

Historic Milwaukie NDA Minutes

February 12, 2024

In person at Milwaukie City Hall, 10501 SE Main St. and on Zoom

Present:

NDA Team: Vice Chair, Val Hubbard; Secretary, Debbie Liptan; Treasurer, Michele Bertaux; Land Use Chair and Communications Rep, Zackary Pacholl (via Zoom)

In Person Participants: Ray Bryan, Jennifer Murphy, Craig Billings, Jackie Jackson, Mark Inman, Carla Pletka, Brooke Smith, Matt Hilderbrand, Milo Denham, Pam Denham, David Hodges

Zoom Participants: Ceci Denovo, Kelli Keehner

Presentations & Discussions

- Good Measure Cafe & Grocery - Brooke Smith, proprietor, shared that she is a dedicated advocate for sustainable farming practices and incorporates herbalism into her holistic approach to agriculture. She aims to bring forward-thinking solutions to sustainability. Brooke is embarking on an exciting journey to bring her dream and community-centric grocery store, Good Measure, to life on Main St. in Milwaukie.
Brooke is passionate about making Good Measure a welcoming and inclusive space for anyone to gather while supporting local makers, and offering a carefully curated selection of artisanal products and produce including fresh cut flowers, prepared small deli items, unique locally grown produce, a curated selection of pickles, sauces, meats, cheeses, local bread, full coffee bar, and natural wine. All produce will be sourced within a 100 miles. The location of Good Measure will be in the heart of Downtown Milwaukie, at the NW corner of Main St. and Jefferson. She is currently finalizing her lease agreement and funding. Find updates on Instagram at Good_Measurepdx
- Milwaukie Museum Talk - Milo and Pam Denham joined the meeting to share the history of how the Bing Cherry came into being and came to be Milwaukie's fruit. Info on that history can be found at the Milwaukie Museum and at this link. <https://1859oregonmagazine.com/think-oregon/history/the-bing-cherry/>
- Police Dept Update - Sgt. Mark Inman shared a few updates from MPD:
 - After providing fair warning that motor officers would be out and about last Friday (2/9) MPD finished an interagency traffic mission with the following numbers: 160 stops, issuing 208 citations, 84 warnings, and making 3 arrests. One warrant arrest, one 3rd cell phone violation arrest, and one fail to carry and present arrest.
 - In response to a question about when to call about a welfare check, Sgt. Inman said that "no call is too small". The non-emergency number is 503.786.7500. Also, the Sgt. talked about the Weekly Outreach on Tuesdays at the Ledding Library from 10 am to noon sponsored by LoveOne and Central City Concern, which provides assistance with basic needs, referrals and resources for our unhoused and transitional neighbors.
 - In response to another question about pedestrian safety at the corner of Harrison and 21st (by the library), Sgt. Inman responded that he would report back to HQ about the need for another traffic mission there, which they haven't done in awhile.

Neighborhood Updates

- Debbie Liptan share several updates:
 - Art Mural project is currently on hold. More updates coming soon.
 - Johnson Watershed Council has announced their annual March cleanup event for March 2 from 8:45 am to noon. No experience or tools necessary. Free lunch included. Head to jwcw.org to learn more and/or sign up.
 - HMNDA has started our annual Earth Day planning. The event is scheduled for April 20 at 10 am. Location in the parking lot across from Historic City Hall. It will include litter pickup, bumpout weeding, planting and mulching, continuing our efforts toward making Main St. more attractive to pollinators and to humans. We are collecting empty toilet paper rolls for planting seeds for plant starts, so bring some to March's NDA meeting if you'd like to participate.
- Val Hubbard shared that the Historic City Hall has officially transferred to the new owners and work has begun on restoration.
- Ray Bryan shared that he has become aware of some of our more elderly neighbors who may be in need of our kindly concern/support. A discussion ensued about ways to help. Ray will bring this topic back up next month.

HMNDA Current Business

- Land-use Updates - Zackary Pacholl reported on a very recent land use application submitted to the Planning Commission (P-2024-001) with the following description: "A cottage-cluster housing development is proposed that would produce 41 new homes. Residence types include 2 and 3-bedroom units geared toward families. The Project is requesting a parking modification for parking quantities beyond code maximum through a Type II process. The proposal is for 61 parking spaces rather than the maximum of 41 spaces." Zak asked for input from the group so he could respond quickly, since the deadline had already past. For more info about this application, click here: <https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/planning/p-2024-001>
- MHS/MAA 2024 Grad Party Grant Request - The request was approved for \$500. The subject was also brought up about offering to sponsor two to four \$40 student tickets on scholarship in exchange for those students supporting the April 20 Earth Day event. More to come on that.
- Milwaukie PD Officer of the Year Dinner Grant Request - David Hedges of the Milwaukie Public Safety Foundation presented the grant request for \$100 to support the MPD Officer of the Year Dinner and Award.
- Minutes for Jan '24 were approved