Historic Milwaukie NDA Minutes October 10, 2022 In person at Milwaukie Floral, 3306 SE Lake Rd, Milwaukie And via Zoom

Present:

NDA Team: Vice Chair and Land Use Rep, Val Hubbard; Secretary, Debbie Liptan; Treasurer, Michele Bertaux (on zoom)

In Person Participants: Kelli Keener, Zak Pacholl, Jackie Jackson Craig Billings and **City Councilors:** Kathy Hyzy, Lisa Batey

Zoom Participants: Ceci Denovo, Gary Klein, Rachel Austen, Rebecca Stravenjord

Presentations & Discussions

- Public Safety Notices and Community Announcements
 - <u>Update from Police Department</u> the police rep was unable to attend this meeting. However, questions/concerns/comments can be addressed to <u>police@milwaukieoregon.gov</u> This email address is only monitored during business hours, Monday Friday, 8 AM 5 PM. Please use this for general questions only. Please do not use this email for filing a police report, emergency needs, or making records requests. For Non-Emergency dispatch or questions, call 503.786.7500.
 - <u>Five-Year Parks and Recreation Local Option Levy</u> Kathy Hyzy from City Council shared a presentation on an upcoming levy with the goal of local control over decision and budget of our parks. A few takeaways:
 - Milwaukie has a demonstrated track record of dedication to parks, including: re-directed general funds specifically to park design and construction; ensured we own our parklands; winning regional, state and federal grants to maximize our city's spending
 - We can take better care of our parks, because we know our own community and are more nimble so able to take quicker action.
 - The City will be holding a series of forums and information sessions in the coming months. City Council will consider a comparable replacement for the current levy to create and fund a Milwaukie Parks & Recreation Dept. responsible for design, construction, and ongoing maintenance of City parks and recreation services.
 - See attached pdf version of the presentation.

- <u>Downtown Mural committee</u> Debbie Liptan announced the formation of a Downtown Arts Mural committee to create an Arts Mural project in downtown Milwaukie. The first meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15 at 3pm in the Ledding Library Conference Room. Contact Debbie at <u>debbieliptan@mac.com</u> if you are interested in participating.
- <u>Public Safety Advisory Committee</u> Lenny Bennett was unable to attend, but is very interested in hearing your comments/concerns regarding Public Safety in our neighborhood. You can reach out to him by email at <u>lennyb@me.com</u> or text at 503-310-3296.
- <u>AdoptOneBlock presentation</u> Molly Stein was unable to attend and will present at a future meeting.

HMNDA Formal Business Meeting

Current Business

- Land-use Updates Val Hubbard
 - 3 proposals for development of City Hall were received and are currently being reviewed. City Council expects to see the final proposal in the next month or two.
- Minutes from Sept '22 meeting were approved

New Business

- Announcement of upcoming events
 - Nov. 5, 9:00 am Main St. Cleanup
 - Dec. 3 Umbrella Parade and Tree Lighting (NDA parade participation)
 - Dec. 17 Winter Solstice & Christmas Ships at Milwaukie Bay Park

CITY PRESENTATION

The Future of Milwaukie City Parks



Milwaukie Parks

What is the future of Milwaukie City parks?



City Council Recently Added Third Goal

Two Original Council Goals:

- Climate change and resilience
- Equity, justice, and inclusion

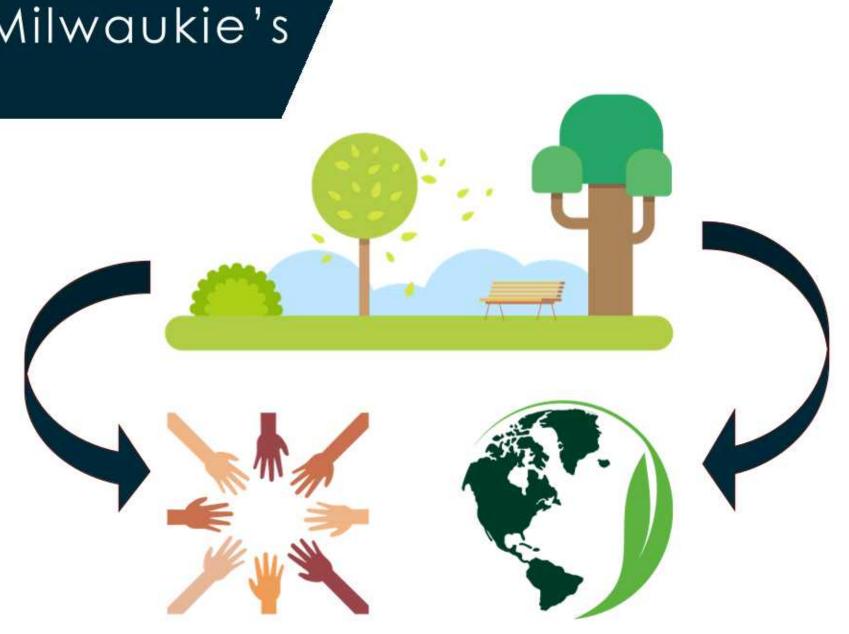
City Council Recently Added A Third Goal:

 Improving Milwaukie's park system and services



Highlight: Milwaukie's Parks

 Improving City parks includes elements that will accomplish our climate change and equity goals



Power of Parks

ONE ACRE

OF TREES

Absorbs the carbon dioxide produced by

DRIVING A CAR 11,000 MILES

Source: National Recreation & Park Association

Power of Parks

Increased access to places for physical activity leads to a



increase in people exercising 3 or more days per week



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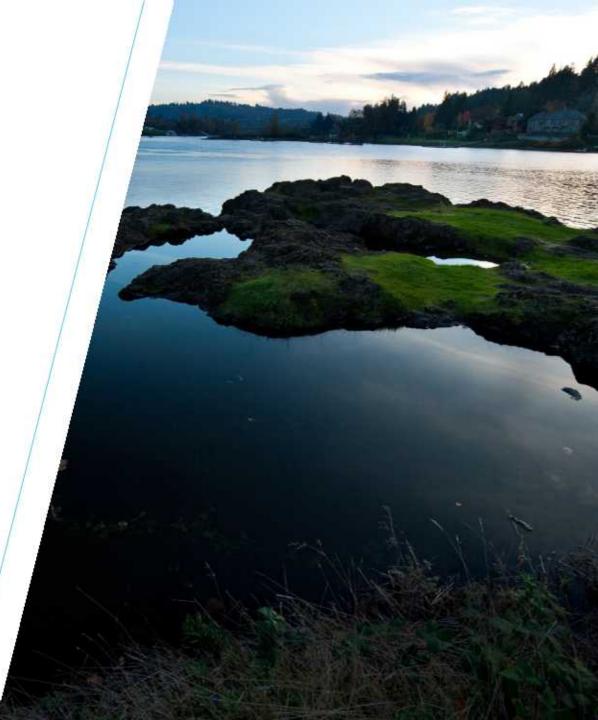
COMMUNITY POWER!

Parks strengthen community ties and bring diverse populations together!

Source: National Recreation & Park Association

Current Parks Funding

- Milwaukie has been a member of the NCPRD since 1990
- Homeowner assessments fund the NCPRD
- NCPRD funding is controlled by the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
- Milwaukie has no parks & recreation department, no ongoing parks budget and no maintenance budget



Milwaukie's Dedication to Parks

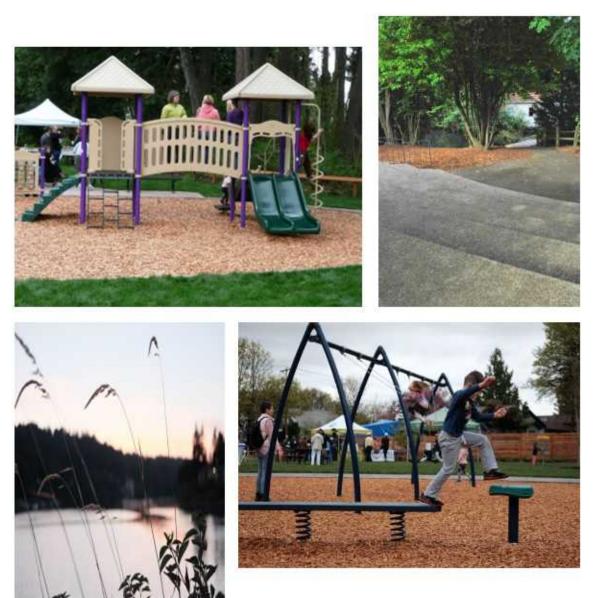
- Re-directed general funds specifically to park design, and construction
- Unlike the other areas of the District (where parks are owned by NCPRD), Milwaukie has made sure we own our parklands
- Winning regional, state, and federal grants to maximize our city's spending

Milwaukie's Dedication to Parks

Without County involvement, Milwaukie has designed and built several local parks, including:

Balfour Park

- Bowman Brae Park
- Scott Park
- Homewood Park
- Ball-Michel Park
- Spring Park (Phase 1)
 Milwaukie Bay Park (Phase 1&2)
 The multiuse path in Kronberg



We Can Do It Better! But How?

We know our community!

- We are more responsive and faster-moving, with better direction
- We are *already* building parks that serve the whole region
- We're great at holding community events and bringing opportunities that you actually find useful





We Can Do It Better! But How?

- With City Council directing Parks funding, we can cut away a significant portion of red tape currently needed to build new parks
- With input directly from the community to decision makers, we can be singularly focused on and more responsive to the needs and desires of Milwaukie
- We can maximize local funding through grants, expediting permits and engaging local residents in the process

What Happens Next?

- **Public Engagement**: We will seek input from Milwaukie residents in a series of forums and information sessions
- Self-Funding Alternatives: City Council will consider a comparable replacement for the current levy to create and fund a Milwaukie Parks & Recreation Department responsible for design, construction, and ongoing maintenance of City parks and recreation services
- Master Planning: Officials will take possible future funding considerations and resident input into account in the next draft of our City master plan



THANK YOU!

Questions?

