



# 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:** May 25, 2022 | 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. | Online Zoom Meeting

4:30 – 4:40	Welcome/Review minutes from the April 27 meeting	Ben
4:40 – 4:45	Public Comment (General)	Ben
4:45 – 5:15	Goal Discussion Wrap Up	Natalie
5:15 – 5:20	City Updates	Natalie
5:20 – 5:25	NCPRD Updates	Heather
5:25 – 5:30	Items from Board Members	All
5:30 – 6:00	Parks Development Update	Adam
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City Staff: Natalie Rogers (staff liaison), Adam Moore

NCPRD Staff: Heather Koch

Public attendees: Kate Houston (NDA), Erin Lee (Ledding library board), Kevin Haro, Chris H.B.

**April 27, 2022 | 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. | Zoom Meeting**

## 4:30pm Meeting Start

- Meeting minutes been accepted for March 2022

## Earth Day Follow Up

Natalie gave an overview of the earth day celebration on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Overall, about 40-45 people were in attendance. Staff received positive feedback from community members about the event. PARB members suggested to include self-identification demographic information on registration for goal tracking. Natalie recommended that PARB look at planning future Earth Day events this fall to get an early start.

## Goals Discussion:

PARB continued the discussion on developing goals for 2022. Goal ideas and related thoughts include:

- Track participation and/or engagement from historically marginalized communities in parks events (demographic information)
  - Combination of PARB supported activities as well as general parks and recreation activities in Milwaukie
    - Examples:
      - Earth Day 2022 (40+ participants)
      - Permaculture Class (5+ participants)
      - May 1 Scott Park Event – comment card, registration, engage milwaukie
    - Equity steering committee sharing information
  - Heather K can share some data on NCPRD participation in district parks
- How many scheduled culturally focused events in parks and greenspaces?
  - Etc. Latin x family event
  - Intentionally invite and collaborate with other community-based organizations for parks and greenspace events and recreation
    - Be intentional and respectful of other event and community groups

- Be strategic in how we share messaging with other groups
- Add an equity and inclusion goal/statement in the upcoming PARB bylaws by end of 2022
- Track PARB involvement in other community events to increase awareness of PARB
  - Juneteenth, PRIDE, indigenous people's month
- Create a goals officer position in PARB and nominate someone to that role by 2023
  - Could be reviewing minutes at the end of the year to track (NCPRD/PARB/etc.)
  - Highlight goals related data on PARB minutes
- Begin tracking PARB Annual goal data in monthly minutes
- Create PARB-voice outreach material to increase awareness of PARB, goals of PARB, and future PARB events by 2022
  - "Come join PARB!" "Share your voice with PARB!"
  - Media group
  - DAC coordination / collaboration
  - Translated messaging
  - How to share info on PARB
  - Find PARB website
- Promote Parks and Recreation related non-profits in PARB events, including Milwaukie Parks Foundation
- Learn more about environmental/ecosystem benefits of parks and greenspaces
  - Invite stakeholders to PARB meetings or attend stakeholder events to learn more about the environmental benefits of parks and greenspaces
- Advocate for Parks and Recreation topics with City Council

#### **Goals Next Steps:**

- Natalie to share DEI team statement to help align with the board bylaws
- Idea: add section in minutes on progress on participation (added below)

#### **NCPRD updates:** Heather Koch

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Budget is fixed, rightsizing design. NCPRD proceeding on development of park, moving to 100% design development in June, another cost estimate. Community engagement event next month, virtual presentation with live Q+A, Spanish language events with NCSD.

Working on planning initiatives, reworking the planning department. Seasonal opening of rec programs. Volunteer events with NCPRD partnering with NCWC, Clackamas County climate action, etc. Volunteer events coming soon NC watershed counsel

Look at division reports on DAC part of website for more information.

No other topics in open forum

#### **Parks Development Update**

5:31pm recording started for Parks Development Public Discussion – Recording available on the city youtube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRFbfqe3OnDWLQKSB\\_m9cAw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRFbfqe3OnDWLQKSB_m9cAw)

Reminder of event at Scott Park Sunday 5/1 10:30 – 12:30

- This is the first event and are intentionally making this big since the Grant received was announced last summer and community haven't seen a whole lot; future events will not be as big
- Activities include: Sign in, comment form it will also be on engage Milwaukie for those who can't be there, get info from reps from city, attention station – what is the most important, comedy/music entertainer, Habiba addo, storytelling traditions, face painters, equity steering committee will be represented, friends of library book sales
- Other parks – Bowman and Balfour in July considering open house events
  - These park plans already exist and are being refined
  - If there is interest in the other two having similar set up it will need to be scaled appropriately
- Staff addressing how to include new voices into the discussion, need to build relationships, need to keep it informal
- Staff want to address engagement barriers in time, find ways to have kids around, flexibility in time, info from kids, food

Addressed question on parking:

Will someone be there to ensure animals will not be fed, and Greenworks has a hydrology background, not going beyond the banks, natural resources knowledge will be attending, and the plan will require natural resource response

Question better turn around in the parking lot at the library – not included in the scope of the park based on scope, city is reviewing parking management options in the upcoming years

**Adjourn at 6:03pm – Ali, second Desi**