



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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Members

Ben Johnson, Ali Feuerstein, Martha Germany, Gary Klein, Jackson Calhoun, Virginia Pai, Heather Baskerville, Martín Alvarez, Councilor Desi Nicodemus

NCPRD Staff: Heather Koch, Planning and Development Manager

Milwaukie Staff: Natalie Rogers, Climate and Natural Resources Manager (PARB Liaison), Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator

AGENDA: March 23, 2022 | 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. | Online Zoom Meeting

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| 4:30 – 4:35 | Welcome/Review minutes from the Jan. 26, Feb. 23 meetings | Ben |
| 4:35 – 4:40 | Public Comment (General) | Ben |
| 4:40 – 4:50 | Earth Day Check-In | Natalie |
| 4:50 – 5:20 | Goal Discussion | Natalie/Ali/Jackson |
| 5:20 – 5:25 | NCPRD Updates | Heather |
| 5:25 – 5:30 | Items from Board Members | All |
| 5:30 – 6:00 | Parks Development Update | Adam |
| 6:00 | Adjourn | |



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City Staff Liaison: Natalie Rogers

City Staff: Courtney Wilson, Adam Moore, Galen Hoshovsky

January 26, 2022 | 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. | Zoom Meeting

Member Introduction

PARB members took time to introduce the new members to the group. Heather Baskerville (Gates) introduced herself to the group. Heather was sitting previously on the Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee and is a resident of Milwaukie for about five years in the historic neighborhood district. Heather's favorite greenspace is the space next to the Kellogg Wastewater Treatment Facility. Virginia Pai introduced herself next, and her favorite park is Milwaukie Bay Park. She has been a resident for 40 years and is a member of the Milwaukie Parks Foundation.

The other PARB members, NCPRD and City Staff introduced themselves to the new PARB members.

Minutes

PARB Members voted to approve the minutes as amended. Gary Klein abstained from the vote.

Public Comment

No general public comment.

Art Installation at Milwaukie Bay Park

PARB discussed the Arts Committee meeting where the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde presented the Heron sculpture art installation project for Milwaukie Bay Park. Ben gave an overview of the meeting which was recorded and available on the city website. PARB discussed the support for the project and the positive relationship and dialogue between all stakeholders. Natalie shared that the Milwaukie City Council will be discussing an IGA between stakeholders.

Earth Day Update

Natalie discussed Earth Day and the upcoming planned event. Natalie shared that a restoration event will be planned for April 23rd. The event will include an invasive species removal and restoration planting, coordination with local groups, plant giveaway. Ali, Jackson and Heather volunteered to be in a subcommittee for the educational component of the Earth Day Event. The group will be exploring a permaculture educational opportunity either before or after the

restoration event. The group agreed that Natalie should proceed with planning the Earth Day event on April 23rd.

NCPRD Update

Heather gave an update for NCPRD. She shared that resources are available online and through the District Advisory Committee. Milwaukie Bay Park is proceeding into the design phase, including a review of the updated costs and refined designs. Adam Moore and Peter Passarelli from the city are participating on the two-year MBP process.

Heather shared information about the NCPRD nutrition program. February 5th from 9-12pm will be a volunteer event with the North Clackamas Watershed Council and Friends of Elk Rock Island. More restoration events will occur later in February - information can be found on the NCPRD website. NCPRD is hosting trainings for swim instructors to increase swim class capacity. Heather also shared upcoming dates for the softball league.

Included are links Heather shared in the PARB meeting:

NCPRD UPDATES: <https://ncprd.com/>

DAC DIVISION REPORTS each month at 2nd Tues monthly meeting: <https://ncprd.com/public-meetings/meeting-minutes>

DAC JANUARY DIV. REPORT: <https://ncprd.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/DAC-Agenda-Packet-1-12-2022-2.pdf>

Councilor Nicodemus asked about lifeguard training and water safety instructor. Heather said that lifeguard training will be upcoming and will put Councilor Nicodemus in contact with the right NCPRD staff member.

Items from Board Members

Ben shared that the DAC unanimously approved the funding mechanisms for Milwaukie Bay Park. There was some concern from members in the community that the DAC may not support the funding of MBP due to conflicting projects in the district. Ben thanked the community members that attended the meeting and gave their support for the project. Ben asked the group if they would be interested in advocating for the park with the board of Clackamas County commissioners. Ben suggested a letter of support coming from PARB. Virginia shared that the Milwaukie Parks Foundation submitted testimony. Ben offered to write a first draft and share it with the group.

Gary moved to approve PARB signing on a letter in support for the funding and development of Milwaukie Bay Park. Virginia seconded. PARB members unanimously approved the signing of the letter. Gary suggested that the letter signify the park as a regional park. Councilor Nicodemus agreed with this point and said that the letter should say that the park is for the benefit of the district as a whole.

Parks Development Update

Ben Johnson recused himself for the parks development agenda item.

Natalie let PARB know that the group's monthly meetings will be used for monthly updates on the parks development projects for Scott, Bowman Brae and Balfour Parks.

Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator for Milwaukie, gave an update to the Milwaukie City Council on January 4th. The video for that presentation is available on the city's youtube channel. Adam shared that the \$2.25 million funding for the projects are coming to us through the state legislator through ARPA funds for infrastructure projects and projects that are legislated out by the individual representatives, the parks funding being the latter. The timeline for these projects are aggressive and sooner than initially expected by six months. The new deadline is June 30th, 2024 for all dollars to be spent with possibilities for extensions on a case by case basis.

Scott Park doesn't have a relevant master plan. There are some amenities in the park that fall on library property. Bowman Brae and Balfour have existing master plans that need to be refined. Greenworks has been chosen as the primary contractor for the projects.

The city is focused on equity-based engagement, using a layered approach focusing on reaching the BIPOC and underrepresented communities. Due to the funding source, another emphasis of the project will be to provide outdoor gathering spaces in the community, as well as the disproportionate affect the pandemic has had on marginalized communities.

A live engagement event for Scott Park is being planned for the end of march/beginning of April. Scott Park has had less engagement than the other two parks.

Live events will occur for Bowman Brae and Balfour Parks in spring/summer in person in the park.

Online surveys will be created in parallel to the live events, with a focus on reducing language barriers for participation.

The city will also hold focus groups from the community, potentially BIPOC, youth, senior or differently-abled groups. The intent of these groups is to understand barrier to use of the park, and ideas for improvements for safe, inclusive parks.

Discussion with stakeholders will also occur, including quarterly updates to Council, the equity steering committee (where the public engagement plans will be reviewed), and PARB. PARB will serve as the general updates to the community. The city will be seeking recommendations from PARB, the other boards, NDAs, and other community groups.

Adam answered PARB and community questions on parks development.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.



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February 23, 2022 | 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. | Zoom Meeting

Member Introduction

PARB welcomed Martin, a new member of PARB and parent in Milwaukie. Martin is passionate about DEI initiatives and bringing this lens to parks. PARB introduced themselves to the group.

PARB Secretary Nomination

The group discussed the secretary role and the responsibilities of the role. Heather volunteered for the role. Desi motioned to make Heather Gates the secretary. Unanimous vote for Heather Gates as the secretary.

Earth Day Update

Natalie gave an update on the Earth Day restoration event. The event will occur on April 23rd from 9-11am. Natalie invited PARB members to attend the event. Martin recommended that outreach occur in multiple languages to increase engagement. Jackson and Ali discussed the permaculture class and suggested that it occur before the event.

City Updates

Natalie discussed emails that staff received about the Bowman Brae Park plantings and plant removals occurring before development. Natalie mentioned that she will be restarting the bylaw subcommittee and will reach out to PARB members who were interested in participating in that group.

Natalie said that the group needs to redefine their 2022 goals. The group agreed to use the coming March PARB meeting to focus on setting goals. The group discussed the general scope of the goals. Heather mentioned the importance of having measurable goals, and the group agreed. The group discussed setting goals earlier in the year for coming years.

NCPRD Update

Heather gave an update on NCPRD activities. Desi asked about equitable access to registration since all registration processes are online. Virginia mentioned coordination with Milwaukie Parks Foundation for relevant NCPRD activities. Gary asked about Milwaukie Bay Park funding. Heather let PARB know that the Board of Clackamas County Commissioners need to vote to approve to submit a grant for additional funding, and that it's on the consent agenda for 2/24. Gary asked about the funding IGA. Heather doesn't know when it will be on the next commission agenda.

Martin asked about affinity non-profit organizations and community groups for NCPRD to partner with, particularly representing/led by marginalized communities. Heather said that NCPRD has reached out to school groups, but that NCPRD would like to work with the school district more. Heather shared about the engagement with the Spanish speaking community with a few local partnership groups and invited ideas.

Board Member Updates

Ben and Desi gave a DAC update. Main DAC discussion topics included a discussion on the concord project and the separation of the library project and the community center project, and Milwaukie Bay PARK IGA in regards to funding.

Gary shared an update about the Johnson Creek large woody debris project next to Milwaukie Bay Park, as well as future restoration projects happening with the watershed council on March 5th (JCWC.org)

Parks Development Update

The group established a process for future parks development updates. Ali led the group in a discussion on process, including how to include representatives from other boards or groups in the discussion of the updates. PARB voted to include representative stakeholders in the deliberating body, and answer questions from the public as time permits at the end of the update. PARB members voted unanimously on the above process.

Adam Moore shared an update for the parks development projects. Adam discussed the formulation of the equitable engagement strategy, collaboration with Video of the update can be found on the city's youtube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLP7S_rHe_2x3E7H0tK48mfUQEtiEGifcD

2021 Goals - PARB

- 1) Recreation – Identify 2 or 3 opportunities for innovative programming at Milwaukie Bay Park. Potentially incorporate Rec mobile & Pavilion at North Clackamas. - Jan/Feb
*geocaching (a club may exist that helps pull this together, check with the chamber), bees, flower hunt (follow arrows made out of flour).
- 2) Work with NCPRD to initiate a master planning process for Scott Park. – March/April
*Ideas about engagement would be helpful. Invite the library folks to this meeting as well.
- 3) Continue to advocate for design and construction of Milwaukie Bay Park Phase III. – Continuous,
*30% design update mid-summer.
*Grant support letters, testimony, etc.
- 4) Work with city to understand the connection and impacts to Dogwood Park from the Coho development. - Continuous
- 5) Monitor DAB/C and work with PARB and City Council rep to advocate for Milwaukie parks. – Continuous
- 6) Earth Day – January/ Natalie
- 7) City-District IGA – Continuous
- 8) Parks Master Plan / East Side / Spring Park – Elk Rock Island (TBD) – Urban Forest Master Plan (Think about how this can tie in.)