

Historic Milwaukie NDA Minutes
December 12, 2022
In Person at Milwaukie Floral, 3306 SE Lake Rd, Milwaukie
And via Zoom

Welcome, Introductions and Holiday Treats provided by our own Val Hubbard and procured from Ames Meat Research

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, Land Use Rep, Gary Klein (via Zoom); and Land Use Rep, Zac Pacholl

In Person Participants: Greg Hemer, Amanda Ames, Jackie Jackson, Chad Tucker, Ronan Tucker, Carla Pletka, Kelli Keener

Zoom Participants: Ceci Denovo, Travis Henry, Owen Babbert, Cristopher Carney, Kimberly Cairo, Ross Lehman, Brian & Carmen, Carly Heims, Robert Massey, Hello Cafe, Christie, Jill

Presentations & Discussions

- City Hall Update - Owen Gabbert and Travis Henry from Henry Point Development, winners of the City Hall bid, joined us to talk about their vision for the iconic building at the center of Downtown Milwaukie. They recently won the 2022 DeMuro Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation from Restore Oregon for their work on the historic Bank of Beaverton.

They have a great interest in providing new life and uses to valuable community resources. Some of their prior projects - for example, in Old Town Beaverton and Downtown Hillsboro - have helped to advance the economic development goals of those Cities by creating community and cultural amenities that support and spur additional investment.

Their proposal for the Milwaukie City Hall restoration include focusing on women owned and locally connected businesses. They are anticipating 3 different food type businesses — for example: a bakery, a pizza/ice cream shop, and a brew pub. They are also looking at offering some of the upstairs area for use for non-profit office or gallery space. Their idea is to turn the two wings of the building (as you face it on Main Street) into 2 separate spaces for a business (upstairs and down), each with their own entrance. The center (current entrance) will be the entryway to a third business. From the outside, the building will remain pretty much the same, with the iconic brick and the archway. They will be the building owners and will contract with vendors to occupy the various spaces.

No timeframes have been set at this time. The City needs to finish work on the new City Hall at the old Advantis building and then move the City offices.

- Public Safety Notices and Community Announcements — PSAC Rep Lenny Bennett reported on a number of public safety items:
 - Recently completed FIP training (Fair and Impartial Policing). This was a department wide training on bias, procedural justice, followed by a community session at CC Harmony Campus.
 - MPD detectives conducted a child luring mission (see press release on Department Facebook page). The operation resulted in 8 arrests. This activity was generated by investigators from West Linn, Lake Oswego, CLACKAMAS county and Milwaukie chatting online acting as underage girls.
 - 3 conditional job offers were made. One candidate is an Army veteran just recently returned from a military deployment in Poland, one candidate is a corrections deputy, and the last candidate was a college basketball coach for several years.
 - Currently have two officers nearing end of field training. One officer starting basic Academy.
 - The City of Milwaukie hired a Mental health professional on board named Glenn Suchanek. Glen has a master's in social work and will be a great asset to the city. He is working out of the Public Safety Building (PSB) and has a fantastic network in the Portland metro area.
 - The Corporal Diffie Veterans resource fund is becoming a county wide program. This was started by a Milwaukie Police Officer and helps bridge the gap for veterans who haven't been able to connect with their veterans' benefits. The support can be rent assistance, food, and other resource-based support for veterans in need.

Neighborhood Opportunities for Engagement

- Dec 17 Winter Solstice NDA participation - Debbie Liptan reported that volunteers are still needed for this event. There are two shifts available: 4-6:00 pm and 6-8:00 pm.
- What ideas do you have for our neighborhood toward 2023? - Michele Bertaux introduced the discussion as a way to help prepare for building neighborhood priorities for 2023. We will be collecting ideas over the next month. A few ideas have come in over email. A couple were put forward during the meeting. We will publish the entire list separate from these minutes.

HMNDA Formal Business Meeting

- **Grant Requests**
 - Milwaukie Museum - Greg Hemmer presented the annual Grant Request for \$100 from the Museum. After Greg left, the grant request was approved.
- **Current Business**
 - Land-use Updates - Land Use Rep, Zac Pacholl reported on an ordinance being considered by City Council to curtail camping on City sidewalks. More details next month.
 - Treasurer's Report from Michele Bertaux - included with these minutes is a copy of the report
 - Approval of Minutes for Nov '22 - Debbie Liptan - Approved!

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