

## Historic Milwaukie NDA Minutes

October 9, 2023

In person at Milwaukie Floral, 3306 SE Lake Rd, Milwaukie and via Zoom

### Present:

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

**In Person Participants:** Kelli Keener, Jackie Jackson, Tony Cereghino, Shay James, Cindy Detchon, Ceci Denovo, Cierra Cook, Ray Bryan, Jennifer Murphy

**Zoom Participants:** None

### **Presentations & Discussions**

- Local Option Levy for November Ballot -Cindy Detchon, NCSD Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Shay James, NCSD Superintendent joined us to explain about the N. Clackamas School District Levy that will be on our November ballots. This is not a new Levy. This is a replacement of the current Levy which provides funding to support 180 positions, equivalent to one-fifth of all teachers in the district and is set to expire in June 2024. The proposed Levy would continue to retain teachers and staff at all schools and maintain current class size averages across all NCSD schools. To learn more, click here <https://www.nclack.k12.or.us/about-ncsd/local-teachers-levy>
- Spoke and Word Books - Cierra Cook, co-owner of this new shop that will be opening up on Main Street on October 21-22. **Grand Opening Day - Saturday, October 21st, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.** Ribbon-cutting ceremony is at 10:00 AM, followed by a spread of Hawaiian pastries from 808 Cheesecakes and coffee from Wind Horse Coffee. **Children's Day - on October 22, they'll be joined by** a very special guest: Ceasar the No Drama Llama! From 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For more details about our new neighbors, visit their website here <https://www.spokeandwordbooks.com/>
- Transportation System Plan (TSP) Advisory Committee - Chad Tucker talked to us about his new role about our NDA rep on this new City committee. The last major update to the City's TSP was in 2013 (there was a partial update in 2018). There have been a number of circumstances that have changed since then. 1) Milwaukie now has MAX Orange Line light-rail service. 2) State law changed on transportation and housing planning to help meet goals and policies to reduce climate pollution. 3) The city adopted a Climate Action Plan to be carbon neutral by 2045. You can learn more at the City's website by clicking here. <https://milwaukieoregon.gov/planning/transportation-system-plan>

Chad will learn much more at the first meeting of the committee will be October 19. He will keep us posted every month at our NDA meetings. If you any concerns or input for the committee, you can share them with Chad via email at [chadvintuck@gmail.com](mailto:chadvintuck@gmail.com)

- Public Safety Advisory Committee - Lenny Bennett informed us that this will be his last report, as he needs to resign his role as our PSAC rep.
  - \* The city PD is getting much closer to full staff levels. There are many roles that are still on required overtime.
  - \* Traffic Officer role coming back in early Nov.
  - \* K9 program not currently in a position to restart. Hoping to restart the program within the next 18 months.
  - \* The PD is still actively using the drone program, but not looking to replace the dog program. Looking forward to having drones and dogs working together in the future.
  - \* Clackamas Fire is seeing an increase in incidents, compared to previous years. All types of incidents are increasing, but primary area is EMS calls. There is also a notable increase in fires as well. Year to date (9/28/23), they are approximately 1800 calls over last year.
- Meet Milwaukie's newest Police Captain - Captain Tony Cereghino is a Milwaukie native and was promoted to his new role from his prior job at a detective. Capt. Cereghino took questions and talked about current practices. Much of the dialog focused on responses to the various mental health, houselessness and shoplifting issues in Milwaukie. He shared that the police are trained to approach each incident in an individualized way. Each officer has access to a small amount of funds immediately, if the issue they are facing is really based on a need for food or a place to stay. They also have more internal mental health staff, including a newly hired full-time counselor, to support people in mental health crisis. He said that there has been increasing evidence of the nationwide shoplifting gangs and the department has been coordinating with state and national law enforcement.

### **Neighborhood Opportunities for Engagement**

- Report from Vice Chair Val Hubbard
  - \*Sept 11 Picnic -Val reported about the success of the NDA picnic on Sept 11 and some of the things we learned for next year.
  - \*Oct 28 Trick or Treat on Main St - Val announced that the City is reinstituting the annual Trick or Treat event on Main St and that our Historic Milwaukie NDA will support with a booth in front of Historic City Hall. More info here. <https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/events/trick-or-treat-main-st>
  - \*"Bing" in the New Year event - Val talked about the opportunity we have to participate as an NDA in this event being sponsored by the Milwaukie Arts Committee. Anyone interested in being involved, please let us know.
- Fall Main Street Cleanup - Debbie Liptan announced that this year's Fall Main St. cleanup will be held on Nov 4. Please save the date. We are currently in the planning stage. We will be preparing the bumpout beds for the winter and a thorough litter pickup. Let us know if you'd like to help in any way. Stay tuned for more info.

### **HMNDA Current Business**

- Land-use Updates - Zackary Pacholl - Update on the development of property at 1600 SE Lava Dr. Appeal period closed Oct 12.
- June '23 Minutes Approved