

City of Milwaukie
Milwaukie Park and Recreation Board (PARB)
MEETING MINUTES
Pond House
November 25, 2014

Members Present: Bob Cooper (Chair), Lisa Gunion-Rinker (Vice Chair), Lisa Lashbrook, Ray Harris, and Lynn Sharp
Absent: Tony Andersen and Mike Miller (City Council liaison)
Staff/Visitors: Steve Butler (City staff liaison) and Katie Dunham (North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District staff liaison)

Minutes

There were no minutes to approve, due to a logistical glitch; minutes for both the October and November 2014 meetings will be ready at the next PARB meeting.

Update on Four Parks Master Planning Process

Katie Dunham briefly described where the process is, time-wise, and then provided an update on the four master plans

- **Balfour Park:** **Ms. Dunham** provided a description about what had been stated by the public. **Member Sharp** recounted that there was a public sentiment and fruit trees/edible plants. **Ms. Dunham** replied that NCPRD strives to install native plants (including the fact that they are better for survivability and maintenance). Because it is at the refined concept plan level, the Master Plan concept will include language about using native trees, keeping existing trees, where appropriate, and emphasizing fruit trees/edible plants. There is not funding at this point, but the specifics of various aspects will be done at some point in time. **Member Sharp** would like to see a draft of the Master Plan documents. **Member Gunion-Rinker** heard a request for more community gardens, plus that there should be a note to include a water fountain. **Ms. Dunham** said there is a cost to include a water fountain, with about 50% of neighborhood parks having them and 50% not. **Member Gunion-Rinker** said this is very important, due to the proximity of this park to a designated bike/ped trail. Regarding community gardens, NCPRD is supportive as long as there is a local group that commits to managing them. **Member Lashbrook** said that there are already two community gardens with local management– Linwood Elementary School and Hector Campbell NDA's. She also said that one neighbor raised a concern about the ROW requirement, and asked that the City work on improving sidewalks in the broader neighborhood.

- **Bowman-Brae Park:** **Ms. Dunham** said it is a very small park. The City worked on a creative approach to its frontage requirements, given that there is not a need for a full, connecting street, albeit with future, full bike/pedestrian connections. The neighbor to the west believes that they own SE Where Else Lane, and the two property owners to the north are concerned about privacy.

- **Kronberg Park:** Most people supported Option #1, with its strong natural focus; in some respects, the attendees wanted it even less developed, with more of a pasture look and feel. **Member Lashbrook** asked a question about lighting, with **Ms. Dunham** responding that people wanted lighting on the multi-use trail.
- **Wichita Park:** City staff comments are being incorporated into the final 30% design drawings. **Member Sharp** said that the adopted Master Plan does not reflect the location of existing trees. **Member Gunion-Rinker** liked the mulch trail, but had a question about the permeable concrete path. **Ms. Dunham** said that the NCPRD prefers a gravel trail, so will list both in the 30% design documents. The Linwood NDA is focusing right now on type(s) of playground equipment – traditional; natural nature play; and modern nature play. The neighbors seemed to want a mix. **Member Harris** said that the City and District should be considering a bottom-up approach, similar to what was done for Ball-Michel Park. It will be important for someone who is passionate about each of the four neighborhood parks. **Member Sharp** said there are some cobblestones in the area around the disc golf basket. She added that there was originally a wooden aboveground water reservoir (“Wichita Water”) on this site.

RiversWest Small Craft Center

Mr. Butler reported that the Center’s Board of Directors decided not to pursue their plans, due to cost/financial reasons.

Urban Forestry Work

Member Sharp reported that the ad hoc subcommittee met last week, and decided to pursue two tracks:

- Heritage tree program, including an educational component
- Consider Tree City USA for Milwaukie
 - Seems like the \$ requirement may be easily met
 - Will need to focus on the tree preservation ordinance requirement

Member Lashbrook said that Portland’s new tree ordinance will be coming online soon, and that Milwaukie should be able to learn from their experience. **Member Sharp** said that the ad hoc committee would meet again in January.

Project Updates

Mr. Butler reported on the positive progress of the Riverfront Park construction. **Ms. Dunham** said that Milwaukie showed a lot of support for the NCPRD Ballot Measure, which passed in two areas of the City and in two areas of Oak Grove. She also reported that the Trolley Trail would be opening soon

Next Meeting – A new date of Tuesday, Dec. 16, was selected for December, in order to accommodate some of the PARB’s members’ holiday plans.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by **Member Sharp**, with a second by **Member Harris**; motion passed unanimously.