

Minutes of Magnuson Park Advisory Committee
May 13, 2015
Lower Conference Room, Building 30

Members Present: Loren Hill (Chair), Ed Bronsdon (Vice Chair), Julianna Ross (Secretary), Pete Zimmerman, Ken Sparks, Gabrielle Gerhard, Tom Kelly, Arden Forrey, Mary Anne Ward, Peggy Printz, Lynn Ferguson

Absent: Julie Neilson, Nancy Bolin, Parks Commission rep., Tracy Bennett, Aaron Hoard, Herb Curl

Magnuson Park Staff: Brian Judd, Cheryl Fraser

Guests: Tamara Brown, Dee Hillis, Kevin Volkmann, Alan Castle, Vera McDaniel, John Wick, Daniel Poppe, Mitch Cameron, Sally Bergeson, Atsuko Tamura

Call to Order: 6:03 pm Loren call to order.

Notes from the chair: We are hosting the superintendent, Jesus Aguirre, at our August meeting and need to prepare our presentation. Loren will create an outline to work from.

April minutes: Approved without changes

Public Comment: Lynn Ferguson states her support of the Plan for Success devised by Friends of Naval Air Station Sand Point, for the residents in the park. It has everything they need and it's integrated with the park and that is something that should be kept track of.

Welcome and introduction to Oiselle: This women's running clothes designer and manufacturer is a potential tenant of part of the second floor of Building 11. The founder and president, Sally Bergeson, lives right up the hill from the park. Her company is growing nicely and she recently hired Atruco Tamara as CFO. Their employees are avid cyclists and runners and they're hoping to minimize their parking footprint, which sounds reasonable even at peak. Oiselle is pronounced wah-zelle and is French for bird.

Plans for off-leash area: Vera McDaniel reports that Sally Cope and others with Magnuson Off-Leash Area (MOLA) are raising money to re-do the fence that faces the parking lot and get new gates. This is estimated at \$30K. The city has a contract with All City Fence – the work could be done in stages. The rest of the fence is still in good shape. The Parks Dept. does not have a fence crew. Mary Anne Ward says Economy Fence is good – they gave a good bid and price for SSP.

Director's report: Brian Judd – Parks had its walk-through Building 2 with the Navy and around Building 27. They had some questions but the work appears to be completed.

Happy to announce a new tenant in the Brig. Colleen of Gymboree is retiring and Dance Sport International is moving in. They are moving from their storefront on Lake City Way.

On April 15, the Magnuson Park office hosted the monthly dinner meeting of the International Special Events Society and the appetizers, entrees and dessert were served in all three rental venues of Building 30, the Officers Club, Hangar 30 and the Workshop. They have gotten good feedback about this event and seen rentals as a result. People really like the free parking which turns out to be a huge part of the draw.

Seattle Theatre Group is proceeding with a pilot concert this summer. About 4,000 people will come and go over seven hours. Tom Kelly is helping Brian with some of the logistical concerns of hosting this near natural areas.

Over Labor Day weekend in 2016, the park will be hosting the Gaelic Games on Fields 10 and 9. Fields 1-4 will be for staging and preliminaries. These are usually held in Ireland and this is really exciting!

The park has a new website for the summer camp providers and campers – www.magnusonparksummercamps.com.

On May 19 there are teacher walk outs from Seattle Public Schools so the Parks Dept is opening many community centers extra hours to give the kids a place to be.

NOAA Drive – no response from NOAA. Parks Dept still has legal recourse but would rather not resort to that.

520 mitigation – No funding now but in the future there will be. Right now it's in the pre-design phase.

Cheryl Fraser – The new superintendent, Jesus Aguirre, begins June 1 and has found a home right in the neighborhood.

Remember the Building 2 Charrette on June 6. What are the demolition costs of Building 2? We need to ask Kathleen Conner. Also, it will be difficult for someone to get the NPS covenants removed.

Plan for Success: Ken Sparks explains the Plan for Success as conceived by Friends of Naval Air Station Sand Point. How do we help breed success? Friends is dealing with a 1920 – 1995 military base for the Navy and the First Flight Around the World which involved the Army. They are concerned about Veterans. There is a preference by the state for subsidized housing. Friends has been having lots of meetings, including with Worksource. Friends has heard from some Solid Ground residents that things aren't working as well for residents as they have in the past. Concern is if we're having residents in the park be successful, blending into the community.

Mitch Cameron lives in Solid Ground and says some opportunities for community building are no longer in place since one employee left. The feedback has not been good since he left. Do we want Solid Ground to expand into the park without services?

Dee Hillis works for Solid Ground and says there are 5 veterans in Santos Place now and most are employed. One is making \$60K and moving out, and another one is too. Solid Ground has a holistic approach to services and has support groups and now a new program for mental health which is part of the Behavioral Health Initiative.

Solid Ground has a youth initiative for supporting the young residents and has a 92-95% success rate for moving families on from Solid Ground housing. Dee also explains the staff to resident ratio.

Adjourn: As it was getting late, Tom Kelly offered to address his agenda item, directional kiosks, at the June meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Julianna Ross