



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Milwaukie Parks and Recreation Board | 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd, Milwaukie, OR 97206

February 28, 2024 | 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. | Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present: Martín Alvarez, Heather Baskerville, Ali Feuerstein (Chair), Gary Klein, Virginia Pai

Board Members Absent: Sabina Spicer, Max Penneck

Milwaukie Staff Present: Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator

Council Liaison: Robert Massey (Interim Council President)

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Minutes: Meeting started and all present agreed to record the meeting. The meeting recording is available on the City of Milwaukie website and YouTube channel for viewing.

Meeting began with Chair **Feuerstein** reading the City of Milwaukie's Land Acknowledgement. Minutes were reviewed by the Board. **Pai** asked for a correction in the minutes to reflect that the Milwaukie Parks Foundation will be raising funds for Milwaukie Parks and "will need PARB's support" to do so. **Pai** clarified that they were speaking as a Milwaukie Park Foundation Board Member.

Motion was made to approve the minutes with the correction by **Pai**. Seconded by **Klien**. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no public comment at the meeting. Time was used to introduce Interim Council President **Massey** as the new Council Liaison to PARB.

Council Change: **Moore** explained that **Massey** was now Council Liaison to PARB because former Council President Desi **Nicodemus** had stepped down from Council and was no longer able to be the Liaison.

DAC Update: Mayor Lisa **Batey** and Milwaukie Park Foundation Board Member Lisa **Lashbrook** joined the meeting and discussion regarding the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) District Advisory Council (DAC) update. The discussion included a call from Chair **Feuerstein** for community members and PARB members to attend upcoming DAC meetings, NCPRD Board of Commissioner meetings, and Board of (Clackamas) County

Commissioner meetings to advocate for the Wichita Center and construction of Milwaukie Bay Park. Chair **Feuerstein** added that they and Vice Chair **Baskerville** met with the Milwaukie Park Foundation to partner with PARB to advocate for the construction of Milwaukie Bay Park. Chair **Feuerstein** would be meeting with Commissioner Paul **Savas** to advocate for the Wichita Center, Milwaukie Bay Park construction, and for Milwaukie Bay Park to be built without a judgement or decision if the City of Milwaukie was to leave the park district as it is a regional amenity. **Moore** shared information from NCPRD's website and the BCC website for PARB members.

Several members expressed concern that grants for the project were going to expire and that time was running out to complete the park. Mayor **Batey** stated that phase 1 and phase 2 were paid for and constructed from several sources though were done without NCPRD funding. **Klien** mentioned that they was concerned that changes in NCPRD staff may jeopardize the park. **Lashbrook** mentioned that the Milwaukie Park Foundation was advocating for the grading of the park and the construction of the Nature-based playground the Foundation raised funds. Vice Chair **Baskerville** added that they supported PARB continue to advocate to get parks complete. **Moore** explained that they and Public Works Director Peter **Passarelli** were involved in all Milwaukie Bay Park meetings where they and NCPRD staff worked with the construction company and consultants to bring Milwaukie Bay Park to 50% construction documents and into budget before it was put on pause.

Motion: A motion was made by **Pai** to form a sub-committee to write a letter to the DAC and BCC to advocate for construction of Milwaukie Bay Park before grant funding was lost. Seconded by **Alvarez**. Motion passed unanimously. **Baskerville, Alvarez, and Pai** agreed to write the letter to be reviewed, edited, and possibly adopted in the March meeting. **Moore** explained the process and agreed to provide public information to PARB on the city's work at Milwaukie Bay Park, park funding, and park grants.

Update on Park Naming Policy: Members discussed the possibility of working with the City's Equity Steering Committee to advance work on the City's Naming Policy for parks and discussed the potential to rename Balfour and Bowman-Brae Parks. **Alvarez** expressed that they supported looking into changing the policy and the names to reflect city values and to be more equitable. **Klien** expressed that he thought that people donating funds should be allowed to name parks. **Moore** expressed that naming rights based on donation and the equity around how parks are named was what Equity Steering Committee was looking into specifically, though they was not sure of their timeline.

Motion: Chair **Feuerstein** called for a motion for PARB to direct city staff to explore the possibility of working with the Equity Steering Committee and to explore renaming Balfour and Bowman-Brae Parks. **Alvarez** made the motion to explore renaming the parks. **Pai** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PARB Goal Revisited agenda item was tabled due to time.

Future Meetings Times & Locations PARB discussed the need to move meeting times to allow more people to attend. Chair **Feuerstein** mentioned that all other boards and committees meet later in the evening. Chair **Feuerstein** also asked if PARB was comfortable meeting in person at future meetings. **Alvarez** asked that the March meeting be moved to avoid Spring Break. **PARB** agreed to move the meeting to March 20.

Motion: Pai motioned to move all future meetings to 5:30pm. **Alvarez** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Pai motioned to move all future meetings in person with a Zoom hybrid option. **Alvarez** seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Moore** clarified that the location would be Milwaukie city hall with the Ledding Library and Public Works' Johnson Creek Boulevard facility as backups.

Park Development Update: Moore updated PARB that a construction contract had been signed with Paul Brothers, Inc to construction Balfour, Bowman-Brae, and Scott Parks and that GreenWorks, P.C. would stay on to provide technical support city staff. **Moore** explained that the construction schedule and sequencing was still being worked out and is fluid though that currently the project is on budget and on time for completion in October 2024.

Moore shared that construction fencing would be installed at all three parks as early as March 11 and that the parks would no longer be available to the public until construction was completed. Moore shared that the city was hosting a public Construction Kick-off at Balfour Park on Saturday, March 9 with the majority of the project funders. **Moore** also shared that he would be providing an update to City Council at the March 5 Work Session. **Klien** asked that these dates be shared via email.

Meeting ended without motion at 5:43.