

Magnuson Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

January 8, 2025

Attendance

MPAC Members: Aaron Hoard, Ruth Fruland, Bladimir Recinos, Jonathan King (chair), Dave Hudacek, Virginia Humes, Carol Furry

Absent: Samantha De Abreu

SPR Staff and Presenters: Orsucci, LeMay, Burtzos

Six members of public attended the meeting.

Welcome and Introductions

De Abreu calls the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Tonight's meeting is hosted on Zoom only due to maintenance in Building 30 at Magnuson Park.

Members introduce themselves.

King introduces tonight's consent agenda. Items include meeting minutes from the 11/13/24 and 12/11/24 MPAC Meeting Minutes, and tonight's meeting agenda. There are no objections; the consent agenda passes as proposed.

Adopted: 11/13/24 MPAC Meeting Minutes

Adopted: 12/11/24 MPAC Meeting Minutes

Adopted: 1/8/25 MPAC Meeting Agenda

Announcements & Information Sharing

Members and public provide updates on public events and concerns regarding Magnuson Park and surrounding area.

Magnuson Manager Report

Joanne Orsucci, Interim Magnuson Park Manager, provides the report [see attached].

Magnuson Community Center Report

Kim LeMay, Magnuson Community Center Coordinator, provides the report.

MPAC 2025 Goals and Direction

Chair King leads the discussion. Members revisit MPAC 2023-2024 priorities, discussing successes of previous years and what avenues for advocacy are likely to generate positive results in the next 12-24 months. General agreement that advocacy and sustained coordination on park clean-up efforts, as well as SDOT projects (such as Safe Streets projects advocacy) have been successful.

King notes that subcommittee or small-group action in between MPAC meetings, such as park clean-up groups, can deliver meaningful data as well as tangible results.

New & Old Business; Wrap-Up

Members discuss future meeting schedule and possible agenda items.

Gratitude & Adjourn

King adjourns the meeting at 7:30 PM.

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Report from Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) – Joanne Orsucci
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Topic	Updates/Notes
<p>MPAC Priority #1: Healthy People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure and Lighting • Improve safety and reduce crime 	<p>Ongoing Security Concerns</p> <p>SPD continues with a good presence in the park. SPD cars parked at the beach parking lots and the mobile precinct onsite periodically.</p> <p>A fire occurred in the Magnuson Theater Dec 17, 2024. Damage was reasonably minimal as the sprinkler system engaged and put the fire out. Restoration work is underway and expected to be completed by Feb 1, 2025. The community center was closed while the sprinkler and alarm systems were disabled, but they were reset last Friday and the center opened on Saturday.</p> <p>Broadway Bound Children’s Theater is able to continue with their production of Mean Girls which runs Jan 17-Feb 2.</p>
<p>MPAC Priority #2: Healthy Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address event-related traffic. • Addressing garbage/litter + animal waste in the park. 	
<p>MPAC Priority #3: Strong Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve Communication within Magnuson Park + surrounding community. • Inclusive and communicative planning. 	
<p>MPAC Roster and Recruiting</p>	<p>No current interest in joining MPAC from business tenants. Four current vacancies.</p> <p>A huge thank you to outgoing Co-Chairs Samantha De Abreu and Jan Bragg for their years of service and commitment to MPAC and a big welcome to Jonathan King for stepping in as the new Chair and to Carol Furry for taking Jan Bragg’s position.</p>

<p>Seattle Parks Updates</p>	<p>Budget issues: The City’s hiring freeze continues and the normal team of 4 at Magnuson Admin Office is currently a team of 2 staff. We appreciate your understanding as we prioritize tenant operations work and put other projects on hold as we navigate this hiring freeze.</p>
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	Tenant renewals:
MPAC Updates	