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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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

March 21, 2024 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | In-person meeting at City Hall with Zoom option

Board Members Present: Max Penneck, Ali Feuerstein (Chair), Gary Klein, Virginia Pai

Board Members Absent: Sabina Spicer, Martin Alvarez

Milwaukie Staff Present: Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator; Peter Passarelli

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. Meetings were approved.

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.

Future PARB Meetings & Calendar: Board confirmed that future meetings would be at 5:30 in person (either at City Hall, the Ledding Library, or Public Works Facility) with a Zoom option. Meetings would continue to be on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Meetings would be posted on the city website with agendas, packets, and links available a week ahead of time. Members also agreed to create a Outlook meeting calendar invite.

NCPRD Update: Board held a long discussion of NCPRD & the DAC. **Peter Passarelli** updated the board that NCPRD staff would not be attending future PARB meetings, and that the DAC chair or other representatives would need to provide updates to PARB. **Chair Feuerstein** updated the board on her committee assignments which included working with other DAC members to consider NCPRD becoming an independent district separate from Clackamas County. The board was updated that the Milwaukie Bay Park project was going to be on hold until after the city decides whether to leave NCPRD or not. **Chair Feuerstein** updated the board that NCPRD's financial situation was "bleak" and that NCPRD is running a deficit.

Adam Moore and **Passarelli** provided information on Milwaukie Bay Park's funding and grants. Board discussed options for funding Milwaukie Bay Park or how the grants might be used.

Letter to BCC & DAC: Board reviewed letter in support of the completion of Milwaukie Bay Park before grants expire or more time is lost. **Gary Klien** asked that the letter contain information on the regional boat launch. **Max Penneck** asked that more was done to help illustrate that that PARB is a board made up of members from outside the city of Milwaukie. **Moore** clarified that the City of Milwaukie doesn't full information on grant deadlines and that funders have not asked for an extension on grants. **Passarelli** clarified that current NCPRD staff has not been clear on grant deadlines, though previous staff said those grants were at risk to expire and funding could be lost. One hard deadline is October 2026. **Moore** clarified that Milwaukie Bay Park was 1.5 years of construction time, meaning that if the project isn't started soon there is a risk that the project construction would exceed the time of the grant. **Klien** asked for clarification on some on the different task forces, committees, and boards that worked on the park over the last 20 years. There was a discussion of the history of the City of Milwaukie developing parks based on NCPRD plans.

Update on Park Naming Policy: **Moore** the board that the Equity Steering Committee (ESC) has the city naming policy in their work plan for 2025 and that member of the ESC and other staff would like to attend future PARB meetings to talk about future events and the naming of parks in the future. They stated that the discussion over Balfour & Bowman Park naming would need to wait, until 2025 and therefore the new parks wouldn't have permanent signs.

Park Development Update: **Moore** updated PARB that a construction update on the three parks. They asked that people please stay out parks during construction.

Moore updated the board on some redesign options for the natural corner for Scott Park. The board discussed options for the re-design and directed staff to work with Ledding Library staff. The board provided a preference for the outdoor classroom with some form of tunnel or entrance. **Moore** will provide an update at the April board meeting.

Meeting ended without motion at 6:50pm.