

December 8, 2021 • MPAC Minutes

Webex Meeting • 6pm-7:30pm

In Attendance:

Karey Kessler, Diana Kincaid, Mary Bicknell, Samantha Jolie De Abreu, Juli Horan, Robin Melvin, Elisa Law, Brian Judd (SPR), Lynn Ferguson, Janice Bragg, Aaron Hoard, Bladimir Racinos

Guests: Malik Davis, Neal Simpson, Lynn Ferguson, Lindsey _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

6:05 Diana calls for announcements.

Karey mentions that Building 30 West will have an open house and art opening soon.

Approval of July and November minutes. Approved.

Approval of the December agenda. Agenda Approved.

BRIAN'S REPORT

(See attached at end of minutes)

Malik adds to Brian's budget conversation that youth programming budget for the Community Center is a great opportunity. At Councilmember Pedersen's office, there's an ongoing conversation about equity and inclusion. Pay for Play at Magnuson is something that kept coming up at MPAC, i.e., that it wasn't working, so the fact that there are subsidized programs to engage youth living in Solid Ground at Magnuson Park on the budget now is a great win for everyone.

Samantha shares concerns of residents. They hope to have input on the programming at the Park and that strategic decision making can be inclusive of residents. I'd like to make MPAC and Parks aware that the community has not been aware of programming.

Brian talks about MPAC's 2009 charter and its advisory functions. Community Center was originally not a part of MPACs purview because the Recreation Dept runs all community centers in the Parks systems, i.e., does CC programming. A seat on MPAC was added for the Community Center Advisory Council and every CC has one of those seats on the council to advise. During COVID, it was decided to not have the CC Advisory Council ~~at the community center~~. I would be happy to make a communication bridge between the Community Center and the residents.

Samantha agrees it would be a good idea.

Diana Kincaid emphasizes that Councilmember Pedersen should do what he can to keep Laurelhurst Community Center (recently defunded) going. Malik encourages MPAC that he is doing everything he can.

Brian expresses gratitude to Diana, Juli and Elisa for their service on MPAC this year. Diana will talk more about next year. Brian shares map of road ownership within the Park.

Jan wondered along the roads with multiple owners who owns the trees. Brian recommends the Find It Fix It app and if the tree is not within the City's jurisdiction they will alert you who the owner is.

Brian reminds everyone that services of the Community Center have never stopped and are continuing in Building 406 at Magnuson Park while the Community Center building is under renovation. He said it was unusual to have a Community Center operating within a park itself, and that a CC usually gets moved miles away during a CC building renovation.

Brian will be giving a Magnuson Park update tomorrow @ 7:05 pm at the Park's Board Meeting. He will present an update on Building 2, 18 and 47 which had requests for proposals open, there will be an update on public benefit, about MPAC's structure and purpose, and looking to the future for the how the Park is managed. It's a general update for the Park Board. Questions or comments?

Jan wanted to comment on the recommendation about the sport field pellet concerns; Brian had recommended last meeting to contact Andy Sheffer about having them cleaned up. Andy suggests that there is a device to clean up the pellets with a vacuum. They will do this when the new sports fields made of cork, which he assures me is 100% natural, are installed; they will clean up the pellets that have spread around.

Neal introduces Bladimir as the new 2022 MPAC member for Solid Ground. Bladimir speaks to his role at Solid Ground in Property Management and expresses his excitement to join next year.

IMPORTANT MPAC CONVERSATIONS

Diana lists projects that we are excited about or encouraged by:

Safety measures, speed limit signs on 62nd Ave, future swimming pool

Excited about community center and its ability to connect users of the Park, about the future theater renovation. Recognizing tenants at the Park that provide programming and hiring for residents.

Malik asks if there is a newsletter that goes out or a reminder about MPAC's meetings and their offerings. Neal comments that they are starting up a newsletter.

Malik asks group how the MPAC is effectively communicating with the "community" they keep talking about. Brian responds that there are two resident seats and one staff seats on MPAC from each SG and Mercy. Our expectation is that everyone on the slate represents a stakeholder group and they will be sharing the MPAC information with their folks.

Samantha hopes that there would be an on-site resident services person on the MPAC slate. The paid representatives of Solid Ground and Mercy should be doing survey data and communications, not the resident seat holders.

Brian suggests bringing the communication conversation offline, in order to move forward on the agenda.

MPAC 2022

Diana asks the group what role would you like to see MPAC play next year?

Jan thanks Diana for the list of things to not get lost from year to year. Jan adds to the list the environment – concerns for air, water, land.

Juli encourages folks who are going to be continuing next year should speak up on what they would want to see happen next year. One idea we discussed previously was the possibility of one meeting every other month.

Brian brings up that there are not a group of people stepping up for the chair, vice chair and secretary position. Going every other month may be a good idea to make the meetings substantive. If there is no chair for next year, however, I don't see how we move forward since no one is creating the Agenda.

Jan offers to be the person putting agendas together if someone would lead the meetings.

Mary Ellen encourages the once a month model, asking each member what's bothering them each month.

Samantha states ~~and~~ agreement with Malik about being intentional about how MPAC operates.

Juli emphasizes that the resident seats are most important to have on MPAC.

Samantha comments that the building managers need to be gathering data and feedback from residents on larger issues.

Elisa suggests maybe having in person meetings at Mercy or Solid Ground, maybe with an open invitation to residents. Folks who want to come in would be able to. ~~Lauren~~ Lindsey agrees that Mercy could host.

Brian reminds that we are not able to meet in person because of COVID, but that things may change or that participants may be required to produce vaccination proof.

Diana again encourages people to step up into leadership roles for next year. That her experience has been incredible, the friendships she's developed have been meaningful and also that the couple years as the chair working with Juli and Brian have been great. We have been aligned in a lot of our vision and really believing in equity. Welcome to those of you who are new. It's a challenging place and not always easy. But is is one helluva place that we are really lucky to have.

Meeting adjourns. 7:30

ATTACHMENTS

BRIAN JUDD PARK MANAGER REPORT

MAGNUSON COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAM INFO

MAGNUSON PARK ROAD OWNERSHIP MAP



**Magnuson Park Advisory Committee (MPAC)
Report from Magnuson Park Manager – Brian M. Judd
December 8, 2021**

Topic	Update
Superintendent Transition	Jesús Aguirre announced his departure from SPR. He will be leaving in mid-January, and we are waiting to hear from the Mayor-Elect's transition team about an interim plan.
2022 Budget	Statements of Legislative Intent (SLI) of interest: • Request that Finance And Administrative Services (FAS) report on increased efficiencies in animal control patrolling • Request that Mayor's Office provides recommendations regarding creating a chief arborist position • Request that SPR and Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) develop a plan to phase out the use of gas-powered leaf blowers Magnuson CC Program Funding: • \$171,000 to SPR to fund an after-school program for neighboring residents
2022 Proposed Slate	Brian will review nominations received and next steps in the process. Gratitude to those concluding their MPAC service.
Sand Point Peninsula Roads	I committed to sharing a map showing road ownership at Sand Point. This map is included with my report.
Magnuson CC Programs	Providing MPAC with some information of what Magnuson CC is providing while operating from Buildings and 30.

Magnuson CC Programming
December 2021

Magnuson Community Center, currently operating out of building #406, is excited to be offering a variety of youth programs for the fall. Below are a few of our exciting new programs. Registration is required for all programs at this time. Please call 206-684-7026 for more information.

Kids and Paper

(3-6pm / M-F / Currently Running / Free)

In partnership with the Kids and Paper non-profit, we are offering after school tutoring as well as art based social/emotional development to kids ages 6-12. Kids receive a snack every day. After the tutoring program is finished, Parks staff continue evening programming with time in the hangar shooting hoops, Friday night movies and games until 8pm.

Rock Climbing with Mountaineers (flyer attached)

(ages 8-18 / Wed 3-4pm / Free)

Test your rock-climbing skills on the indoor/outdoor rock walls and bouldering walls! Over the course of 8 weeks, you'll learn how to rock climb like a pro! Safety equipment and instruction is provided by the Mountaineers.

Biking with Cascade Bicycle Club (flyer attached)

(Ages 12-18 / Th 330pm-530pm / Free)

Hop on a bike and explore the Magnuson/Sand Point neighborhood with fun activities and hidden trails! Bike lessons, bikes, and professional instruction is provided by Cascade Bicycle Club.

Akido

(Ages 6-12 / M,W / 530-630pm / Starts Oct 11th / \$162 for the quarter)

Discipline, focus, self-confidence and flexibility are benefits of aikido! With plenty of interaction and individual attention, we focus on posture, footwork, movement, and throws. Gain self-awareness while increasing fitness, decrease stress, and learning skills to stay calm through daily life.

Piano Lessons

(Ages 6+ / T,W,Th / 30min slots between 3pm and 745pm / Starts Oct 5th / \$30 per lesson)

30 Min. Piano Lessons Ages 6 and Up It's never too early (or late!) to develop your musical talent! Book one-on-one piano lessons with a seasoned musician. Participants will receive more detailed information about lesson materials on their first day. *Note: The lessons are booked in 45-minute time slots, however, the lessons are only 30 minutes, the last 15 minutes are required for sanitizing the room.

Questions? Please contact Stefan Schmidt: stefan.schmidt@seattle.gov

