

MAGNUSON PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING April 11, 2018

Building 30 Magnuson Park: 6 to 8 pm

Members Present: Gabrielle Gerhard, Mitch Cameron, Lynn Ferguson, Tom Kelly, Carol Valdrighi, Channcy Gibbs, Sandy Bricel-Miller,

Staff: Brian Judd, Oliver Baziet, Michele Finnegan, Ana Sievert, David Burgesser, David Graves, Kevin Bergsrud

Public: Will Gibbs, Ed Bronson, Dianna Kincaid

6:00 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by president, Gabrielle Gerhard at 6:04pm

Approval of Minutes from March 2018 meeting

The March minutes were approved as corrected. Tom moved, Mitch seconded, unanimous vote.

6:10 Public Comment:

Gabrielle mentioned the new show in SMT, The Producers, and urged all to attend.

Ed Bronson thanked Mercy Housing for their low impact traffic and said Outdoors for All had received a grant for injured vets. He asked us to get the word out about recreational opportunities for disabled vets at the park.

6:10 Magnuson Park Financial Overview

Michelle Finnegan gave an overview of the Magnuson Park Financial situation. Donnie Gabowsho, the new director, was unable to attend. Anna said the operating budget was an incremental approach based on last year's expenditures. The 2017 data they had was appropriated and they could not spend more than was allowed in a fiscal year. The Capital budget was ongoing. The Capital budget is approved by council and carries forward to 2018. In 2018 a new accounting system went online. The last time the department had a change to the accounting system was in Y2K. Each department was different and now they are all lined up with the same structure and are project based. Previously Parks was organizational based so has needed to make considerable changes in recording expenses.

The Magnuson Expense budget shows an operating expense budget in 2017 of 4.1 mill. This is broken down into Park Facilities Management having actual expenses of 2.4 million, park Maintenance of 1.25 million and the community center operations expenses of 475 thousand.

The revenue budget was \$2.1million. Actual revenue was 2.475 million. The Community Center Operations actual revenue was 37.6 thousand. The total revenue was 2.5 million.

The Operating Revenue for Magnuson for 2017 budgeted was 2.1 million for the Magnuson Facility Management and Community Center. Earned revenue was 2.1 million. Broken down this was 1.4 million in long term rentals, 623 thousand permits, 31 thousand short term rentals, 16 thousand miscellaneous and program related revenues of 6 thousand. ARC, associated recreational council funds and expenses are not included in these statistics.

Capital Investments from 2011 to date were listed as electrical, shoreline, picnic shelters, bldgs. 2, 11, 27, 406, 30, 18, Community Center Improvement and a Playfield study. Funds came from REET, King County, Pro Parks Levy and LTGO and the Park District. Total capital investments since 2011 are 5.5 million.

Tom asked what constitutes a project. Answer...usually geographical areas.

Questions: Michele Finnegan 206-684-7053 or Donnie Gabrowski 206-233-2603

6:35 SDOT Sand Point Corridor Improvements

Ana Seivert and David Burgesser gave an update on the planning for improving pedestrian safety on the Sand Point corridor from Princeton Ave NE to NE NOAA Drive. This is funded by a grant written by Dianna Kincaid "Your Voice, Your Choice." The preferred plan is to add new sidewalks on both the east and west side of Sand Point Way. Crosswalks would be added at NE 77th and shorter crosswalks at NE 74th because the additional entry and exit lanes (slip lanes) would be removed and the entry squared up. A left turn signal would also be added at NE 74th whose timing could be controlled to accommodate auto backups during busy hours. Hope is to work with the state to reduce the speed limit which is currently 40 mph in front of the park although other parts of Sand Point Way from 125th to Matthews beach is 30 mph and past City Peoples is 35mph. Converting 4 lanes to 3 lanes plus auxiliary turn lanes although suggested will not be done at this time. Relocating the historic Around the World Monument that has been in place since before 1938 was also suggested but has historic landmark issues. Sandy Miller suggested moving or raising the park signs just west of the guardhouse. Lynn mentioned because of the low clearance taller construction trucks must already use NE 65th St. and Sports Field Drive. SDOT does not plan to dig out the 74th St. entry since buses fit under. Ed Bronson suggested having a no turn sign onto the first street past the guard house having traffic turn left on the next street. The timeline is end of 2018 for final design and 2019 to begin construction. Dianna thanked SDOT for making this a priority.

Magnuson Park Improvements:

Oliver Bazinet, SPR Sr. Planning and Development Specialist talked to the group about his plan to tackle prioritizing projects for funding with the existing 8.2 million focused on site improvements. These funds are to address needs in the asset management plan and Parks major maintenance Fix It First plan. He has 5 or 6 years to spend the funds. From May to August of this year he hopes to assess the projects and review and establish criteria to rate them. He will develop a preliminary schedule and budget for projects. Planning for the first

projects will take place from September 2019 and December 2019. Design and permitting for the first project would be from Dec. 2019 to June 2019. First project constructions begin in the 4th quarter of 2019.

The project guiding principles are leverage and respect previous planning processes, Fix-It-First, plan projects with foresight, balance the needs of stakeholders and work as a team. He asks that MPAC be involved in the working group for the initial project rating system and review the draft plan.

Gabrielle asked about adding the burned out Tower Building to the list of projects. Lynn asked about consideration of legally needed work (in Navy deed) to securing empty historic buildings by mothballing (fixing the roof and boarding up windows) to preserve them for future development. Oliver asked for our patience and understanding as he works through this process and called Magnuson a “complex, complex.”

7:30 Strategic Plan Update and Director’s Report

Brian Judd began with good news. The Community Center and SPACE will partner with Scarecrow Video to have Thursday night movie nights in the park amphitheater in August.

Arena Sports has been proactive in an effort to provide public benefits for residents of the park. Lower monthly rates and open gym times are in the works.

Yesterday the Sand Point Historic District Local Architectural Review Committee voted final approval for the pub to occupy Building 20. Opening date is set for June.

More lights and summer patrols are in the works as well as other electrical upgrades. Sandy asked about electric car plug ins and Brian will look into it.

There is a new NOAA director and Brian said we will need a ground swell of users to influence getting the NOAA gates open permanently after hours and on weekends. Currently they are only open for large special events.

Brian led a discussion of the update for buildings within the strategic plan. Other sections will be delayed until next month. Lynn asked about mothballing buildings 12 and 2 for safety and to preserve them for future development. She also noted the RFP for Building 18, the Firehouse, had been delayed until 2019. Brian reported lead paint abatement for the boathouse was complete. Questions were raised about who was responsible for fixing Bldg.41, the Gas Station and mothballing it for future use. The tower building was suggested as an addition to buildings needing Fix It First funds. Solar panels will be added to bldg. 406 in the 3rd quarter of 2018, roof replacement and possibly HVAC system replacement.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05

Respectfully submitted, Lynn Ferguson, acting secretary