

Minutes of Magnuson Park Advisory Committee
April 8, 2015
Lower Conference Room, Building 30

Members Present: Ed Bronsdon (Vice Chair), Julianna Ross (Secretary), Pete Zimmerman, Gabrielle Gerhard, Tom Kelly, Arden Forrey, Julie Neilson, Nino Johnson, Herb Curl, Peggy Printz, Aaron Hoard, Mary Anne Ward

Absent: Nancy Bolin, Lynn Ferguson, Parks Commission rep., Tracy Bennett, Ken Sparks, Loren Hill (Chair),

Magnuson Park Staff: Brian Judd, Chelsea Johnson, Marc Hoffman

Guests: Iliana Balint, Zack xxxxxx, Lisa Dutton, others...

Call to Order: 6:00 pm with Loren out of town, vice chair Ed Bronsdon calls meeting to order.

March minutes: approved without changes

Public Comment: Lisa Dutton is building out a work/event/cultural space in Building 11 with her husband and business partner, Spike Mafford. They are having continued trouble and can't sign a lease with the Parks Dept. until these are cleared up. This includes the building not having the electrical power it was promised. They would like MPAC to be aware and possibly step in to help.

Nino Johnson of Sail Sand Point introduces Mary Anne Ward, their new executive director. They will be tag- teaming meeting attendance.

Girls on the Run: Iliana Balint's organization produces running events for girls in 10 week programs involving 52 schools. They get middle school girls into running and there's a graduation party after the 5K run. They have an event planned in Magnuson for May 16 which could involve 1200 people. They are working on a parking plan. The NOAA road can also be opened.

June 6 is a new event in Hangar 30, a Seattle Magazine brunch that starts with a run at 9:30am. They will be using course map route C and are hoping for an attendance of about 800 people.

Cyclocross Event: Zach Dobbs (sp) – This will be the 5th year of Cyclocross in Magnuson and will be Sunday, October 18 with 800-1000 participants. There will be different start times and a remediation plan. Tom Kelly mentions concerns that there needs to be better notice to park users about the trails being shut for the event and better/more signage. Also notes the restoration hasn't worked too well – it looks bad afterward until March since grass can't really be repaired in October. Part of the course near the bathrooms is a natural area and may need more soil and compost to fix. Cyclocross needs to keep the participants on track and out of natural areas.

Tom Kelly also acknowledges the Cyclocross participants are a great crowd and the group has

made improvements over time to the event and its impact on the park. Ken Sparks suggests Cyclocross also attend a NEDC meeting to inform that group. Gabrielle Gerhard offers to help get the message out.

Large Events: Brian introduces Chelsea Johnson, Sr. Events Scheduler with Parks Dept. She informs committee of some bigger events coming up. May 31 will be Touch a Truck which 2,000 – 3,000 people attend. There will be a shuttle from the Seattle Children's parking lot in the park to the event. June 5 is the Seattle Magazine brunch in Hangar 30 and there is a Crohn's Colitis Walk on June 7 with about 1,000 people. Several events with attendance of approx 500 and on August 9, STG will produce a summer outdoor concert with 4,000 people and 5-6 bands. This will be a family focused concert featuring a band like heard on KEXP, and no alcohol.

Tom Kelly objects to the use of Kite Hill by STG for several reasons and is also concerned that the Pony Boy Jazz concert, which was free to the public and low impact, was priced out of holding concerts in the park. Ken Sparks is concerned and thinks Parks Dept. is acting without concern for parking issues and the community. He is worried the neighborhoods will have to hire police up the hill for these events that are just about the park making money and not benefitting the community. Ed Bronsdon politely disagrees and sees a much improved process regarding large events at the park. All acknowledge there are still issues, but there has been much improvement.

Solid Ground: Ken Sparks, the historic district will be here forever. The park's original cap on housing as already increased with the Building 9 development. We need a moratorium on more housing in the park until there are more amenities for the increased population. NEDC and other groups will be asking for a five year moratorium. Julie Neilson reminds the committee that at the request of the City of Seattle, Solid Ground is simply gathering feasibility studies on how they could provide more housing.

Building 2 Charrette: Julianna Ross informs committee of a community visioning charrette for Building 2 on Saturday, June 6 from 1-5 PM. All are welcome and more details to come.

USGS Pump Project: Tom Kelly gives committee an update on this project. USGS has been a good neighbor and in the past it took down the fence bordering NE 65th St., provided water to the park wetlands, and provided access for restoring park land.

The USGS pumps along the lakefront have reached their end of life and the present project will replace them with a pump house located a hundred feet farther inland within the easement and along a pre-existing road. The hundred foot section of pipeline between the old pump location and the new one will also be replaced. During construction trees and vegetation will be removed or cut within the impacted section of the 30-foot wide easement. The easement will be re-vegetated and there will also be a required mitigation planting nearby.

Director's Report: Brian Judd thanks Solid Ground for donating \$3K to the Rock the Park program. Parks is hosting a large corporate event planner event in Hangar 30 to help show it off and increase event rentals of the Officers Club, Hangar and Workshop.

Carol V. asks about MPAC writing an advocacy letter regarding community center improvements. There will be city wide meetings coming up with time to advocate too.

Tom Kelly notes that a sub-committee approved Jesus Aguirre for full council vote.

Meeting adjourned 7:25pm