



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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

AGENDA: February 28, 2024 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Zoom Meeting

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83406288836?pwd=Q3R2SzlDMDBOLzZoQVQybHUxanVIZz09>

Board Members: Ali Feuerstein (Chair), Heather Baskerville (Vice Chair), Gary Klein, Sabina Spencer, Virginia Pai, Martín Alvarez, Max Penneck

City Council: Robert Massey (Interim Council President)

Milwaukie Staff: Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director, Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator

Agenda Items

4:30 – 4:40	Welcome / Land Acknowledgement / Review Minutes	Chair
	<i>The City of Milwaukie respectfully acknowledges that our community is located on the ancestral homeland of the Clackamas people. In 1855, the surviving members of the Clackamas signed the Willamette Valley Treaty also known as the Kalapuya etc. Treaty with the federal government in good faith. We acknowledge that the territory covered by the City of Milwaukie is on the ancestral homelands of the Clackamas people. We offer our respect and gratitude to the indigenous people of this land.</i>	
4:40 – 4:45	Public Comment (General)	Chair
4:45 – 4:50	Council Change	Staff
4:50 – 5:10	DAC Update	Chair
5:10 – 5:20	Update Park Naming Policy	Chair
5:20 – 5:25	PARB Goal Revisited	Chair
5:25 – 5:30	Future Meetings Times & Locations	Chair
5:30 – 6:00	Parks Development Update	Staff

Important Dates:

- **City Council Update on Scott, Balfour, Bowman-Brae**
 - City Council Work Session on March 5, 4:00 – 5:30pm:
<https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/citycouncil/city-council-work-session-344>
 - Parks update is second on the agenda and is scheduled for approximately 5:00pm, though may start early or later depending on the other agenda items.
- **Construction Kick-Off for Scott, Balfour, Bowman-Brae**
 - Balfour Park, March 9, 10:00 – 11:30am:
<https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/publicworks/balfour-scott-bowman-brae-park-construction-kick-0>

PARB GOALS 2023:

Increase inclusion of historically marginalized communities and community participation in parks projects, resources, and activities

Subgoals:

- *Track demographics in city-led parks outreach and engagement where possible and discuss opportunities with staff to expand participation in marginalized communities*
- *Advocate for equitable park naming policies and participate in future park renaming efforts*

Increase community awareness of park resources and benefits

Subgoals:

- *Find or create outreach materials to increase awareness of park presence and amenities for community members*
- *Find or create outreach materials to increase awareness of PARB as a community resource*

Revisit goals in PARB meetings and actions

Subgoals:

- *Identify strategy to track progress of PARB annual goals in PARB meetings*

Learn more about sustainable landscaping and farming practices and programs in parks

Subgoals:

- *Coordinate or attend presentations on sustainable landscaping and farming practices, including food forests and community garden programs in the region.*

Advocate for equitable play opportunities in parks

Subgoals:

- *Explore opportunities and advocate for a 'destination playground' for universal ability play in future park development projects by submitting testimony or letters of support*

Advocate for the completion of Milwaukie Bay Park Phase III



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January 24, 2024 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. | Zoom Meeting

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

Board Members Absent: Sabina Spicer

Milwaukie Staff Present: Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director, Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator, Jon Hennington, Public Works Administrative Specialist II

Passarelli informed the board of departures of Natalie Rogers, Climate and Natural Resources Manager as Parks and Recreation Board (PARB) liaison. Passarelli will step into the role of board liaison with Moore supporting.

Passarelli also informed board of the resignation of Council President Nicodemus and gave timeline of appointment and elections.

Passarelli announced that PARB may move to quarterly updates. **Feuerstein** asked for clarification that PARB meetings would be quarterly, not just park updates. **Baskerville** asked if the quarterly meeting move is related to internal staffing issues. **Passarelli** stated that this was part of the consideration. **Baskerville** expressed concern that moving to quarterly would make it difficult for the board to be able to meet the goals that have been set and asked if the city would be looking for other channels to receive advice and feedback from PARB. **Feuerstein** stated that quarterly meetings would limit PARB's ability to make meaningful progress towards the PARB goals and give the city meaningful feedback and suggested bimonthly meetings as an option. **Passarelli** stated that the goal is to be sure that meetings are productive and can be staffed appropriately. **Klein** noted that Moore has been in regular attendance at meetings and recommended Moore stepping into the role of liaison. **Passarelli** stated that board liaisons are generally managers, but that Moore acting as liaison could be a possibility.

Baskerville asked what other forums for communication are utilized by other boards with non-monthly schedules and suggested consolidating with or partnering with Tree Board or others.

Passarelli mentioned that the Tree Board usually has a full agenda and a primary focus on trees in the community and is not necessarily viewing trees from the same perspective that PARB does.

Pai noted that the Milwaukie Parks Foundation is planning to do fundraising around the neighborhood parks projects and that PARB intended to support that work.

Klein expressed concern about PARB turnover further reducing capacity to provide valuable feedback.

Alvarez voiced concern about quarterly meeting frequency.

Baskerville noted that the neighborhood parks projects beginning construction also supported monthly meetings to provide feedback.

Passarelli thanked the board and offered to take feedback to the city manager.

Hennington informed Klein that the city's board management system shows Klein's current term expiring on 06/30/2025.

Moore provided an update from board member Spicer who expressed continued interest in the board and its work, but noted that meeting times conflict with parenting needs.

Baskerville said that time and frequency has been set by the city and asked if it would be helpful that the board discussed and came up with alternative time to meet.

Baskerville asked if there is a backfill for Rogers' position. **Passarelli** noted that is part of the current budget discussion and added that Council is also looking to consider ways to ensure that equity is integrated into all city functions and funding mechanisms to support this.

Baskerville asked how PARB compares to other city boards in terms of advising the city in terms of the dollar amounts of the projects being considered. **Passarelli** pointed out the complexities and uniqueness of each board's areas of expertise and suggested that comparing dollar amounts short-changes PARB's work given that large amounts of funding are tied to the current projects, but PARB always has an important advisory role even absent new park development.

Moore provided an update on parks projects and October parks event.

Baskerville asked how the order and timing of park construction will be decided.

Moore indicated that the contractor would drive most of that decision. **Moore** added that since bids came in under budget and below the engineer's estimate. Enhancements will be added to the project. **Moore** sought feedback about adding 3 or 4 dark sky-rated 3ft bollard lights in Scott Park to provide a lit path for leaving the library through the park to the parking on Main Street. **Penneck** expressed support for bird-friendly lighting. **Moore** recognized that there appeared to be support within PARB and mentioned that the city will also discuss with the condo association adjacent to Scott Park.

Moore mentioned that the projects are not expected to use all of the Metro local share funds, which can be spent on these projects or on another project, but we don't know how much of the local share we won't need.

Feuerstein expressed approval of the update and the projects being under budget.

Moore informed the board that the construction kick-off will be held at Balfor Park in recognition of the fundraising and contribution from Ardenwald Neighborhood District Association.

Feuerstein adjourned the meeting at 6:12p