

**Historic Milwaukie NDA Minutes**  
**May 8, 2023**  
**In person at Milwaukie Floral, 3306 SE Lake Rd, Milwaukie**  
**and via Zoom:**

**Present:**

**NDA Team:** Secretary, Debbie Liptan; PSAC Rep, Lenny Bennett; Land Use Rep, Gary Klein and Land Use Chair and Communications Rep, Zackary Pacholl

**In Person Participants:** Ray Bryan, Luke Strait, Greg Hemer, Lisa Batey

**Zoom Participants:** Ceci Denovo, Shalena Havens, Michael Pierzchala

**Presentations & Discussions**

- Public Safety Notices and Community Announcements
  - Meet the Mayor - Our new mayor, Lisa Batey, talked to us about the city's Transportation System Plan (TSP), which is in the process of being updated. The TSP serves as the city's long-term plan for transportation improvements and considers all transportation types—walking, driving, bicycling and transit. The plan describes the system, identifies gaps, and outlines projects, programs and policies to meet the community's transportation needs now and in the future. More info can be found about that here: <https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/planning/transportation-system-plan>

She also talked about the revitalization of the Neighborhood Hubs project, which has been on hold during the pandemic. Neighborhood Hubs are gathering places where residents have easy access to goods and services close to their homes. They are places where neighbors create meaningful relationships with each other. More info about the original project can be found here: <https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/planning/neighborhood-hubs-project> The city is looking for input from us about how to update the plans. You can get updated info and participate in the survey here: <https://engage.milwaukieoregon.gov/hubs-phase2>

During the Q&A period, a number of questions were addressed:

- The impact of all of the apartments being built downtown on parking. (Answer: please bring concerns to City Council at one of the monthly meeting. The city welcomes and encourages all community members to express their views to city leaders in a respectful and appropriate manner. If you wish to speak during a regular session, fill out a speaker registration card available before meetings on the table outside Council Chambers, or below under Supporting Documents, and submit it to the city recorder in person or by email at [ocr@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:ocr@milwaukieoregon.gov))
- What to do about the proliferation of graffiti - How do we report it? (Answer: email photos of graffiti to Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator, at [salyerst@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:salyerst@milwaukieoregon.gov).) Can we remove it ourselves? (Answer: It depends. Some of the graffiti is on specific types of surfaces that require specific type of removal. Also, some of the owners, for example TriMet, may prefer to remove it themselves.) Who is responsible for tracking down the "taggers"? (Answer: The

police. If we have information that can help them track down the perpetrators, we can call the non-emergency number at 503.786.7500)

- What has become of the Urban Renewal Project? Joseph Briglio will manage it going forward.
- Speeding on Lake Rd and on McLoughlin. Questions about adding speed limit signs on Lake Rd. and patrolling on McLoughlin in downtown. Chief Strait mentioned that the number of officers on specific traffic control had gone down to one, but will soon be increased again.
- Public Safety Advisory Committee - Lenny Bennett - No report this month
- Police Department - Chief Luke Strait joined us to share updates from the police department, including some recent promotions that were necessary due to the retirement of Sgt. Broomfield and Capt. Graves. The department is still heavily recruiting. They have 3 off on injury, 3 in training and 1 vacancy, so are currently short 7 positions on patrol.
- History of Milwaukie, first installment - Greg Hemmer from Milwaukie Museum shared a video that is a part of the Museum's 125th celebration of the City of Milwaukie. Greg will be back in 3 months to share another installment.

### **Neighborhood Opportunities for Engagement**

- Report on Earth Day - Ray Bryan reported on the successful Earth Day event, a collaboration with Historic Milwaukie, Milwaukie Garden Club, Rotary Club, Twinflower Natives and Milwaukie Floral, to clean up litter, weed bump outs and plants pollinator friendly plants in downtown Milwaukie. The event also included a family friendly game to guess the length of time various items take to break down in the environment...very fun! Around 20 participants joined in.
- Announcements of upcoming events - Debbie Liptan
  - For the first time since the pandemic, we will be holding a Historic Milwaukie picnic on August 19 at Scott Park. Stay tuned for details.
  - Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA has issued a challenge to other NDAs to create neighborhood flags. Anyone interested in participating, let us know.
  - The city is holding a design meeting for the new playground in Scott Park and are looking for reps from our neighborhood.

### **Elections for 2023/2024 NDA Officers**

The following were re-elected for the coming year:

- Chair - Open seat
- Vice Chair - Val Hubbard, Incumbent
- Treasurer - Michele Bertaux, Incumbent
- Secretary - Debbie Liptan, Incumbent
- Land Use Rep - Val Hubbard, Incumbent
- Land Use Rep - Gary Klein, Incumbent
- Land Use Rep - Zackary Pacholl, Incumbent
- Communications Officer - Zackary Pacholl, Incumbent

### **HMNDA Current Business [7:50-8:00 p.m.] (10 min. total)**

- Land-use Updates - Zackary Pacholl - no updates this month
- Approval of Minutes [Apr '23] - Debbie Liptan APPROVED