

Draft PARB Minutes from May Meeting

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Review Minutes:

Meeting opened with a welcome, land acknowledgement, and a review of the minutes. Avree corrected the spelling of her name on the agenda and other PARB documents.

Public Comment (General):

There was no public comment.

Introductions:

Avree and Stella and the rest of those in attendance introduced themselves.

DAC Update:

PARB members and staff discussed the NCPRD system plan survey, which was recently sent out by Virginia. The System Plan will include: 1) An assessment of assets, 2) budget assessment, 3) public input. DAC members have heard that there is a desire for dog parks, that there are concerns about e-bikes on the trolley trail. System plan will cover Milwaukie, Oregon City School District, Jennings Lodge Project, though not Gladstone. DAC has 4 seats open that need to be filled after a public recruitment period. PARB members provided an overview of NCPRD for new members including that the Clackamas County Commissioners are their Board of Directors and that the area includes unincorporated Clackamas County and Milwaukie.

Bee City USA:

PARB members in attendance voted to be the representative for the City and Milwaukie Rotary to become a Bee City USA.

PARB Secretary Selection:

PARB discussed the need to select a Secretary who can provide thoughtful and focused minutes. No PARB member expressed an interest in being Secretary.

Items from PARB members:

Gary Klein:

Gary offered to have the June meeting at his home on June 26th. Directions will be provided to his house at 10795 SE Riverway Lane. A zoom meeting and public attendance is required.

Gary discussed the Johnson Creek Confluence Project which will provide cold water for fish, especially salmon. Johnson Creek is part of the Spring Creek system, that includes Scott Park and the Waldorf School. There are currently 4 springs in Milwaukie that are in the Johnson Creek Watershed.

Gary discussed Milwaukie's relationship with NCPRD. He stated that Milwaukie would need to vote on funding and that there were a few obstacles to overcome. One obstacle was the Milwaukie Community Center which is owned by the city but operated by NCPRD. If the city leaves, services at the Center would need to continue somehow. The other obstacle was the discounted programming provided by the Aquatic Center that NCPRD owns. Gary advocated for a change in governance at NCPRD so that the board of directors could no longer live outside the district and were no longer automatically County Commissioners. Gary also advocated for the completion of Milwaukie Bay Park and hoped that it could be completed.

Ali Feuerstein:

Ali discussed to PARB that she was on the committee with Grover to discuss local control of NCPRD. Ali felt that they need to build community trust for a governance change. Ali discussed that NCPRD has a funding crisis and is running out of funds. Ali is having discussions every week to find a way to get Milwaukie Bay Park funding passed by the board of directors.

Councilor Massey:

Councilor Massey discussed his desire to leave the district. Councilor Massey stated that the City is still in court with Clackamas County and that the appeals process is slow, though that decisions will have to be made once a ruling comes in. Unfortunately, there is no timeline for that decision on the appeal. Councilor Massey expressed that he wished there was a definitive way forward, though one does not exist.

Parks Project Update:

PARB selected Stella to be the representative to the committee to select an artist for public art in Scott Park. Max was selected as the alternate.

Peter provide an update on the development of Scott, Balfour, and Bowman-Brae Parks.