

City of Milwaukie
Milwaukie Park and Recreation Board (PARB)
MEETING MINUTES
City Hall Conference Room
December 16, 2014

Members Present: Bob Cooper (Chair), Lisa Gunion-Rinker (Vice Chair), Lisa Lashbrook, Ray Harris, and Lynn Sharp

Absent: Tony Andersen

Staff/Visitors: Steve Butler (City staff liaison), Kenny Hill (City staff), Jeroen Kok (North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District Strategic Planning, Development and Resource Manager), and Mike Miller

Minutes Approved:

Meeting minutes from October 28, 2014 and November 19, 2014, were approved unanimously.

Update on Four Parks Master Planning Process

- **Mr. Kok** reported the plan was making excellent progress; about 75% was done at this point. Draft Master Plan elements for the 3 parks would be available by the end of the week.
- **Member Sharp** said she would like PARB to have the option to review the “final draft” documents. **Mr. Butler** will make sure to get the information out.
- Staff had a meeting last week with the Railroad and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding Kronberg Park; the Railroad raised some issues (primarily safety). As a result, improvements to the northern section have been removed. Invasive species would be removed in the area.
- **Member Lashbrook** asked if there were any major changes from the 2nd meeting. **Mr. Kok** said yes, a trail alignment (minor) and an “experiential nodes” approach to provide more flexibility in future design. **Mr. Miller** voiced some concern about Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access. **Mr. Kok** said access ways both north and south would meet ADA requirements. Parking would need to occur, either north or south.
- The City and Parks District had a meeting last week to go over the City’s approval processes.
- Regarding Bowman-Brae Park, **Mr. Miller** discussed access to Where Else Lane.
- The group noted the three playground options for Wichita Park would be followed up on.

Update about Riverfront Park’s Construction Schedule

- Solstice event is a major milestone
- Cold weather shutdown

Discussion about Scheduling PARB Members’ Presentations to the NDAs in 2015

Neighborhood Assignments:

- Chair Cooper –Lake Road
- Vice Chair Gunion-Rinker – Ardenwald

- Member Sharp – Linwood
- Member Lashbrook – Lewelling
- Members Lashbrook and Cooper – Historic Milwaukie
- Members Sharp and Gunion-Rinker – Island Station
- Member Sharp – Hector Campbell
- **Mr. Butler** said that he could provide the materials.
 - Pull together the packets for the January meeting AND aim for presentations at the February NDAs meeting
- **Member Sharp** discussed elements to highlight in the presentations

Project Updates

- Ballot Measure Vote – it was a good effort and staff was considering future options; the next steps had not yet been discussed. **Chair Cooper** asked when a new ballot measure could be put on the ballot. **Mr. Kok** said the earliest would be November 2015. **Member Lashbrook** said hopefully it would separate the board member vote from the new District vote. **Mr. Kok** added different funding levels (and timing) may want to be looked at. **Mr. Miller** added he could provide input to the District Advisory Board.
- Draft Master Plan, which has a strong aspirational focus. If the approach is to stay within the current structure, then the Draft Plan would need to be dialed back. If another attempt at a ballot measure, then could keep it as aspirational.
- The North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) budget process was coming up; the District was at or beyond capacity. Plus, new Riverfront Park and the Trolley Trail were coming online. The group discussed the District in relation to Happy Valley and Milwaukie sections, and noted where System Development Charges (SDCs) were being used.
- Trolley Trail is now open; some final details still to be done. Lighting is working; still a detour at 22nd and Bluebird; ODOT had some preliminary designs.

Upcoming Events

- Reception this Thursday for the two retiring Council members
- Solstice Event

Additional Updates

Member Sharp is doing some research on Tree City USA. The group discussed trees in Milwaukie and **Member Lashbrook** added that outreach will need to be a big factor in the ad hoc committee's efforts. **Mr. Miller** said there was a draft tree protection ordinance/program, which he and others worked on a few years ago. **Mr. Butler** will look for it.

Mr. Butler added that he still had not found the tree inventory.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by **Member Lashbrook**, with a second by **Vice Chair Gunion-Rinker**; motion passed unanimously.