Meeting called to order at 7:03 by David Kaplan, Vice-President
Minutes for April meeting are approved.

Jeff Manson (candidate for 36th legislative district) - works as an Administrative Law Judge for the State. Founded an Earth Club in 4th grade. Majored in Poverty/Disabilities issues at Seattle University School of law. Lobbied the legislature to extend bargaining rights for the Law Judges. Leslie asks about affordable housing. Jeff acknowledges it is a statewide problem. He says a lot of cities have not followed Seattle's lead in creating more middle-income level housing. We need more funding for homeless individuals, and supports all forms of supportive housing, including Tiny Houses. Bruce asks about new ideas for more affordable housing and points out that the 300 new added ADUs were considered not affordable by the City of Seattle. 206-617-5333. info@votejeffmanson.com

Tyler Crone (candidate for 36th legislative district) - twenty year resident. Background in Public Health/HIV. Will use this experience during Covid. QA resident - parent of three kids. Focus on schools, inclusion and mental health issues. Aware of infrastructure issues and the 1:1 replacement of the Magnolia bridge. Aware of housing issues and need for density. Paula Mueller asks for more focus on drug and behavioral health issues, crime and related criminal activity to support drug habits. Tyler acknowledges that WA state is one of the worst states in addressing mental health. She sees this as something that the state needs to address. She would like to see a harm reduction framework. 206.697.4789 info@electTylerCrone.com

Andrew Lewis' Office, Maliq Phakdymanivong: Status of the Covenant for Ursula Judkins - they are still waiting for the meeting to be scheduled. Pay Up Policy background - legislation overseen by Kamila Brown in her office, impacted companies and workers are in conversation to see if this policy works for both parties. Gig workers are not acquiring a fair amount of pay. An effort to get Gig workers the amount of pay they deserve.

Police funding ordinance supported by Sara Nelson and Lisa Herbold resolution both passed the Council.

Bruce Carter asks about Homeless beds lost from 2020 to 2022 - Jacob would know more on this issue.

Lights on Magnolia Bridge. Proposed plan for Parks - improvements to make the view better at Ursula Judkins, what types of manageable improvements the community would like. Magnolia Community Center improvements - he will need to loop back on this. Bruce states that Smith Cove Park - in the six-year plan it talks as if Phase One has been completed, but it hasn't even started. There was a line-item for \$6 million years past and nothing has been delivered.

Transportation/Mobility Update, Janis and Stephen F: email from a neighborhood member notifying MCC that the Dravus and Government sign 'Welcome to Magnolia' had been defaced. Sound Transit, the final group meeting in May was a recap of what was shared in April. Each member was polled in what was wanted for each station. Changing direction and tunneling all the way from Downtown and ending west in Ballard had considerable support. Also not consolidating stations was most supported. City

Council, Lewis will be doing a resolution on what they think the alignment should be. Janis thinks the response she's hearing is going to be based on the DEIS and not what the community really wants. Intention of funds for the Magnolia Bridge proposed in legislation needs to be watched. Stephen F. reached out to Metro lead on service development to speak with us about Metro Connect process – long term planning. He would like to advocate for more frequent connections from the Magnolia peninsula to Rapid D line in anticipation of ST3. Carol Burton - West Seattle seems to have the same concerns we have, that they prefer a tunnel and accessibility to stations, will share their contact information with Stephen F.

Queen Anne Community Council, Paula Mueller: 23 board members
5 standing committees. Land use review, Public safety, community engagement (newsletter w/links to Twitter and FB) - community surveys in an effort to find out their priorities. Projects that are not necessarily tied to their standing committees, like the upcoming redistricting (last done in 2010). Since then their population has increased from 65,000 to 105,000. King County Prosecutor and the Legislative races. Safeway store will be torn down soon, art project will cover the fence around that project. Memorial Stadium restoration project. Street park being proposed for Crockett St.

Public Safety, David K. from Erle Cohen: Erle and Stephanie met with Paula and Rob Kettle. Focus on Crime Prevention, Fire Safety and Emergency/ Disaster Preparedness Response. Neighborhood Block Watch captains are effective. Erle would welcome a few more volunteers. He spoke with Barb Biondo about establishing a Magnolia Blockwatch captains network, along with a business representative. He would like to plan a disaster preparedness event similar to the QA event. Carol mentions that Frank Gaul, Katherine Middleton, Franz Needlemeir, Bill Fay are on a larger disaster preparedness committee that represents Ballard, QA and Magnolia as part of Seattle's Emergency Hub.

Parks Department, Carol Burton – Six year plan. Lack of maintenance in Parks. Not replacing trees that have fallen. Smith Cove. The Magnolia Community Center. The 33 cent solution – to increase the property tax above what the Parks department is asking. This is not a levy. Fort Lawton – who knows what is happening there. Bruce mentions their maintenance of Olmstead park's views has not been addressed. Bill Stafford says their proposed maintenance is supposed to be completed in 2023. Tim Metzger has a 33 cent proposal, promoting all of the revenue to build the Lake City community center and then having everything fall in line after that. Paula mentioned the internal audit that Lewis has requested for Parks has not been able to happen. 2008 the internal auditor of Parks was fired.

MCC Goals/Objectives for 2022, David K.: if there isn't a goal/objective or point person, the item will come off of the list. List has been updated.

Paula Mueller and Bill Stafford: Discussion of a collective viewpoint on the redistricting zones. Proposes a working group to develop criteria in the ten weeks before the upcoming deadline.

Land Use Committee Update, David M.: The addition of an architectural gate to the entrance of a great staircase and landing suggests they are thinking of using the park for deliveries or parking. David M presents five points – improvements to the Ursula Judkins Park proposal.

Proposed manageable improvements to the Ursula Judkins Viewpoint Park in response to the Admiral House mansions:

- 1) East end: convert to pedestrian terrace with seating
- 2) East end: level terrace to height of paved
- 3) East end: View Gazebo
- 4) South: Bike / pedestrian switchback path to Smith Cove
- 5) Resurfacing parking area ; wheel stops.

David M proposes a motion for MCC to send a letter to make these suggestions to Andrew Lewis on behalf of MCC. (Bruce Carter - the Magnolia Park to the west of Ursula Judkins and up above the Howe Street Bridge are parts of the Olmstead Parks.) Steve DeForest seconds the motion. Carol B. asks how the process would unfold. Motion passes.

Forum Planning, David K: all five candidates are confirmed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Grevstad, Recording Secretary