

Meeting Minutes for the Magnuson Park Advisory Committee (MPAC)

May 8, 2019

Lower Conference Room, Bldg. 30

Members Present: Gabrielle Gerhard (Chair), Lhorna Murray (Vice Chair), Mitch Cameron (Secretary), Jan Bragg, Megan Castellano, Tom Kelly, Juliann Horan, Dianne Hofbeck, Atsuko Tamura, Aaron Hoard, Sandy Bricel-Miller.

Guests: Alex Pedersen, Bill Rumpf, Will Gibbs, Seth Muir

Magnuson Park Staff: Brian Judd

Call to order: **Gabrielle** called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Introductions were made around the table.

Approval of April minutes: **Gabrielle** noticed something in the April minutes that mentioned Building 47's RFP and the subsequent tours of the theater and of the "pool area". The "Pool Area" may cause confusion in the mere mention of "Pool" may be misconstrued as a "pool available or in planning". Gabrielle suggested that the Minutes reflect the area as "additional storage area" instead of the "pool area".

Gabrielle asked if the proposed changes could be made, but could MPAC proceed with the Approval vote? The MPAC members were amenable to this suggestion.

Jan made the motion to accept the minutes from April, **Juli** did second that motion. The motion to pass the April meeting minutes, with the suggested changes was passed unanimously, with one abstention.

Announcements: **Dianne** passed around to the MPAC members a half page history of the name of Sand Point, the Naval Station, to highlight a few name changes that occurred from the 1800's to present. Written by Lynn Ferguson, President of the "Friends of Sand Point".

The Magnuson Park entrance sign exists currently at ground level on the island between the entrance and exit lanes of the 74th Street entrance.

Friends of Sandpoint (FOSP) asks MPAC for suggestions on what the Historic Name might be.

The Landmarks Historic name will be placed above the main entrance on 74th Avenue and will resemble the original letters and font.

Sandy asked if FOSP proposed to change the name of the Park? FOSP does not intend to change the name of the Park. The Magnuson Park signage and Park information is at ground level as stated above; the current name of the Regional Magnuson Park is out of our purview. In addition to the existing Park signage FOSP would like to restore the prior lettering / font to replace a sign above the entrance to identify the Historic Landmark District, and to include acknowledgement of the Navy's role while the Station was active. For the record, the Naval Station or Naval Air Station title never included "Sand Point". Instead the Navy followed the

name with either Seattle like “Naval Station Seattle” or Puget Sound like “Naval Station Puget Sound”.

Gabrielle requested an electronic version of Lynn’s Historic Summary of Sand Point names.

Sandy requested photos be taken of the exact area above the main gate, and Dianne responded, of course. She also has images of the original signage to share.

Public Comment: Bill Rumpf with Mercy Housing Northwest introduced himself to MPAC.

Bill said that he was feeling giddy about receiving their Permit for Occupancy for what was called building 9 and is now called Mercy Magnuson Place. Mercy Magnuson Place will be opening their doors to their first tenants on Friday, May 10th.

Bill said that it is a large project, and Mercy Housing Northwest (MHNW) used Historic Tax Credits. He went on to say that in this first phase of occupancy they will lease approximately 85 units, with the remainder of the units leased by the end of July.

Mercy Magnuson Place (MMP) will also include Pre-School with Denise Louie Education Services and a small Medical Clinic by Neighbor Care Health.

Bill wanted to include the date August 10th as the Mercy Magnuson Place Grand Opening including a barbecue, tours and more. MHNW is still working on the details, but initially the Open House will be from 10:30 to Noon, on August 10th.

Bill went on to say that about half of the apartments in MMP are 2- or 3-bedroom apartments, and the other half are studio and 1-bedroom apartments. The Open House is for the benefit of the Residents and Tenants of the Park, and surrounding neighbors. Bill also explained that Mercy Housing Northwest is very conscious of the fact that this will create a large influx of children into the Park and Schools. He went on to say that MHNW has been quite active in meetings with the Local schools and Principals of Sand Point Elementary and Eckstein Middle School. In addition, the park staff has been very involved with Solid Ground as well, there have been many meetings with SPR Staff, Solid Ground, and the YMCA. Bill expressed the importance of their coordination of out-of-school time programs for school-age kids, on the campus. Bill said, “We want to ensure that we are in the loop in the community and that we have advanced notice for sign ups and reduced fees for those programs.”

The School Principals were very impressive expressing their needs from the community and from Mercy Housing Northwest to be successful.

Bill summed up by saying that he wanted to update and inform us that the long construction is nearly over, and people are starting to move in. Gabrielle mentioned that there would be a Back to School Kick-Off, and Bill finished by saying they were trying to build on the Community. He affirmed there would be a Back to School event and that new backpacks would be distributed.

Seth Muir wanted to piggyback onto the discussing and express his appreciation to Bill and to Brian Judd in allowing Sail Sand Point to outline how they can serve the Mercy Magnuson Place Community.

Juli wanted to share that the Sand Point Elementary School kids already receive backpacks and school supplies from the PTA, though she did say there was a cost involved. Gabrielle offered to connect Bill and Juli via email to continue their discussion.

Dianne wanted to know if Pets were allowed, Bill said yes. Dianne also wanted to know if MHNW has already signed up future tenants. Bill responded that about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the 85 units are pre-leased, and the move in date is Friday May 10th.

Tom suggested that given widespread concerns about homelessness and how efficiently public funds have been and will be spent Mercy Housing should be transparent and disclose the amounts and sources of public financing for the building.

Welcome to the Neighborhood Bill Rumpf and Mercy Magnuson Place Workforce Rate Housing apartments.

Jan shared with MPAC that this is migratory bird season. Birds who spent the winter south of here are passing through northward or staying here to nest, and birds who wintered here are migrating northward to nest. The Park's resident birds are beginning to nest. Hummingbirds are working on their second set of nests. Many bird species are nesting, it is a wonderful busy time for birds in the Park. Jan said that Seattle Audubon also does walks that are open to the Public, on the third Wednesday of the month schedule. **Gabrielle** suggested that the Seattle Audubon Walks be put on the Park Calendar.

Sandy noted that for the very reason of the nesting season brings up the subject again, of signage. The proximity of dogs not being on a leash, in leash required areas and nesting birds some of which are on the ground, is a problem. For general awareness of the nesting season and where nests may lie. Sandy volunteered to draw or paint some nests for possible use in some signage of some sort that raises awareness and keeps dogs away from nesting areas. Sandy's artistic acumen includes birds' nests and Sandy wanted to rethink her involvement in the Signage Group. Sandy went on to say that here was an opportunity to raise awareness and educate Park Patrons and have fun while doing it. Jan said last spring they put up 12 paper signs and they are down to five, now. The signs point out Savannah Sparrows which nest on the ground.

Tom wanted to hop on with a similar item. In portions of the Park for instance the central portion of the Park there is an absence of stewardship, though all departments are spread very thin. As a result, there is increasing off-leash dog use. During the Wetland project back in 2008 - 2009, wetlands were a refuge for the wildlife. That refuge now is being encroached by crisscrossing invasive trails that are not part of the Parks trail system. Right now, his crew is trying to reduce one of these Trails where the people frequenting these Trails chop the vegetation down. Tom summed up by saying these are examples to support the need for signage, whether for off-leash dogs or invasive or destructive actions in the park. It's a big issue. Sandy asked Tom if he headed the Stewardship program. Tom said he doesn't head up the Stewardship Program, but he is a Forest Steward and is concerned for the Park. Tom said that he has talked with Park Staff and it seems like for the last year the Social Trails (Invasive) have really increased. Extensive discussion between some of the MPAC members, Tom said it is a big subject that needs attention.

Gabrielle asked Brian if he wanted to open a discussion, and Brian responded that it might be an Agenda item, and the Crew Chief could come out to a MPAC meeting. Brian suggested July as a possible month to invite the Crew Chief to the MPAC meeting.

Tom thought the issue was bigger than what the Crew Chief and his crew could accomplish. Given their current workload for Park upkeep, maintenance and repairs Tom thought they are

shorthanded as it is. Tom went on to say that he thought it was an organizational problem. There's a big void. Sandy said, "that in itself is another topic".

Director's Update: Brian Judd, Magnuson Park Manager

Brian has a lot to share with MPAC Members, he has been away for various reasons, culminating with Jury Duty last month.

Brian promised a robust report on the Park Contract's Public Benefits, for MPAC in September. Brian said they wanted to ensure that they had solid and clear data before making a report.

Brian wondered if any of us had met Officer Boys and we informed him that the Officer was a guest at last month's meeting. He went on to explain that he was at a Tenants meeting with Officer Boys (Officer Boys and Brian meet once a week), keeping each other informed about what's going on in the Park and in the Community. Brian inquired as to whether Officer Boys had mentioned the basketball program. Yes, he did. Gabrielle pointed out that it wasn't clear whether everyone at Solid Ground had been informed. Brian said the program begins on Friday the 10th of May. Gabrielle asked if the event was on the Park Calendar and Brian said no but it's on Flossie's list to do. Gabrielle wanted to clarify that the event was open to the public and Brian confirmed this.

The Artists in building 30, Open House on Sunday, May 5th, was fantastic. Juliana Ross informed Brian that 297 visitors attended, and Brian brought his Mom. It was a great opportunity for the artists to interact with the public, and to show what each artist brings to the group and interact in an immersive artistic atmosphere.

The Artists in building 30 West on the 16th of this month (May) there is a follow-up event geared to the Senior adult population. Sandy, picked up where Brian left off, told us of one of her fellow artists/colleagues who reached out to several Senior Centers and Senior residents. She went on to say that they had five busloads of adult Seniors being transported to the Bldg. 30 Studios, "maybe minibuses", she added. Sandy said that she and her colleagues wanted to ensure that the Seniors had this component in their lives of interaction with artists in their studios, enlightening the Seniors of the opportunities available to them. Last year's visit from the seniors was very successful and not only that but they put on a wonderful Tea upstairs in the Officer Club.

The Magnuson Cafe and Brewery are selling a beer called Rocklin' Rec Red. For every pint of Rocking Rec Red beer sold, \$1 is being donated to the Community Center, and they have raised \$1000. Cody (Owner of Brewery) and Paul (Community Center Manager) meet later to discuss how the donation and connection between the Brewery and the Community Center can be enhanced or marketed.

Brian passed around 2 handouts, the first of which was a response to Jan's request for Seattle Parks and Recreations highlights to reduce carbon footprint. Briefly,

2018 Accomplishments

- Funded an LED conversion in building 30.
- Funded a project to repair holes in the Eric Friedli room, reducing heat loss.
- Funded R19 Fiberglass Insulation at building 30.

- Completed a building tune-up at building 27, with anticipated reduced energy consumption in the building by 10%.
- 10 Electric Vehicles added to the Fleet.
- Park District Crews using electric leaf blowers, when possible.

2019 Goals

- Install 2 public EV charging stations. On track to install this year!
- Install 30KW of Solar at building 30.
- Complete a building tune-up at building 30, which will reduce energy consumption in the building by 10%.
- Convert Magnuson Community Center fluorescent lights to LED, which should reduce energy consumption by 55%.

Brian said that he is now serving on a department wide Action Team to help move these projects forward. The Action Team will be able to accumulate data to discuss accomplishments, in the future.

Jan asked about the specifics for installing Solar power planned for building 30. Brian could not provide specific details at this time, Seattle Parks and Recreation is working through some Historic Landmark challenges.

Tom asked if in the Brig's remodel if there were plans for Solar panels on that roof as well? Brian said the grant dollars had to be used elsewhere, so no, no plans for Solar power at the Brig. Brian said, "We still want to in the future. Now, we would like to install the solar panels on building 30, as well."

Tom's other question was about building 27, how does the finances for repairs and permit upgrades work? Will the new Tenants have to incur those costs?

There are already solar panels on building 27 with Arena Sports paying the electric bill, so they are enjoying the benefits of the solar electricity and the Park benefits from the solar panels as well.

Lhorna asked if the EV Charging Parking spaces were in addition to the existing public parking or are 2 public parking spaces being converted to the EV Charging stations. Brian responded that existing public parking spaces would be converted to the EV Charging stations.

Sandy asked if there will be more than 2 EV Charging Stations? Brian said he wanted more than 2, but no there are no plans for additional EV Charging stations.

Brian said that he would fold the Carbon footprint report into the Magnuson Park Strategic Development Plan to ensure an annual report.

Director's Report – Former Councilmember Rob Johnson asked Seattle City Light, the Seattle Department of Transportation and Seattle Parks and Recreation to assess the lighting along 62nd Ave NE, 63rd Ave NE and the Community Center Parking lot. 62nd Ave NE is the street where the Community Center, Mercy Magnuson Place and Solid Ground all reside. 63rd Ave NE runs north and south and is on the west side of building 30. The lights and light poles are the property of Seattle City Light.

The representative from City Light noted that the street lighting fixtures and poles were not in their database.

- Light Inventory Mapping is approximately 70% complete.

- All 49 light poles now have inventory tags and can be identified to the Find It Fix It app by using the tag number.
- All lights are operational along 62nd Ave. NE and 63rd Ave NE.
- City Light has conducted 2 nighttime surveys to verify functioning lights.
- One or two new LED streetlights have been installed on 63rd Ave NE on the 3rd pole south from the NOAA Dr NE gate.
- Parking Structure: City Light creating a plan of action to fix or replace the lighting in the concrete stairs and inside the carport. The two historic lamp posts at the top of the stairs will be restored, as well
- City Light is conducting light meter sampling to measure illumination levels.
- City Light has accomplished all these issues by only spending a night or two per week in Magnuson Park.
- One more new LED streetlight will be installed on 62nd Ave NE on April 22nd, location TBD.
- Gabrielle suggested a thank you letter to SCL, and Brian agreed.
- Brian said the subject of cutting back (maintenance pruning) of the overgrown trees in the park, specifically in the Residential District, is still being discussed with the Historic Landmarks Dept.
- Brian wanted to give SDOT and SCL attention for their good and quick work, particularly in the Park's Residential District.

Brian's highlights of Events coming to Magnuson Park that Brian promised would be on the Website Calendar.

- May 31st & June 1st – NW Market Place's Solstice Night Market Festival – to be held at the large parking lot.
- June 7th & 8th – "Questival" will start from building 30 and will crisscross the City of Seattle, as Outdoor Outfitter 'Cotopaxi' hosts a 24-hour unique Adventure Race/ Scavenger Hunt.
- August 8th – Solid Ground is having a 2019 Food Truck Taste Off in building 30's Hangar.
- August 24th & 25th – Kid Chella – A family friendly Music Festival with many activities. This will be held in the Hangar of building 30.

Tom asked about any concerts or movies in the Amphitheater this year? Brian said the Community Center will be presenting Summer Movies this year in cooperation with Scarecrow Video. These will show in August and will be found on the Park Calendar.

Lhorna asked if Radio Station Space was partnering in the Movies, and Brian didn't know. Gabrielle thought that they did not schedule this event this year, but plan to in the future.

The Magnuson Park Wading Pool located at the Swim Beach has had ongoing issues, Brian wants to think 'well meaning' people who have been using the Wading Pool as a fire pit. The only Wading pool in the City with this problem. What SPR and Brian have found is the misuse of the Wading Pool as a Fire Pit damages the drain cover, the concrete and incurs clean-up costs. Roughly, it costs SPR \$2,000 per incident. Brian has raised awareness

through signage and other measures that haven't worked yet. The same type of damage has occurred 5 times in Brian's memory and it has happened 3 times already this year.

Brian said that he and the Facilities Department are planning on using Public Outreach to ensure the neighbors, patrons, residents and stakeholders of the Park are getting all the information and are being asked to keep an eye out for anything unusual in the area, and if there are any bonfires or fires not in the accustomed grills to call 9-1-1 they are illegal in the City. The only City Beaches allowing Open Fires are at Golden Gardens and Alki Beach. The Public Outreach is meant to inform the public that Wading Pools are not meant to be used as Fire Pits. Brian continues to give the benefit of the doubt to the person or persons who don't seem to be doing it out of malice. There is no other evidence of abuse, no litter, nothing else broken or even other areas being used as a fire pit. Even though there is a sign posted right at the Wading Pool, there may be other reasons we are not aware of yet.

Aaron asked why doesn't SPR just fill the Wading Pool with water. Brian said it is against Public Health Regulations.

Mitch said in his daily walks around the Park, he has never seen anyone lighting a bonfire. Mitch asked Brian if he has any plans to apprehend these people.

Brian said he and Officer Nic Boys SPD have been meeting and they have agreed that the 3rd watch at the North Precinct will include patrols to the Wading Pool, if they have the time and manpower.

Lhorna said that she takes late night strolls with Rollo, she noted the transients who live in the park though Lhorna doesn't think it is the homeless people. Lhorna feels that it is outsiders coming into the Park late at night to have a fire. The issue has also come up where the Residents were blamed for vandalism and bullying, when in fact they were the victims. Brian said it seemed very recreational to him.

Tom reminded us that you don't have to be Sherlock Holmes or McGruff to figure it out. The Public historically doesn't call 9-1-1, and SPD's ability to Patrol or Respond to Wading Pool Emergencies is unreliable. Tom said similar issues happened at the restrooms at Swim Beach in the past.

Mitch thought the Public Outreach to be a good way to spread the word about illegal bonfires. The local neighbors up on the hill overlooking the Park can see if there are fires in the Park and can then call 9-1-1.

Lhorna commented that we wouldn't be able to reach the people behind the bonfires, but the public awareness could add to possible solutions.

Gabrielle suggested that if Brian would write a little paragraph about the Wading Pool, she could post it on Next Door. **Lhorna** said she would post it on several social media venues as well as website for District 4.

Jan asked if Brian knew whether the bonfires were always on a Friday night? Brian said he has seen the aftermath of fires on Monday morning(s) and sometimes on weekday mornings, in the summer the number of occurrences increases.

Sandy commented that it was a little frightening have an open fire in the Park. **Jan** asked if there are any plans for a separate fire pit? Brian responded that fire pits can be a can of worms. There are both positive and negative results with having a Fire Pit.

- Needs more staff onsite and to ensure all fires are extinguished prior to Park closure. Brian is not saying no, but it needs more thought, because it's a can of worms.

Brian presented the Magnuson Park Strategic Plan Report – Brian will provide the highlights of the Report but will focus on the questions MPAC has asked about the Strategic Plan.

- **Building 18 – Old Fire House** – Outdoors for All and Parks are in negotiations for the lease and occupancy of the Historic Landmark building. **Dianne** inquired as to when could we expect the lease negotiation to finalize? Brian said that it all depends on their Fund-Raising Plan and State requirements, there are a few hurdles to pass.
- **Building 41 – Old Gas Station** – The building is currently a part of the Tennis Center's agreement, but SPR is going to amend the agreement to return the building to Seattle Parks and Recreation. Leaving it open for a future Visitor & Interpretive Center.
- **Building 406 – The Brig** – SPR has been talking about a remodel for years and this is the year and it is currently out for Bids. Brian anticipated that job would begin in September or October of this year. Construction will include ADA improvements, an HVAC replacement and a roof replacement. Brian and Staff are looking forward to the improvements.
- **Address Safety Issues on North South Road** – Avenue "A" which runs in front of the Mountaineers Club. Oliver Bazinet will address MPAC about some Funding for Park improvements including Avenue A.
- **Increase in Arts Programming** –
 - o 720 visitors attending open Artists Studio's last year.
 - o Gallery Exhibits included "Lit" by Brettler Place youth and organized by Lhorna Murray.
 - o **A Robust Report on the SPACE Radio Station** –
 - SPACE provided 403 free hours of Arts Programming, with over 1600 people attending.
 - The SPACE Radio Station has really been rocking and rolling, literally. SPACE is in building 138 and are doing very well.
 - **Gabrielle** said that the Radio Station wants and needs more; more programming, more and diverse music, more volunteers.
- **Break out of Green Seattle hours worked in Magnuson Park** – In this section it can be seen all the 'people power' the Park Volunteers and Tom Kelly provide to keep the Park in great shape. Thank you, Tom.
- **Reports from the Community Center** – Lots of information here. Rock the Park and other programming information.

Brian opened the floor to questions.

Lhorna wanted to know about the addition of a crosswalk across Sports Field Drive right behind the Community Center. **Brian** has requested an evaluation for the crosswalk. Brian explained that a seemingly simple request for a Pedestrian Crosswalk can be complicated.

1. Must have good sight lines for traffic.
2. Must have curb cuts for ADA accessibility.
3. Once installed, the City must maintain it.
4. Very Expensive Safety Item! It is on the List of to-dos for the park.
5. Lhorna is concerned about youth safety and Brian agreed and explained that he was 'championing' this Safety Request.

Dianne requested an update of building 2. Brian said that the Center for Excellence, has responded to the RFP process for building 2. If you remember, this proposed tenant has the 4 businesses under one umbrella, and one is for Lacrosse. CES is currently doing some fundraising and assessing of their ability to finance the business in Magnuson Park. Brian said that while negotiations are at a higher level than him. Brian will let us know when there is something to report.

Jan had a question about the land, the shoreline erosion control. Her question was, "I assume there is not much planned other than to monitor gravel levels as it states?" Brian's response was yes, and he said he just submitted a work order this week for the shoreline erosion to be in the queue to be addressed. Seth and Brian were talking about how the shoreline erosion is a little more than they expected, in the gravel areas and shoreline. Like around the boat launch. Jan's specific question was about the left-over concrete along the shoreline that some people think should be removed, but she is assuming they are part of the erosion control measures. Brian said that he doesn't know about the shoreline concrete and whether it is a part of the erosion control, but he said he would investigate that if Jan would like him to. Jan was just curious if there is or ever was a plan for the shoreline and even south of the boat launch area. Brian said they addressed some related issues of degraded concrete a few summers ago.

Jan asked if the development of future Sports Fields is on hold? Brian responded it's not really on hold; we're just waiting for funding for the next phase. Brian went on to say that the Park has a Master Plan with 2 more phases to fulfill. He added that Oliver Bazinet, SPR Major Projects Planner, will be at next months (June) meeting, to provide updates to a few projects that touch upon the Master Plan Improvements, but no Sports Fields yet.

Dianne wanted to talk about signage. Dianne has been taking walks through the Park recently and one time she was stopped in the Parking Lot near the Dog Park and some people wanted to know how to get to the water and another time she was asked how to get to the wetlands. The Public is expressing dissatisfaction and sometimes frustration at the lack of Wayfinding signage in the Park. Can't something be done to serve the customers / patrons of the Park better? Brian responded with 'we can' if fact he is happy to inform us of some funding that has been added for the Circulation and Wayfinding Project.

Lhorna wanted to know how to get tickets to Kid-chella! "It's for the kids! I swear!"

Sandy wanted us to refer to page 10 of the Strategic Plan, are these things in place and are these for the Resident youth, only? Brian responded that these are all from 2018, always reporting on what *has* happened. Lhorna said that last year it was 'Play for Pay' programming, and Brian confirmed it. Lhorna further explained that 'Rock the Park' programming is only for the Resident youth of the Park. This year the Community Center will integrate 6 kids from outside the Park. Brian said he was specifically thinking of 'Rock the Park' but didn't verbalize it.

Brian had one more thing to share. Cheryl Frasier has announced that she will be retiring at the end of June. Cheryl gave Brian the green light to make the announcement. Good Luck Cheryl! Lhorna asked who was going to bump up to her position, Brian Judd? Dianne asked what is her position exactly? Brian said she is a Division Director; Magnuson Park is within a Division called "Enterprise and Partnership in Community" and Brian's position reports to Cheryl's position. She has held the position for 6 years and her position reports to the Superintendent of SPR. **Jesus Aguirre** has been appointed as the new Superintendent of Seattle Parks and Recreation by Mayor Durkin in early May.

Gabrielle said she would write a thank you letter to SDOT and Seattle City Light, for the 62nd and 63rd Ave NE lighting upgrades and tree trimming.

Gabrielle suggested we discuss budget priorities for the year, and she considers this year to be a small budget year while next year's Major Budget Cycle she considers as a big budget year.

"Nevertheless", she said "you can advocate for things if you are interested in that. Our new Councilmember Pacheco is coming in June and typically asks if we have any budget priorities? Do we have Budget priorities? We've talked about budget priorities before, should we suggest our own budget that echo's Brian's Strategic Plan?"

Mitch suggested we might advocate for the street repairs created by the Metro Bus traffic on south 62nd Ave. Sandy suggested the heavy construction truck traffic could be contributing if not the source of the damage. Gabrielle pointed out that that was an SDOT owned road and probably not a direct add into the Parks Budget, but still something to advocate for. Gabrielle noted the road repairs on 62nd Ave NE as well as the crosswalk on Sports Field Drive, behind the Community Center. Gabrielle asked if anyone else would like to make a suggestion?

Sandy thinks there should be speed control bumps across 63rd Ave NE. She said that the traffic revision pushing people to not use Ave A, but continue down NE 74th St to turn left onto 63rd Ave NE. Traffic runs fast and unabated all along the street that runs next to the Art Studio's. **Aaron** wanted to remind everyone that the UW has warehousing down that street and relies on trucks, trucks and speed bumps usually mean damaged cargo. Aaron also had more to say about the rerouted traffic at the 74th St. entrance that pushed large amounts of traffic down to 63rd Ave NE to get to the Northern Park areas including the north shore. Gabrielle said that perhaps more discussion and exploration of other means to quiet traffic down on 63rd Ave NE, is needed.

Gabrielle was thinking of, at least to begin with, an unmanned speed display trailer. We can at least have real data to base our assumptions on.

Brian wished to relate something humorous Officer Boys told him at the Tenants Meeting. Apparently, SPD finds that, especially some of our younger drivers, try to see how fast they can go in those speed monitored areas, and they are all recorded! But Brian also thinks that using that might be inflammatory. **Tom** suggested the problem be addressed by an authority of traffic calming engineering. **Dianne** said that she and Mitch are working in building 138 south, and she says she uses the Dental Building's passenger drop off. Someone said, illegally?

Mitch spoke up in support of the Parks department & SDOT in reducing congestion and traffic abuse at the 74th St. gate. **Gabrielle** suggested a long-term plan. MPAC members were unclear as to what signage was in place and what signage is temporary, **Brian** focused everyone by saying that is the purview of SDOT and not the Park. **Lhorna** spoke up for Safety, traffic, pedestrian and especially children's safety. **Dianne** spoke up for Wayfinding Signage as a budget priority. **Brian** and **Gabrielle** both spoke up about conducting a study of the traffic calming issues needed. Brian suggested keeping the traffic calming options on the list and discussing them with Oliver Bazinet in June. Signage is expensive for Parks especially with the Historic Landmarks requirements. With building 9 (Mercy Magnuson Place) coming online, it adds a whole new layer to the Parks' traffic circulation and wayfinding. The Park needs to have an extensive study, **Brian** suggested keeping the Circulation and Wayfinding on MPAC's list of priority Budget requests, continue to advocate for the improvements.

Tom said his item is landscape, vegetation and the Park Maintenance crew, that kind of thing. Really a lot of that is citywide, Tom supports funding for Green Seattle Partnership particularly

for more materials and Park Stewards. We were talking earlier about the lack of Stewardship in the central park area. A few years ago, we had a full Park Crew attached to Magnuson Park, then it became split-up in northeast Seattle. For example, there are two Gardener positions originally servicing Magnuson Park. Now they are covering, not just Magnuson Park but all the way over to Northacres Park and even as far as Parks on the west side of Interstate 5. So, they are spread thin and need more help, too.

Mitch volunteered that as an avid walker of the park there is a lot of signage. But you can't see them because of obscure locations.

Jan talked about needing funding to study the water flow problem that has been observed for the last 2 summers, in the wetlands of the Park. Water levels in the ponds are erratic and sometimes extreme. Jan has emailed with Guy Michaelsen one of the landscape architects who designed it, he has emailed with Mike Shwindeller. Apparently, there is no funding to address the issue. **Aaron** asked Jan what specifically she was asking for, a study only wherein we could review it together and decide together? Or a full study and repair the problem when found? Are you asking for Beaver traps? Jan said no Beaver Traps, but yes to the in-depth study of the flow of water throughout the wetlands and ponds, it could be drainage issues it could be clogged or partially obstructed leveling drains. We don't know whether it is Beavers, but the study is necessary for clarity. **Tom** offered as to whether the issue is a problem or not. Tom continued that when the water level is high there is a trail that gets a little flooded, is that reason for concern? Jan replied that the wildlife is negatively impacted when the water levels drops too low. Sandy commented that at times the wetlands have become deserts. **Lhorna** commented that she wouldn't like to see the money that went into the system that made it into the wetlands, be for nothing. Jan replied that the water flow system through the wetlands and ponds are not operating or regulating as designed. **Mitch** asked where or if there was any 'make up' water, or water source? Jan said yes, there is constant water flow from Fisheries at USGS.

Gabrielle had a several transportation items, 62nd Ave street repairs, crosswalk across Sports Field drive, issues with 63rd with traffic calming alternatives. Signage circulation and wayfinding master plan (study). **Tom** talked about adding employees to the Park Crew as they are spread too thin. **Gabrielle** asked Tom if he gets funding from Green Seattle Partnership? **Tom** said yes, the budget is through the City. Gabrielle may ask for more details from each champion. Jan has asked for funds to determine water/ drainage flow problems in the wetlands and ponds. The final piece for the budget planning is the Community Center upgrade. Do we need to advocate for additional Park security, Gabrielle asked? She knows that last summer the Park added some Security Patrols for the safety of the Park, patrons and the residents. **Brian** is undecided currently as he isn't sure if there is room in the budget this year. **Lhorna** reminded us that the Parks' Resident population will increase by close to 400 people this summer. Will the City add more officers to the North Precinct? **Lhorna** asked if the addition of police officers would equate to more patrols of the Park? **Brian** said that Officer Boys has a request in for **Emphasis Patrols** on peak evenings, the request has been submitted. **Lhorna** thought that overall there should be more patrols, by the plans we have heard today. **Gabrielle** summarized that we did not seem to need to advocate for more security this year but would revisit the subject of Park Security in next year's budget. **Tom** had something about off leash enforcement, probably never going to be a solution for that, but if we could advocate for the

powers that be to use resources more effectively. **Gabrielle** said that MPAC has a good list of budget requests and when the District 4 Councilmember Pacheko visits next month we will be prepared to discuss ours and see if any of them caught his attention.

Lhorna said the Roller-Skating Club, PFM has asked that MPAC write a letter of support for their Public Benefit of a Public Skate. **Lhorna** relayed that PFM said that SPR has removed a track in the Community Center from their use and the direct result would be to discontinue the Public Skate and the free Derby training program. Without a track these Public activities and benefits are unsafe for their patrons. PFM is committed to bringing the sport to the Community and they are passionate about expanding knowledge of the benefits PFM brings to the Community Center. Lhorna is not advocating that MPAC get into the track use battle between PFM and SPR, but she is requesting our support of PFM Community conscious public participation through a letter of support. Gabrielle said that there were challenges when they first came into the CC gym. We need to talk more about PFM and their monthly public skate. Gabrielle added that it would be appropriate for PFM to have a specific item they wish MPAC to support, but the email request wasn't clear. Lhorna said she would get clarification, or we could invite them to come to a MPAC meeting and tell us themselves.

Brian said that he and Gabrielle have been talking and MPAC needs to find a new Chairperson. Gabrielle has agreed to be the Chairperson through the end of 2019. Brian would like to discuss the position with anyone, and adjustments or concessions are possible if the Chair position seems too overwhelming. **Brian** would like to give Gabrielle the graceful exit that she so richly deserves and welcome new leadership into the group. If anyone is interested please contact Brian, and Brian may be contacting a few of the MPAC members as well.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 p.m. Lhorna made a motion to Adjourn the meeting and Mitch seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**The next MPAC meeting will be June 12th, 2019 at 6 p.m.
Building 30 Lower Conference Room**