

MPAC Minutes, May 13, 2020, approved 6-10-20
Conducted over Skype

Committee Members Present: Brian Judd, Diana Kincaid, Jan Bragg, Gabrielle Gerhard, Humberto Alvarez, Juil Horan, Kerry Kesler, Tom Kelly, Dianne Hofbeck

1. 6:00 - Started with attendance, and then a reminder to use names before speaking. Request for Secretary, Gabrielle agreed to do.
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes from prior meetings - need to approve March and April, did not approve the minutes today, next meeting.
3. Vote on approving the agenda, all in favor. Tom Kelly abstains, no objections.
4. Public Comment, if any & Announcements - No public comment. Diana confirms the agenda was distributed, so the information on the meeting was sent out and on the website.
5. Discussed best practices for virtual meetings - A quick review on this, how to best do virtual meetings, being respectful, Diana asks us for suggestions. Question - can we ever do a meeting where we can see each other over computer?
 - a. There should be a way to get on with the Skype web app, Brian will check with the city IT dept and ask if they can help him. Can't use Zoom, City does not allow it. He will report back. Likely not in person meetings for a long time, Phase 3. Some discussion on Skype vs Teams.
6. Executive Report, SPR Robert Stowers
 - a. Robert is not here today, so no executive report.
7. Park Manager Report Brian Judd
 - a. Covid 19 report - What has been happening in last 4 - 8 weeks in parks. Some of this was in the Parks call last week with Christopher Williams. Department is completely transformed, three mission essential functions
 - i. Emergency shelters and child care
 - ii. Clean outside areas
 - iii. Active asset maintenance and landslide and environmental response
 - b. Everything else is on hold, Magnuson Park admin staff still working, all remote, response may be slower. Staff have been busy in social distancing Ambassador role, reminding visitors to keep moving in the parks. Collecting data around the use of the parks. Most visitors are doing well in observing regulations. Closed many parking lots. Asking people to walk, get exercise, then leave, that is the goal. Closing parks at 8 PM through May 31.
 - c. Questions comments: Parking restrictions have impacted Solid Ground private parking. ADA parking available, behind brig and in front of brig, and near off leash. Jan thanks Parks and staff for all their work. Tom asks ambassadors to remind about dogs off leash and bikes in off trail areas.

Brian says ambassadors do not deal w dogs, but they report up to someone.

- d. Brian continues with report: Park businesses, many closed or reduced operations, some thinking about how to open. City provided 2 months of rent relief for April and May for some organizations, this week's announcement - 2 additional months of rent relief in June and July.
 - e. Parks will remain open and still close early till at least May 31. Still monitoring Park.
 - f. Strategic Plan report: will be delayed due to all the other work going on.
 - g. Update on Brig - may be done by the end of May, "substantial completion" stage, would mean people can move back into building if this is the case.
 - h. More questions/comments: Increased off leash dogs and increased bikes on trails in park, with more bikes and BMX bikes coming into the park and more bikes on Kite hill
8. Priorities: Environmental Social Justice as Theme -- Diana and Juli - discussing looking at priorities in the park with a social justice theme. There is still a disconnect with the residents and the broader community, how can we be more inclusive of the residents and increase interaction. Reference to list Diana sent out re: priorities at the park. Suggestions to add in Community Center, and the greening of the park in environmental terms, and the interpretive center and history. Where will this list go? Brian says that we are still in the middle of a shift, we are looking at significant budget reductions, and shifts in older priorities, as Covid19 effects play out. He recommends thinking about these priorities as something to propose for the future, once we get out of this survival mode. Community center funding for renovation will remain and it will continue to progress forward.
- a. Can we consider these priorities in light of the time? [This was a broad discussion and not every item is captured here - just a note from the minute taker.]
 - b. Walking loop/traffic - Dinaa has been walking the park 4 miles a day, and her AHA moment came in the park, we have an easy loop. 1.5 m. or 2 m, close. Close sports field drive? To create a loop. Can this be the backyard for the families that reside there? It connects the residents to the Park in a better way without vehicle traffic. Pushing traffic to 62nd? That could be a challenge. The old golf course, near SPW and 65th, part of that belongs to Parks, part to Solid Ground. Discussed several ideas, closing roads, going one way. Sports Field Drive is owned by Parks. Is it a good idea? Can we recommend it, could it be a weekend idea? Large trucks have to use 62nd Ave cause can't get under Gatehouse, another option, make a large sidewalk on Sports field Drive for better access. Tennis Center would also be impacted, they paid for some road improvements, Also consider impacts on community center and theater. Closing part of it, to allow tennis center and community center and theater access. Diana will make

and distribute a drawing of her proposal and consider what the options are around it. Could fold some of this into the upcoming wayfinding and access study being planned for. Also one way roadways. Humberto likes sidewalks idea.

- c. Recognition of Native Americans at Magnuson, something we have talked about but have not highlighted. Exhibits in brig, Friends may do additional exhibits, but would also like to consider doing something on the Native peoples of the area. Lots of factors to consider in doing something like this. Rotating art exhibits, could make it to be able to include more. Mention of book Native Seattle, and a new book on Chief Seattle. What about lease of area such as "golf course area" for facility. Proposal to really consider some recognition of Native Peoples and be recognized at Park.
 - d. Also value of performance art
9. Celtics and free clinics -- Juli Horan
- a. Connections with residents and the experiences in the park. Want to get them to do a free clinic for residents, the soccer club, and then maybe have them give (or get) scholarships. They are just playing on short term field use scholarships. Brian said he could talk w his staff and then with the Celtics also. She is considering a broad array of ages.
 - b. Humberto shares that Solid Ground is also adding licensed programming in Lowery center for 5 - 12 years old students through Boys and Girls Club.

10.7 :30 Adjourn - Next meeting online on Wednesday, June 10