

**Minutes for Magnuson Park Advisory Committee**  
**February 8, 2017**  
**Lower Conference Room, Building 30**

**Members Present:** Gabrielle Gerhard (Chair), Tom Kelly (Vice Chair), Adrienne Karls (Secretary), Lynn Ferguson, Jon Carver, Sandy Miller, Mary Anne Ward, Carol Valdrighi, Aaron Hoard

**Members Absent:** Scott Marshall, Herbert Curl, Chandra Hampson, Humberto Alvarez, Tracy Bennett  
**Magnuson Park Staff:** Brian Judd, Marc Hoffman

**Guests:** Tom Ansart, Robin Melvin, Julianna Ross, Diana Kincaid, Evelyn Lemon, Mitch Cameron, Kevin Volkmann, Kathleen Conner

**Call to Order:** Gabrielle Gerhard calls meeting to order at 6:00pm

**Announcements:** listen for the tree frogs' migration this month, and be on the lookout for hummingbirds. Tiny Houses are being built in Building 30 if anyone would like to watch.

**Approval of January minutes:** Mary Anne Ward moves to approve the minutes and Lynn Ferguson seconds; all members present vote in favor.

**Public Comment:** None

**Asset Management Plan, Magnuson – Kathleen Connor (Planning Manager, SPR):** discussion regarding the parks' process for funding. The design and planning may begin when a project is funded. The park district is allotted 18M for major projects and 2M for acquisition of new property; the challenge funding grants (i.e. Building 41) are up to 2M. The process for early project development include condition assessment, architectural and preliminary engineering studies, life cycle analysis, scoping and planning level cost estimates. The process for developing a 6 year asset management plan is assessing what the needs are in regards to if it can be fixed and what's the project ranking criterion. At this time there are over 300 known needs for SPR properties. The funds are spread out to cover as many needs as possible. The criteria is met by some of the following needs a) code requirements b) ADA improvements c) storm drains d) life safety e) facility integrity (esp. outside) f) improvements to operations for the facility (i.e. utilities). The six year (2016-2021) asset management plans are available online; will send link to Brian. There are a lot more needs now than available funding; bringing buildings up to code and maintenance are high priority. SPR is trying to balance 485 parks, with 6400 total acres all splitting 28M in funding. Overviews of the planning and design process are in the following stages: 1) project development 2) planning 3) design 4) construction 5) close-out. Every year, the budget is allotted, it's sent to the Mayor who oversees the projects and he decides where the priorities are. The next budget process will begin in April 2017 and end in November 2017. There also needs to be public engagement, designs and technical aspects, the bidding process, links to financial and technical aspects, and capital. Instead of running a need to failure they have a systemic approach to try getting things done before it is too late. Park lighting studies, light pole replacements and ball fields are ongoing however; there are three fields ahead of Magnuson Park. **Q:** how long will it take to get rid of the back log issues? **A:** plans get added to the list of major maintenance issues already on the 6 year strategic plan which dictates the order of how needs are approached. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) publishes a 2 year plan however, 6 year

plans are a more secure type of funding. When all goes well, committee can re-allocate funds. In about 1 year discussions will start regarding the next 6 year strategic plan. **Q:** how do disasters (i.e. fires) get handled? **A:** the building will be boarded up, and the city is self-insured. The project will be added to a new list; possibly it may be moved up the list of major needs. **Q:** sports fields in the strategic plan for 2002 calls for new fields; will it be able to include more than just maintenance? Sports field road needs way finding for roads and drainage improvements. How are these needs assessed? **A:** SPR is looking at bundling projects but it hasn't been done yet. This park hasn't been integrated so far. The city also offers a Neighborhood Matching Fund worth 25K - 100K which requires matching funds and a set timeline for completion. Your Voice, Your Choice has grants as high as 90K without matching funds. Each council district has 3-4 projects; if starting a master plan we can work with Small Sparks funding up to 1K; hold events, involve people who live here, and discuss how to bring the park together with the greater NE Seattle area, provide services, amenities, and places to connect. This would be valuable all around for integrating the communities by simply having someplace to gather (i.e. café) where people can get know each other. **Q:** what's the timeline for the Community Center and how does that work? **A:** utilize the 50K challenge to hire an architect to look at what the needs are for the building (i.e. ADA improvements, restrooms, parking, etc.). Once funded it takes at least 2 years for the schematic design and plan details to come together. There should be at least one public meeting to assess what people want to see happen for the Community Center.

**Proposed letter of support for fees to Magnuson Park Fields improvements – Jon Carver:** the first draft of the letter to Parks Superintendent Jesus Aguirre is finished. Lighting and field improvements are needed for our field users. The city has created a dedicated account for support and expansion of athletic fields in the city. Since field user rates are increasing this July we would like to see a portion of the increased fees invested back into Magnuson Park playfields. **Q:** Sports Meadow has serious irrigation problems. Would correcting this issue fall under obtaining more money or would parks maintenance handle it? **A:** parks maintenance. Tom Kelly moves that we make the friendly amendments to Jon's letter and send it out. Mary Anne Ward seconds the motion and all members present vote in favor. Gabrielle Gerhard will help work on the small changes to the letter.

**Magnuson Community Center Update – Carol Valdrighi:** Seattle City Council Member Rob Johnson has been working with 46th District State Legislators to lobby for \$1 million state funds for renovation at Magnuson Community Center. These funds would be in addition to the \$1 million King County allocation. The feasibility studies for the renovation are slated to begin in mid-February and our hope is that they be completed by summer.

**Director's Report – Brian Judd:** review and discuss the Warren G. Magnuson Park 2016 Public Benefits Highlights hand out. **Q:** are all the groups listed required to do what's on the list? **A:** No. The leases vary from tenant to tenant. **Q:** What about the gym leases? **A:** there are 10 to 25 year options (2024-2034 leases ending). Potentially large spaces are leased out and it makes it challenging to do sports or any other activities in the gym. **Q:** can Waldorf lend us a volleyball coach? **A:** It's possible. There are many things which go into organizing this. Waldorf lease schedules the gym use to be an effective time. The Community Center may also use the hangar space when it's available. The MPAC Survey will be discussed further at our March meeting with new members present. **Q:** is there a way to find reports

specific to Magnuson Park projects and plans? **A:** yes, can post on MPAC website. **Q:** what's going on at The Mountaineers Club? **A:** new construction on the building; friction slabs for climbing instruction. Plans have been properly vetted. Parks has received protest letters regarding the Building 2 RFP. Parks Superintendent went through original plans again; the group reassembled and reviewed all feedback. Building 2 is still high priority but Parks Superintendent stood firm in his decision. **Q:** will the building be used now? **A:** it's uncertain; we're trying to create internal plans but people cannot be allowed to share/use the building because it's currently unsafe. Still looking into the final decision regarding the groups' lack of capital funding; each group will be revisited to try to make sure priorities are met. It may take up to 25-30 months just to get Building 2 up to code. Get moth balling finished up so the roof may be repaired. **Q:** as members of MPAC do we have access to feedback letters sent in regarding the decision regarding Building 2 RFP's and details to their proposals? **A:** RFP will have some information and you can look at them through public disclosure statements at bld2MagPark; the plan is to leave the RFP plan on the web page. Julianna Ross is also happy to share information as well.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Adrienne Karls - Secretary