

Historic Milwaukie NDA
March 13, 2023
In person at Milwaukie Floral, 3306 SE Lake Rd, Milwaukie
and via Zoom:

Present:

NDA Team: Vice Chair and Land Use Rep, Val Hubbard; Treasurer, Michele Bertaux; Secretary, Debbie Liptan; PSAC Rep, Lenny Bennett; Land Use Rep, Gary Klein; and Land Use Rep and Communications, Zackary Pacholl

In Person Participants: Ray Bryan, David Aasland, Jackie Jackson, Philip G. Stone, Shalena Havens, Chad Tucker, Jason Wachs

Zoom Participants: Ceci Denovo, Kelly Stewart

Presentations & Discussions

- Public Safety Notices and Community Announcements
 - **Fire Battalion Chief, David Aasland** joined us to talk about the Emergency Services Levy headed to the May 2023 ballot. The Clackamas Fire District Board of Directors has referred a levy to the May 2023 ballot. If passed, the Levy would provide annual funding of \$14.5 million at a cost of \$0.52 per thousand of assessed valuation* which is about \$138 per year for the typical homeowner at the median assessed value. If passed, levy funds would invest in additional staffing, quick response vehicles, and wildfire mitigation efforts. If the levy does not pass, funds would not be invested.

Clackamas Fire District 1 is one of the largest and busiest emergency response agencies in the Portland Metro Area, serving more than 220,000 residents across 235 square miles. Clackamas Fire responds to approximately 30,000 calls each year. However, unlike other large fire agencies in Oregon, Clackamas Fire does not have an enhanced levy to fund firefighter positions and equipment needs. This funding gap has led to staffing challenges, including an inability to maintain coverage at several rural fire stations.

**Please note that 'Assessed' value is different from 'Market' value. For example: Redfin may publish the average 'Market' value of a home in Clackamas County at \$560,000, while the averaged 'Assessed' value of a home in the District is \$265,000. Reference your tax statement or Clackamas County (<http://ascendweb.clackamas.us/>) for the actual assessed value of your home. Want to calculate the cost for your home? Multiply the assessed value from your tax statement by 0.00052 (ex. \$265,000 x 0.00052 = \$137.80).*

There was much discussion about the current condition of the fire equipment, even down to the radios the fire fighters use, and the impact inflation is having on maintenance. Click here for more info about the Levy and Open House schedule to seek more information. <https://clackamasfire.com/clackamas-fire-community-forum-staffing-wildfires-and-alternative-response/>

- **Meet the City Staff - Jason Wachs**, Community Engagement Coordinator, joined us to share his role at the city. Jason serves as our primary point of contact to City resources

as a Neighborhood District Assoc. He has many years of experience in his job and works to connect us to a variety of diverse departments, depending on the issues we're trying to address. He also talked about currently preparing to move to the new City Hall building late this year.

- **Public Safety Advisory Committee - Lenny Bennett, our PSAC rep**, told us that this month's committee meeting was cancelled due to the snow storm, so he didn't have a lot to report. However, he has started receiving input/comments from residents, which he appreciates. He said that a lot of the input so far had to do with pedestrian safety.
- **Chad Tucker, our recently appointed Transportation System Plan Advisory Committee (TSPAC) member**, shared that the City's newly constituted TSPAC will consult with city staff, consultants, and the community to update the Transportation System Plan. The update project is anticipated to take approximately 18 months to complete and the results of the plan will have long lasting impacts on the city. The city is updating its Transportation System Plan (TSP) which is the city's long-term plan for transportation improvements over a 20-year horizon. The TSP contains goals and policies, and identifies projects that could be implemented through the city's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), development review, or grant funding.

Neighborhood Opportunities for Engagement

- **Update on Downtown Art Mural Project** - Debbie Liptan reported on the work this committee has been doing so far:
 - Monthly meetings since October
 - Outreach to: Milwaukie Art Committee Chair Samantha Swindler; Chapel Theatre owner and Pres of Milwaukie Arts Academy board of directors; Mayor Lisa Batey; City Manager Ann Ober; Milwaukie Arts Academy Director, Mariam Higgins
 - Learnings so far: Studied current city ordinance governing Art Murals; City's history with trying to accomplish these projects downtown; need for a building owner's cooperation...possible MHS building
 - Funding possibilities: HMNDA funding reserve, Art Committee grant, Combined grant effort with Art Comm/MAA/NDA

During discussion time, Shalena Havens of Jade Dragonfly (a downtown business owner) suggested her landlord may be interested.

- **Update on Earth Day event** - Michele Bertaux reported about the event our NDA is hosting on Earth Day, Saturday April 22. The work will be weeding/planting and picking up litter. The focus will continue to be working to plant native and pollinator friendly plants and eliminating invasive species. Please click this link for info on Pollinator Pathways, which is one of the goals of this initiative. <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/>

Litter pickup equipment and snacks/coffee will be available. Please bring your own water bottle and gardening supplies (gloves, trowels, shovels, rakes, brooms) if you can. We will try to provide some. There will also be a fun demonstration/game (with prizes) about composting times.

Here are event details:

LOCATION: City Hall

DATE: April 22

TIME: 9:45 am for sign in, refreshments and instructions

END TIME: 12:00 noon

HMNDA Formal Business Meeting

- **Current Business**

- Land-use Updates - Zachary Pacholl shared an update on the development called Coho Point, which has been through a lengthy approval process and many delays. We haven't been updated in quite awhile. The current start date for construction is March 2024, with occupancy date of August 2026. A copy of the most recent presentation to City Council is attached with these minutes for reference.
- Scott Park support letter - Val Hubbard shared that the funding support letter for Scott Park has been signed and submitted to the City.
- Vote on Grant Requests reviewed in February
 - MHS/MAA grad party - APPROVED
 - MPD officers of the year dinner - APPROVED
- Phillip Stone from Llewelling NDA presented a grant request for \$300 to support their summer Concerts in the Park series. They are requesting grants from all of the NDAs. The concerts, held in August, are free to the public and are very well attended. The grant request will be voted on at our April meeting.
- Approval of Minutes [Feb '23] - APPROVED