

Historic Milwaukie NDA Minutes

April 8, 2024

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

Present:

NDA Team: Secretary, Debbie Liptan; Land Use Chair, Zackary Pacholl; TSPAC Rep, Chad Tucker; Land Use Rep, Gary Klein; Vice Chair and Land Use Rep, Val Hubbard

In Person Participants: Michelle Ketterman, Ray Bryan, Jennifer Murphy, Craig Billings, Colleen Rockwell, Jackie Jackson, Jeanne Garst, Jeffrey Bocher, Steve McGregor, Rich Recker, Linda Thomas, Sargent Mark Inman

Zoom Participants: Cici Dinovo

Presentations & Discussions

- Pollinator Pathways - Master Gardener Colleen Rockwell shared with us the purposes and importance of inspiring Milwaukie to participate in the Pollinator Pathway Program. She shared pollinator facts to bring the topic to life: one out of every bit of our food requires pollinators, pollinators need a path to travel from place to place, native plants feed a variety of pollinators and adapt to changing climate along with the pollinators, and we can each be a part of the solution. To be a part of this grassroots initiative, we can do these four things: plant native plants, use no pesticides, remove invasive plants, and educate others about the importance of native plants. During our Earth Day event, you will see Pollinator Pathway signs posted in our own pathways on Main Street. For info check out this website <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/towns/milwaukie>
- Transportation System Plan Advisory Committee Update - Chad Tucker shared with us 12 people attended the recent workshop on March 21. The survey will continue to be open through April 17, seeking your feedback on your priorities, projects, and values for the next 20-25 years. When the survey closes, we will get a summary of findings. To take the survey, here is the link. https://engage.milwaukieoregon.gov/transportation-system-plan-2023-25-update?tool=survey_tool#tool_tab Contact Chad with any feedback. chadvintuck@gmail.com
- Police Dept Update - Sargent Mark Inman said as the City is saying goodbye to City Manager Ann Ober, the Milwaukie Police Department is saying goodbye to Chief Luke Strait, after his 28 years with the MPD. Captain Ryan Burdick will be our new chief and brings the department consistency and care. Our local motorcycle officer is helping to keep our roads safer. Two new academy recruits have great attitudes and are enjoying getting to know people. A new officer is now out on the streets able to respond to calls.

Neighborhood Updates

- Earth Day Update - Debbie Liptan detailed Earth Day event activities for us. On April 20, sign in begins at 9:45, and the event runs 10:00-12:00. We need people to bring empty milk and juice jugs with handles so we can anchor nine tents. State Representative Mark Gamba will start us off by cutting the ribbon on our Main Street Pollinator Pathway! Thank you to the businesses and individuals who have committed to tending a green space corner for the next year; your certificate awaits. The event runs 10:00-12:00 and will have many activities, educational opportunities, and games for all ages. For those who lend a hand with little pick up and plantings, there will be pastries and coffee at the sign in table. The flyer for the event is included with the email.
- May Elections - Val Hubbard let us know that May elections are coming up for the HMNDA. We welcome everyone to attend and get involved in this neighborhood association. Many hands make light work.

HMNDA Current Business

- Juneteenth Grant Request - There was a grant request heard last month in the amount of \$250 to support the third annual Juneteenth celebration in Water Tower Park on June 15. The request was approved and granted.
- Land-use Updates - Zackary Pacholl provided three updates.
- (ALIGNMENT) Zak reported on the cottage cluster and the Planning Commission (P-2024-001). Despite complaints expressed by neighbors and community members to the City, the City has moved ahead with plans.
- Washington Street will be under construction through September 2025.
- The Scott Park renovations are expected to be completed this autumn.
- Minutes for Mar '24 were approved.