

Historic Milwaukie NDA Minutes

May 13, 2024

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

Present:

NDA Team: Co-Chair, Debbie Liptan; Land Use Rep & Co-Chair, Val Hubbard; Land Use Rep, Gary Klein; Treasurer, Linda Thomas; Secretary, Jennifer Murphy

In Person Participants: Ray Bryan, Jackie Jackson, Jeanne Garst, Arts Committee Chair Samantha Swindler, Greg Elkins, Craig Billings, Ed Hacmac, City Council candidate Will Anderson

Zoom Participants: Mary Rowe

Presentations & Discussions

- Will Anderson Presents - As the unopposed candidate for the open City Council position, Will joined in to share about himself and to discuss ideas for Milwaukie. Discussing affordable housing options was top in the discussion, as well as the Milwaukie Bay Park project.
- Samantha Swindler, Arts Committee Chair - Samantha shared info about the upcoming Porchfest, held the last three Fridays in July. More hosts are invited to join in, to share their porches with artists, and to showcase various performances: music, comedy, poetry, performance art. Porchfest signups: milwaukieporchfest@gmail.com. To contact Samantha: samanthswindler@gmail.com.
- Arts Committee Projects - The Committee is looking to pair with our HMNDA on a permanent and public art project. The previous mural project fell through, so the HMNDA is looking into more options. The statue from the old Ledding Library (now in storage) was discussed.
- Sustainability Fair Fashion Show - There will be a recycling fashion show at the Sustainability Fair, so get prepared for some resourceful fun on the runway.
- Bing in the New Year - Samantha shared that the Arts Committee has been working on getting grants and volunteers for years to finally host the Milwaukie cherry drop on New Year's Eve. Plans are underway to acquire funding and accommodate the large crowds and family-friendly venue for this coming year.

- New Police Department Captain Greg Elkins - Captain Elkins shared that he has been with the Milwaukie Police Department since 2002, grew up in Milwaukie, and graduated from MHS. The department is almost up to full staffing and now has two traffic motorbikes on duty. The department also has access to an electronic detection dog. This Saturday, May 18 from 9:00 - 1:00 at American Legion Post 180 (2146 SE Monroe St.), the MPD is hosting a pancake breakfast in support of the Corporal Diffie Veterans Fund. Come enjoy breakfast, community, a photo booth, children's activities, and a variety of raffle prizes. Contact Captain Elkins at 503-786-7445 or elkinsg@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Neighborhood Opportunities for Engagement

- Earth Day Event Report - Debbie Liptan reported that 30-35 people showed up at April's event to pull weeds and pick up litter. 100-200 people showed up to participate in event activities and to see Representative Mark Gamba cut the ribbon to commemorate our Pollinator Pathway status. Milwaukie is the second Oregon city to get onto the pollinator map! Six downtown corners have now been adopted as part of Milwaukie's Pollinator Pathway, with one more awaiting adoption. Pathway map: <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/towns/milwaukie>
- Washington Street traffic islands - Ray Bryan talked with the City about future traffic island plantings to replace the ones removed for the Washington Street Project. The HMNDA will coordinate with the City to plan for the plantings in the traffic islands.
- Kellogg Creek Bioblitz - Ray reminded the group about this Saturday's event mentioned in the Milwaukie Pilot. On May 18, from 9:00 - 1:00, the North Clackamas Watershed Council is hosting an event where volunteers will help document the plants, birds, insects and other wildlife that are currently in and around Kellogg Creek. For more info: tinyurl.com/kelloggbioblitz
- Report about potential bench donation for Krohnberg Park - Val Hubbard brought up the project of the HMNDA donating a bench to Krohnberg Park for the cost of \$2,300. NCPRD will maintain the bench after installation. Val is now taking next steps on this project.

Elections for 2024/2025 NDA Officers

- A motion was made and approved to accept all unopposed positions, listed here.
- Co-Chair - Val Hubbard
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- Treasurer - Linda Thomas
- Secretary - Jennifer Murphy
- Land Use Rep - Val Hubbard, Incumbent
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- Land Use Rep - Zackary Pacholl, Incumbent

HMNDA Current Business

- Land-use Updates - Val Hubbard reported that the food cart pod proposal is back on. A hearing will take place on June 11. Feedback at the hearing is welcome.

- Minutes for Feb '24 were approved