



# PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Milwaukie Parks and Recreation Board | 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd, Milwaukie, OR 97206

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**AGENDA:** Wednesday, April 24, 2024 | 5:30 – 7:00p.m.

**Milwaukie City Hall**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Bing Cherry Conference Room

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84310350332?pwd=bWMxYXVmSHpFNXJDbGUzOGR1VjF6UT09>

**Board Members:** Ali Feuerstein (Chair), Heather Baskerville (Vice Chair), Gary Klein, Sabina Spencer, Virginia Pai, Martín Alvarez, Max Penneck

**City Council:** Robert Massey (Interim Council President)

**Milwaukie Staff:** Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director, Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator

## Agenda Items

5:30 – 5:40	Welcome / Land Acknowledgement / Review Minutes	Chair
	<i>The City of Milwaukie respectfully acknowledges that our community is located on the ancestral homeland of the Clackamas people. In 1855, the surviving members of the Clackamas signed the Willamette Valley Treaty also known as the Kalapuya etc. Treaty with the federal government in good faith. We acknowledge that the territory covered by the City of Milwaukie is on the ancestral homelands of the Clackamas people. We offer our respect and gratitude to the indigenous people of this land.</i>	
5:40 – 5:45	Public Comment (General)	Chair
5:45 – 5:50	Update Park Naming Conversation w/ ESC	City Staff
5:50 – 6:05	PARB Interview Questions	Chair
6:05 – 6:10	Update on DAC Activity	Chair
6:10 – 6:25	Letter to BCC & DAC	Chair
6:25 – 6:30	Items from PARB Members	PARB Members
6:30 – 7:00	Parks Development Update	City Staff

## Important Dates:

**Earth Day:** Saturday, April 20

**New PARB Youth Members Appointed:** City Council, May 7

## **PARB GOALS 2023:**

### **Increase inclusion of historically marginalized communities and community participation in parks projects, resources, and activities**

*Subgoals:*

- *Track demographics in city-led parks outreach and engagement where possible and discuss opportunities with staff to expand participation in marginalized communities*
- *Advocate for equitable park naming policies and participate in future park renaming efforts*

### **Increase community awareness of park resources and benefits**

*Subgoals:*

- *Find or create outreach materials to increase awareness of park presence and amenities for community members*
- *Find or create outreach materials to increase awareness of PARB as a community resource*

### **Revisit goals in PARB meetings and actions**

*Subgoals:*

- *Identify strategy to track progress of PARB annual goals in PARB meetings*

### **Learn more about sustainable landscaping and farming practices and programs in parks**

*Subgoals:*

- *Coordinate or attend presentations on sustainable landscaping and farming practices, including food forests and community garden programs in the region.*

### **Advocate for equitable play opportunities in parks**

*Subgoals:*

- *Explore opportunities and advocate for a 'destination playground' for universal ability play in future park development projects by submitting testimony or letters of support*

### **Advocate for the completion of Milwaukie Bay Park Phase III**



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March 21, 2024 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | In-person meeting at City Hall with Zoom option

**Board Members Present:** Max Penneck, Ali Feuerstein (Chair), Gary Klein, Virginia Pai

**Board Members Absent:** Sabina Spicer, Martin Alvarez

**Milwaukie Staff Present:** Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator; Peter Passarelli

**Council Liaison:** Robert Massey (Interim Council President)

**Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Minutes:** Meeting started and all present agreed to record the meeting. The meeting recording is available on the City of Milwaukie website and YouTube channel for viewing.

Meeting began with Chair **Feuerstein** reading the City of Milwaukie's Land Acknowledgement. Minutes were reviewed by the Board. Meetings were approved.

**Motion** was made to approve the minutes with the correction by **Pai**. Seconded by **Klien**. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment at the meeting.

**Future PARB Meetings & Calendar:** Board confirmed that future meetings would be at 5:30 in person (either at City Hall, the Ledding Library, or Public Works Facility) with a Zoom option. Meetings would continue to be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. Meetings would be posted on the city website with agendas, packets, and links available a week ahead of time. Members also agreed to create a Outlook meeting calendar invite.

**NCPRD Update:** Board held a long discussion of NCPRD & the DAC. **Peter Passarelli** updated the board that NCPRD staff would not be attending future PARB meetings, and that the DAC chair or other representatives would need to provide updates to PARB. **Chair Feuerstein** updated the board on her committee assignments which included working with other DAC members to consider NCPRD becoming an independent district separate from Clackamas County. The board was updated that the Milwaukie Bay Park project was going to be on hold until after the city decides whether to leave NCPRD or not. **Chair Feuerstein** updated the board that NCPRD's financial situation was "bleak" and that NCPRD is running a deficit.

**Adam Moore** and **Passarelli** provided information on Milwaukie Bay Park's funding and grants. Board discussed options for funding Milwaukie Bay Park or how the grants might be used.

**Letter to BCC & DAC:** Board reviewed letter in support of the completion of Milwaukie Bay Park before grants expire or more time is lost. **Gary Klien** asked that the letter contain information on the regional boat launch. **Max Penneck** asked that more was done to help illustrate that that PARB is a board made up of members from outside the city of Milwaukie. **Moore** clarified that the City of Milwaukie doesn't full information on grant deadlines and that funders have not asked for an extension on grants. **Passarelli** clarified that current NCPRD staff has not been clear on grant deadlines, though previous staff said those grants were at risk to expire and funding could be lost. One hard deadline is October 2026. **Moore** clarified that Milwaukie Bay Park was 1.5 years of construction time, meaning that if the project isn't started soon there is a risk that the project construction would exceed the time of the grant. **Klien** asked for clarification on some on the different task forces, committees, and boards that worked on the park over the last 20 years. There was a discussion of the history of the City of Milwaukie developing parks based on NCPRD plans.

**Update on Park Naming Policy:** **Moore** the board that the Equity Steering Committee (ESC) has the city naming policy in their work plan for 2025 and that member of the ESC and other staff would like to attend future PARB meetings to talk about future events and the naming of parks in the future. They stated that the discussion over Balfour & Bowman Park naming would need to wait, until 2025 and therefore the new parks wouldn't have permanent signs.

**Park Development Update:** **Moore** updated PARB that a construction update on the three parks. They asked that people please stay out parks during construction.

**Moore** updated the board on some redesign options for the natural corner for Scott Park. The board discussed options for the re-design and directed staff to work with Ledding Library staff. The board provided a preference for the outdoor classroom with some form of tunnel or entrance. **Moore** will provide an update at the April board meeting.

**Meeting ended without motion at 6:50pm.**



Milwaukie Parks and  
Recreation Board

10501 SE Main St, Milwaukie, OR 97222

March 27, 2024

Dear Members of the NCPRD District Advisory Committee and Board of County Commissioners,

On behalf of park users throughout Milwaukie, the Parks and Recreation Board urgently requested to resume Phase 3 of the Milwaukie Bay Park (MBP) project before one of the 1.8 million grant money might expire in June 2024.

MBP is located on an 8.5 acre site nestled between the Willamette River to the west, Kellogg Creek to the south and Johnson Creek to the north. It is a special place, not only for citizens of Milwaukie but for the nearby unincorporated Clackamas residents and the entire region. On any given day, many people come to the park by boat, foot, bike, bus, MAX, and vehicle as a destination either to access the water, enjoy the breathtaking views, bird watch, meet, picnic, play or exercise. This park is an irreplaceable location to celebrate annual festivals like Concert in the Park, Winter Solstice and The First Herons Art Installation, a beautiful art project proposed by the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde where new sculptures of herons will be placed along the riverbank at MBP to celebrate the first salmon each year. The completion of the park would provide accessibility for these events, indigenous culture and art, and other recreational amenities in an environment that brings the community together.

Phases 1 and 2 of MBP were completed without the financial support of NCPRD or Clackamas County, and it's time for the District and County to fulfill its duty to this regional park. The MBP Phase 3 will complete the legacy for this regional park. Features in the design include a new nature-based playground, splash pad, accessible pathways, a stage and amphitheater for special events, and native landscaping to provide shade and wildlife habitat. These new elements are elegantly designed to fit the landscape and take advantage of views of the river and provide further value to those who already enjoy the park. Once completed, the park will be more universally accessible and will attract even more families, businesses, organizations to the area and enhance the community experience.

The planning for MBP has been a long-term process that has gone on for over two decades. Countless hours of staff time from NCPRD and the City of Milwaukie have been put towards this project. Twenty years of volunteer time from the Riverfront Task Force, Milwaukie Parks and Recreation Board has fueled the project to this point. Over 1,300 residents of the district participated in online surveys and public workshops as part of the design process for Phase 3. Committing to complete MBP will provide a legacy for Clackamas residents to enjoy for generations and highlight the success in our interagency collaboration.

The Milwaukie Parks and Recreation Board (PARB) recognizes that this park is both a recreational and economic asset for the community, City, NCPRD, and Clackamas County residents and business owners alike. We earnestly ask the District Advisory Committee and the Board of County Commissioners to re-initiate work on MBP Phase 3 and hope you will respond positively to this letter and we thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Milwaukie Parks and Recreation Board:

Ali Feuerstein; Gary Klein; Heather Baskerville; Martin Alvarez; Max Penneck; Sabina Spicer; Virginia Pai



**Design A**



**Design B**



**Design C**

