



COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Hall Council Chambers, 10722 SE Main Street
& Zoom Video Conference (www.milwaukieoregon.gov)

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

Council Present: Councilors Adam Khosroabadi, Lisa Batey, Desi Nicodemus, Council President Kathy Hyzy, and Mayor Mark Gamba

Staff Present:

Kelly Brooks, Assistant City Manager	Ann Ober, City Manager
Justin Gericke, City Attorney	Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director
Dan Harris, Events & Emergency Management Coordinator	Natalie Rogers, Climate & Natural Resources Manager
Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder	Scott Stauffer, City Recorder
Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator	

Mayor Gamba called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Carefree Sunday Event – Update

Harris explained when and where the 2022 Carefree Sunday event took place and noted that due to high temperatures the event ended early. **Harris** presented issues with the 2022 event that included fewer sponsors, grants, and vendors which limited the city to providing activities at only two parks along the five-and-a-half-mile route. Grace Pointe Church and the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) hosted two activity locations. High temperatures limited turn out by attendees and volunteers and caused the food vendor and beer garden to cancel as it could not meet its Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) requirements. **Harris** explained how miscommunication with the flaggers and less attendees (around 600 down from 5,000 in previous years) agitated drivers.

Harris presented solutions for future Carefree events that included a smaller event earlier in the year such as Sunday, May 21 for 2023 which would coincide with Dogwood Day. **Harris** explained that May would be the preferred time of year, staff would work to contact and recruit previous and new sponsors and vendors earlier, and develop traffic control plans for each individual flagged intersection. **Harris** presented two out and back route models for the 2023 event that coincided with areas where the city is already making investments in bicycle infrastructure.

Councilor Nicodemus suggested that September would be a good time of year for the event, focusing on bringing communities and schools together as an end of summer event. **Harris** acknowledged that while it would be a good time for connecting the community, staff is busy preparing for the two winter events and having the event in May could do the same thing but as a kickoff for summer. **Councilor Batey** expressed interest in hosting the event in September and asked how long the proposed routes were. The group discussed the proposed routes, other possible route options, how the cost of the event affected the route length, how previous means for funding the event were no longer available, sponsorships, collaborating with neighborhood district associations (NDAs), the partnership with Grace Pointe Church, what the biggest costs of the event were, when a consultant needs to be involved in an event, what the role is of consultant is during the event, creating a safe space volunteers and flaggers, and possible collaboration with safe routes to school.

The group agreed to move forward with the event occurring in May and the route proposed by staff knowing there were funding limitations and that, if possible, the route would be extended slightly as funding allowed.

Councilors Batey, Nicodemus, and Council President Hyzy commented on Nicodemus working with safe routes to school and bikes to books events.

2. Neighborhood Park Projects – Update

Moore advised there would be a more complete conversation about the park engagement work at the Park and Recreation Board (PARB) meeting on September 28. **Moore** shared when and where recent engagement opportunities for parks projects took place, noted that events had to be rescheduled due to high temperatures, and that the focus groups have not brought in as many participants as staff were hoping for.

Moore presented details for the Balfour Park and Bowman-Brae Park open houses and the Scott Park planning meeting. **Moore** mentioned a popular area in Scott Park by the water that is currently unsafe and would be too complicated and expensive to restore and could cost more than the entire parks project budget, reporting that instead the area would be placed behind a fence to keep park attendees safe. **Moore** noted there will be other access points to the water and other pond viewing areas.

Moore provided an update on how engagement goals had been met so far, barriers that staff had discovered and how they are working to overcome those barriers.

Councilor Batey and Moore discussed how disabled focus group participants were identified to participate by working with local advocacy groups, including contact information on open house materials, and working closely with Hillside Manor residents.

Moore stated there were only four participants at a follow-up Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) community focus group, but participants were passionate and provided good ideas. **Moore** mentioned staff would continue to work with the Equity Steering Committee (ESC) to produce more focus group discussions.

Moore shared a few statistics from the engagement surveys and noted that overall demographic numbers from the surveys may be duplicated as individual participants may have submitted surveys on more than one park. **Moore** mentioned that it may be possible to track the unique responses and would report findings back to Council.

Moore expressed how important it is to get involved in the park's development process during the current phase, noted an upcoming playground design presentation meeting, that October is the last chance for providing feedback on concept plans, what engagement opportunities are available, and noted the parks project timeline.

Councilor Nicodemus asked if staff had collaborated with the Milwaukie junior baseball and soccer clubs for more engagement opportunities, **Moore** replied that staff had not, but believed it was a good idea to reach out to groups utilizing the parks and noted the current groups staff had been working with. **Nicodemus, Moore, and Councilor Batey** discussed the availability of handout materials. **Moore** encouraged community members to contact staff to participate.

Council President Hyzy thanked Moore for the engagement work that would benefit the community beyond the parks project. **Moore** acknowledged Jon Hennington and the work of the ESC.

Clackamas Cities Association (CCA) Dinner – Check-In


Stauffer notified Council that a caterer and venue had been secured for the dinner and that invitations would be sent out soon. **Stauffer** asked Council for input on the topics that would be presented during the dinner. The group discussed the length of time available for the presentation, what topics should be part of the presentation and why it may be important to include an update on the Kellogg Creek Dam, and who would present the update for the dam.

3. Adjourn

Mayor Gamba announced that after the meeting Council would meet in executive session pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 192.660 (2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Mayor Gamba adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder

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