



MILWAUKIE ALL ABOARD

Milwaukie Comprehensive Plan Update
Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee Meeting #1
November 27th, 2017 6:00-7:30 pm

MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present

Albert Chen, Ben Rousseau, Bryce Magorian, Celestina DiMauro, Daniel Eisenbeis, Elizabeth Start, Everett Wild, Howie Oakes, Jessica Neu, Matthew Bibeau, Neil Hankerson, Rebecca Hayes, Stacy Johnson, Stephan Lashbrook

Members Not Able to Attend

Chris Haberman

City of Milwaukie

Mark Gamba, Mayor

Lisa Batey, Council President

Kim Travis, Planning Commissioner

David Levitan, Denny Egner, Mary Heberling, Planning Department

Envirolssues

Kirstin Greene

Others Present

Brooke Berglund, Portland General Electric

Conversation is summarized by agenda item below. Raw flipchart notes are attached as an appendix to this summary (Appendix A, respectively).

Welcome

David Levitan, Senior Planner, and Mayor Mark Gamba opened the meeting and welcomed members of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC). They thanked participants for their applications. Mayor Gamba encouraged the committee to think outside the box throughout the comprehensive plan process. He prompted them to reflect on what is true in Milwaukie today, and imagine what the perfect community should look like in 20 years.

Introductions: What Inspired You to Serve?

Kirstin Greene, Envirolssues, thanked the CPAC for their interest and commitment to the CPAC, reiterating the importance of their guidance throughout the process. She invited the CPAC to introduce themselves and explain why they chose to be a part of this group and the interests they want to bring to the process. Lisa Batey, City Councilor, also asked that the CPAC members list where they live and how long. Each member's answer is summarized below:

- **Rebecca "Becky"**: Lived in Historic Milwaukie, 5 generations have lived here, interests include a livability community, housing, seniors – works with AARP.
- **Lisa**: City Council President currently, 9.5 years on Planning Commission, lives in Island Station since 2002. Been advocating for a comp plan update.

- **Stephan:** Lives in Llewellyn neighborhood, been a city planner for 45 years and has been working for the City's City Manager office for a few months, before retirement spent 6 years on the transportation side. Glad to see a vision has been done before the comp plan update.
- **Everett:** Works at the City of Portland in Commissioner Nick Fish office, been in Milwaukie for 4 months, grew up in Oak Grove area, was a part of the McLoughlin area plan committee, interested in the interconnection of policies within a comp plan.
- **Jessica:** Lives in Linwood neighborhood, been in Milwaukie for 4 years, was part of the Vision Advisory Committee, has a project management background.
- **Liz:** Lives in Linwood neighborhood, been in Milwaukie for 6.5 years, has children that go to school here, interested in education, equity (social equity), and sustainability.
- **Howie:** Lives in Llewellyn neighborhood, been in Milwaukie for 12 years, was on Vision Advisory Committee, was able to learn more about Milwaukie code when building own home, interested in how code and policy are made. Trying to grapple with the "long-range" concept of the Comp Plan update and interested to see how it will translate for the future.
- **Matt:** Lives in Llewellyn neighborhood since 2004, background in environmental science and resource management, interests in access to nature (especially for children).
- **Bryce:** Lives in Historic Milwaukie, grew up in Milwaukie, interests are to dig into systems planning and policy, was on the Vision Advisory Committee.
- **Albert:** Has lived in Lake Road neighborhood for 3 years, interests in environmental health – walkability, creating inviting places through design, but appreciates the "organic" feel that Milwaukie has created for its community feel.
- **Ben:** Has lived in Lake Road neighborhood for 6 years, chose Milwaukie because of First Friday, Farmers Market, and the vibrant community feel they provided. Would like to see more of that. Interests in environment, renewable efficiency, neighborhood nodes-walkable/accessible, build stronger community engagement/connection to each other.
- **Stacy:** Has lived in Island Station for 2 years, was on City of Portland SE Comp Plan Advisory Committee, wants to City to be proactive before development goes crazy, has 2 kids and wants Milwaukie to become a community in the future where they feel that they can stay, live, and work here.
- **Celestina:** Would like to take lessons from Portland and find a strategy to keep Milwaukie feel like Milwaukie, but see it grow. Has sociology/anthropology background, real estate agent, interests in affordable housing and to provide a sense of community for all residents.
- **Neil:** Business owner in Milwaukie since 1989 (Dark Horse Comics). Been on various City Committees including for Light Rail and Moving Forward Milwaukie.
- **Kim:** Planning Commissioner for 1 year and liaison for the group, interested in the implementation aspect of the Comp Plan update. Also interested in transportation for kids and policies for aging in place.
- **Dan:** Been in Milwaukie for 1 year, works on development of state and local public policy on transportation and housing. Would like to encourage more housing options and deal with transportation issues. Other interests include equity and environmental issues.

Vision Recap: Insight from VAC Members

Kirstin thanked everyone for their responses and introductions. She then asked the four CPAC members who were on the Vision Advisory Committee (VAC) to share their experiences on the VAC and any advice they may have to be successful on the CPAC. Jessica Neu advised the CPAC to speak up and not be afraid to tell the group and staff any thoughts or concerns you may have. The other previous VAC members agreed with that advice.

Transition from the Vision to the Comprehensive Plan

Denny Egner, Planning Director, talked about the role of the Comprehensive Plan in Oregon and why the City is updating the Comprehensive Plan. He mentioned that the State of Oregon has 19 Statewide Planning Goals and a Comprehensive Plan used to be required by the state from each city in the state. The Comprehensive Plans were then review by Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) to meet certain requirements. This process, which is called periodic review, is not required anymore, but the City's goal is to create their Comprehensive Plan Update in the same way as if it was going for periodic review so in the future if Comprehensive Plans are required by the State to go through periodic review, the City can say they have already done that.

Denny also mentioned that the City's Comprehensive Plan has not been fully updated since the 1980s. According to Denny, there are lots of good policies still in there, but lots of outdated ones as well. He advised the CPAC to take a look at the Comprehensive Plan and be mindful about where there are good policies that may just need to be tweaked and where it needs to be overhauled.

Next Steps/Closing Comments

Kirstin asked the CPAC if there were any suggestions they may have for successful future meetings. Listed below is a summary of the comments:

- Create a basic vocab sheet with useful terms and acronyms
- Provide neighborhood fact sheets and community profiles – data that will be useful background info for the committee
- Provide any background info ahead of time for the committee to review before the committee and then have staff briefly give a presentation on that background info at the beginning of the meetings
- Give committee members notice on what will be happening at future meetings for the upcoming one and the one after that. Help prepare committee members for what will be coming in subsequent meetings.

Topics to discuss at the next meeting:

- Statewide planning goals
- Superactions of the vision

Adjourn

David adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

APPENDIX A. RAW FLIPCHART NOTES

Introductions

- We've lived for four generations in Milwaukie
- Kids, grandkids
- Housing
- Livable communities
- Seeing this through
- Senior citizens
- Planning Commission
- City Council
- Need for an update
- Been in City Planning for 45 years
- Inspired to make a contribution
- McLoughlin area plan vision, goals
- Interconnectedness
- Beauty
- Connected community
- Mom and daughter both live here (generations)
- Want a place they can live, thrive
- Social equity
- Environmental justice
- More welcoming for people of color
- Developed property, experience with code, interested in design and the policy behind what's allowed
- Putting effort back into my community
- Future generations
- Long range planning
- Access to nature, especially for children who need it most, community, garden based education, housing, community education, interconnectedness
- Systems result in equity, justice, not simply the words; looking at the systems as a whole
- Environmental health, walkability of communities, creating places people care about, alternatives to fossil fuels, Milwaukie's organically developed nature, sacred sense of place
- Milwaukie events, 1st Fridays, Farmers Market, community feel, environment, renewable energy, energy efficiency, neighborhood nodes, walkable, accessible spaces, connectedness, design for strong community connections
- Experiences from Portland, get the development horse before the cart, neighborhood nodes, walkability, livability, kid friendly, employment opportunities
- Early involvement, keep Milwaukie Milwaukie, affordable housing, community
- Channel or get trampled; business (Dark Horse) is here.
- Planning Commission, youth should feel safe, welcome, have transportation options
- Land use, transportation, housing policy, increased options in housing, transportation, for young people and for the ability for people to age in place
- Equity, environmental justice and sustainability