

Historic Milwaukie NDA Minutes
November 14, 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; PSAC Rep, Lenny Bennett; Treasurer, Michele Bertaux (on zoom); Communications Director, Molly Stein (on zoom)

In Person Participants: Kelli Keener, Zak Pacholl, Jackie Jackson, Craig Billings, David Aasland, Sharon Johnson, Carla Pletka, Josie Moberg

Zoom Participants: Ceci Denovo, Gary Klein, Kelly Stewart

Presentations & Discussions

- Public Safety Notices and Community Announcements
 - Update from Fire Department - Capt. David Aasland shared that, during the month of October, for the entire Clackamas Fire District received 2,477 calls for service, the vast majority of which were for EMS. He had several safety tips for us:
 - He cautioned us to be careful and aware of safety coming up to the holidays, never leaving cooking food unattended and keeping children and pets away from cooking.
 - He suggested using this time of year to change our smoke alarm batteries.
 - He let us know that chimneys should be cleaning twice a year. Boring Fire Dept lends out chimney sweeps, if you're interested in borrowing one (but you have to get up on your roof to use it).
 - He also informed us that Clackamas Fire is considering a levy to fund firefighter staffing and equipment. Check this link for more info: <https://clackamasfire.com/clackamas-fire-community-forum-staffing-wildfires-and-alternative-response/>
 - Public Safety Advisory Committee - Lenny Bennett updated us on several public safety items:
 - MHS lockdown on Oct. 26. A student reported seeing someone they thought was carrying rifle on school property during the lunch hour. The school was immediately locked down and police were called in. Students sheltered in place as police did a thorough search. It turned out to be a student carrying a long umbrella on their backpack, so not a real threat.
 - All Police Officers are now using body worn cameras.
 - Police recently resolved a domestic abuse threat with the use of the new drones.
- Update from Creators and Curators Market - Kelli Keehner filled us in on a new issue coming up for all food carts, and specifically for the Ames Meat Research food cart currently located on Milwaukie Floral property. New DEQ rules will require permanent sewer hookups and other permitting issues which are a big ticket item for these small businesses. Kelli explained much of the details, how the City is trying to help and efforts being made currently by the team at Milwaukie Floral. There is a short term issue (a looming DEQ deadline) for small businesses and a longer term issue (how DEQ is lumping these small businesses in the same "bucket" with larger developed properties). Stay tuned as this is a developing issue.
- Clean Homes and Buildings Forum - Josie Moberg from Breach Collective presented her organization's research on the movement to support the climate movement through supporting

pro-electrification policies, such as those being put forward the City of Milwaukie. Attached to these minutes is a pdf version of her presentation. She also talked about funding available from the federal government for converting to electric from fossil fuel. The entire document is attached. Here's an excerpt:

Programs for Residents

There are myriad tax credits and rebates available to LMI households and disadvantaged communities. Local governments can help residents access these credits and rebates via local retrofit, EV and other outreach programs. Note that some programs will be run through state energy offices.

EV Tax Credit

The Clean Vehicle credit (30D) gives a up to a \$7,500 credit for new electric vehicles, and a \$4,000 credit or 30% of the vehicle's value (whichever is lower) for used electric vehicles. Buyers can apply the credit directly to the purchase of the vehicle starting in 2024 (instead of waiting to claim it when filing taxes).

Note, because of manufacturing stipulations (must be assembled in North America, a portion of the battery parts must be made in North America, and some of the minerals for the battery must be mined domestically or in countries with a free-trade agreement with the US), it may take time to navigate which vehicles are eligible for tax credits and for how much.

Income limits: Individuals that make more than \$150,000 per year and couples that make more than \$300,000 per year do not qualify.

Price limits: \$55,000 for sedans and \$80,000 for trucks and SUVs ([Sec. 13401](#)).

Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit

Households can deduct up to 30 percent of the costs for eligible home improvements that year with a \$1,200 annual limit (for equipment and installation). Eligible improvements are:

\$150 for home energy audits

\$500 for exterior doors

\$600 for exterior windows and skylights, efficient central air conditioners, electric panel upgrades, and natural gas, propane, or oil water heaters or boilers

\$2,000 for electric or natural gas heat pump water heaters, electric or natural gas heat pumps, and biomass stoves and boilers (the \$1,200 annual limit may be exceeded here)

Appliances must “meet or exceed the highest efficiency tier” of the Consortium for Energy Efficiency; generally, appliances must be more efficient than Energy Star-certified products ([Sec. 13301](#)).

Residential Clean Energy Tax Credit (25D)

Credit for 30 percent of the costs of solar, wind, geothermal or biomass technologies, and battery storage systems with a capacity greater than 3 kWh, until 2032 when it gradually decreases ([Sec. 13302](#)).

Home Efficiency and Electrification Rebate Programs via States

See the [State Program section](#) for two rebate programs run through state energy offices that will benefit residents-- the High-Efficiency Electric Home Program (HEERA) and the Home Energy Performance-Based, Whole-House Rebates (HOMES) Program.

Breach Collective is hosting a Clean Homes and Buildings Forum for residents of Milwaukie at Chapel Theatre on December 11 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Stay tuned for updates on that.

Neighborhood Opportunities for Engagement [7:15 p.m.- 7:45 p.m.] (30 minutes total)

- Downtown Art Mural committee - Debbie Liptan reported that the Downtown Art Mural committee held its first meeting on October 15. This is just the beginning of the process. The next meeting will be held at 2pm on 11/19 at the Ledding Library. Everyone is invited to participate, at this point...no artistic experience necessary!
- Downtown Plantings update - Michele Bertaux reported that the plantings on Main St. have been tidied up for the winter and a few plants have been added. The Milwaukie Garden Club has been very helpful with this project.
- Dec.3 Umbrella Parade and Dec 17 Winter Solstice NDA participation - Val Hubbard discussed with us about two upcoming fun holiday events:
 - Dec. 3 Umbrella Parade - stay tuned for more details, but we are excited that we are planning to participate as neighbors, walking in the parade behind our NDA banner. We are especially looking for families to participate — we'd love to have some kids carrying the banner! Let us know if you'd like to be part of that.
 - Dec. 17 Winter Solstice event - we originally hoped to host a booth of some sort, but didn't act quickly enough. SO, we have discovered plenty of volunteer opportunities to help out. There are two shifts 3:30-5:30 and 5:30-7:30. This would be helping at the "chili" booth. Let us know if you'd like to help with this really fun event.

HMNDA Formal Business Meeting [7:45-8:00 p.m.] (15 min. total)

- **Current Business**
 - Land-use Updates - Val Hubbard
 - The final RFP proposal for the old City Hall building will be presented to City Council at the end of November.
 - Election of new Land Use Rep: Zac Pacholl
 - Treasurer's Report - Michele Bertaux
 - Approval of Minutes for Sept '22 - Debbie Liptan