



# PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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

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## Members

Ben Johnson, Ali Feuerstein, Martha Germany, Gary Klein, Jackson Calhoun, Virginia Pai, Heather Baskerville, Martín Alvarez, Councilor Desi Nicodemus

Upcoming Members (07/01/2022): Sabina Spencer

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:** June 22, 2022 | 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. | Online Zoom Meeting

4:30 – 4:35	Welcome/Review minutes from the Apr. 27 meeting	Ben
4:35 – 4:40	Public Comment (General)	Ben
4:40 – 4:50	Ann Ober, City Manager, Intro and Updates	Ann
4:50 – 5:00	Welcome and Intros to new PARB members	Ben
5:00 – 5:10	Upcoming Events and PARB engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Juneteenth Celebration (6/18 11am to 3pm)</li><li>• July and August Parks Development Events</li></ul>	Ben/Heather
5:10 – 5:20	Initial conversation on goal focus	Ben/Heather
5:20 – 5:25	NCPRD Update	Heather
5:25 – 5:30	PARB Members Updates	All
5:30 – 6:00	Parks Development Updates	Adam
6:00	Adjourn	

## **MEETING PACKET ITEMS**

1. 06/22 Agenda
2. Minutes from 05/25 PARB meeting
3. 05/25 Park Development Update Items - Email
4. Scott Park Engagement Numbers - Email
5. Goals Discussion Whiteboard Sticky Note Activity



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City Staff: Natalie Rogers (staff liaison)

NCPRD Staff: Heather Koch

Public attendees: Lisa Gunion-Rinker

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

## **Meeting started at 4:39pm**

April PARB Meeting minutes were approved.

## **Public Comments**

None

## **Goals Discussion**

PARB commenced exercise to review and confirm goals. Natalie used a Zoom Whiteboard to keep track of goals created by PARB from current and previous meetings (attached in packet).

PARB added the following goal options:

- Advocate for increase in environmental benefits/CAP application in parks
- Materials and outreach related to recreational amenities
  - NCPRD has some materials online for parks that; suggestion Melina to join to share more information
  - Milwaukie Parks foundation has this information available
- Learn more and advocate for a food forest/edible landscaping/community garden in parks
  - Consider maintenance and management
- Destination playgrounds for universal ability play
- Increased inclusion of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Nominated Goals (see attached goals whiteboard):

1. Invite and track participation
2. Materials and outreach related to recreational amenities
3. Learn more for a food forest/edible landscaping/community garden in parks
4. Add equity and inclusion statement in PARB bylaws by end of 2022
5. Define how best to track and manage goals in the minutes

## 6. Universal play at parks

Motion was made with universal approval for the above goals (Ali motioned, Ginny second).

### **NCPRD updates presented by Heather K:**

Heather presented the following public Engagement Results from Mar-Apr 2022:

- 2,303 site visits
- 35 webinars
- 3 spanish-speaking small group discussion with 26 attendees

#### *Milwaukie Bay Park*

- Cost update was adjusted to right size budget within 5% of original cost without losing major features of the park

#### *General*

- Recruiting positions for two planners including capital projects planner
- Budget was approved and will be adopted in June 2022
- Milwaukie Community Center community garden beds are open; \$25 per season to rent a garden bed
- Spring plant assessments and restoration has begin
- 60% full for swim lessons

### **City Updates presented by Natalie:**

- June 7th Adam Moore will be providing updates and annual update on Elk Rock Island at the Counsel Work Session. City staff are exploring need to take over Elk Rock Island maintenance from NCPRD; further discussion on whether or not PARB supports greenspaces in addition to parks.
- NCPRD and City discussions - Michael Bork, NCPRD Director, and Anne Ober, City Manager, for any questions (Anne will be at the next PARB meeting)
- Martha Germany will be departing from PARB in June 2022; Many Thanks to Martha and all her work on PARB over the years.
- Nominate Sabina Spicer will be joining PARB in June 2022
- Juneteenth event on 6/18 in Water Tower Park – see city calendar for details

### **Parks Development Update presented by Natalie:**

Recording began 5:57pm

See attached email with complete update from Adam Moore.

- Positive outcome with Scott Park event on 5/1/22; thank you to community support
- Next Scott Park event will be a public meeting forum of Week of Aug 1 during a weekday night
- June 4th Pride Event
- Aiming for open houses for Belfour: Week of July 18 and Bowman Brae Parks: Week of July 25; asking NDA and PARB for support in gathering engagement and volunteering for event;

No questions from PARB.

**Motion to Adjourn at 6:05pm**

**From:** [Adam Moore](#)  
**To:** [Natalie Rogers](#)  
**Subject:** PARB update  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 25, 2022 2:39:46 PM

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Hi,

Just looking for a couple updates as most will be talked about at Council on Tuesday.

#### Scott Park

- Thanks to Virginia for volunteering her time at the May 1 event! If we are going to continue to do more robust events that match our Public Involvement Plan we will need more support from PARB and the NDAs in the future. Please consider volunteering in the future
- Wonderful event on the 1<sup>st</sup>! Thanks to everyone who came out. (Ben, Gary, Martín, Heather Koch, many others where there). Filled up 13 sign in sheets and ran out of food twice. Credit to Jon Hennington for his good idea to have the event during the Farmer's Market and Friends of the Ledding Library event. Also thanks to Jon, Jennifer Lee, Natalie, Peter, Katie Newell, Jana Hoffman, and Kim Oslen for working the event.
- Also please give a warm HONK! to Amber Oslen for her amazing portal of Millie the Goose.
- Results of the feedback from event and the online survey will be available at Council on Tuesday
- Next Scott Park event will be a more tradition planning meeting, though still in line with our PIP and many of the details are being worked out. Looking at an evening event, probably week day the week of August 1. Probably at the Library.

#### Focus Groups:

- Consultants will conduct focus groups that convene 1) residents with disabilities, 2) Black or African American residents, 3) Spanish speaking / Lantix/a/o communities
- City staff will do outreach at Juneteenth and Pride
- City staff will do outreach and potentially focus groups with Hillside Manor or other housing complexes near project parks
- City staff will do pop up out reach at the farmer's market, parks, and other events as available

#### Bowman-Brae & Balfour:

- Existing conditions for both parks being wrapped up
- Infiltration testing completed at the parks last week
- Planning first round of engagements those parks. Open houses with food are being planned, though will need support of NDA and PARB to make them happen. Adam will be reaching out to NDAs

#### Discussion:

- Any concerns about open houses at Balfour week of July 18? Or Bowman-Brae week of July 25?
  - Looking an evening event during the week in the evening
  - Would encourage people to "roll or stroll" down to the parks. City staff will save

parking spaces near the parks for those with mobility issues. Parks are undeveloped and inaccessible in places. Online surveys will also be available or other events will be more accessible.

- Could have fun activities and food, though constant with the parks and their neighborhood settings
- Out reach with post cards would be smaller to either ¼ mile or ½ mile. Would ask NDA for help with personal invites.
- Please discuss future events at Balfour or Bowman Brae.
- Can anyone volunteer?
- Please discuss other items.
- Questions?

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**From:** [Adam Moore](#)  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Scott Park May Engagement Highlights  
**Date:** Friday, May 27, 2022 2:37:19 PM

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Hi Everyone,

Please excuse my absence from the PARB meeting on Wednesday, I was rather ill. I trust Natalie did a great job filling in for me. I'll review the meeting video once it's posted and be following up with Natalie next week. If any of you have any questions or concerns feel free to reach out to me directly.

I did want to share with you the highlights from our May 1 event with all of you. A full report will be provided in my update to City Council on June 7<sup>th</sup> at their work session. You all are encouraged to watch live or check out the video once it's posted online. The highlights from May 1 and the online survey are below.

Have a great holiday weekend,

Adam

## Introduction

To kick off the City of Milwaukie's Parks Engagement Project, the City conducted an online open house and in-person celebration for Scott Park in early May 2022. Participants could learn about the Scott Park redesign project, provide input on how they currently use its facilities and provide feedback on what they would like to see in the future park. Both events were bilingual in English and Spanish.

## Overall Participation and Notification

The project team developed an **online survey** and hosted an **in-person celebration event** to gather community feedback. The online survey was open from May 2 – May 18, 2022. There were **116 unique visits**, and **42 responses**.

The in-person celebration event was well attended, with **199 participants** who signed in at the event. Those who participated had a series of stations to provide input. The City also received **39 written surveys, written comment cards (7) and drawings from children (24)**.

Community members were informed about the event through the following:

- Mailer to nearly 22,000 of residents within the 97222 zip code and Milwaukie's Urban Growth Management Area.
- Social Media posts to Facebook pages and the City's website.
- An article in the local Pilot newspaper introducing the parks project.
- Posts on the project website.

## Feedback Themes

There were several themes that emerged from the online and in-person feedback. Most respondents appreciated the trees, nature, and greenspaces of Scott Park. **The duck pond was a popular feature**, and many also **enjoyed the peace and quiet of the park**.

Several respondents **did not like the park's water viewing areas, and felt they were unsafe or difficult to access**. The pond is a main feature and reason people visit, so access is important. Many also felt the park was **unmaintained, with overgrown weeds and natural areas**. Parking was a common issue, especially as the lot is shared with the library. Others felt the park needed better overall maintenance, more programming, and a play structure to entice more people to visit.

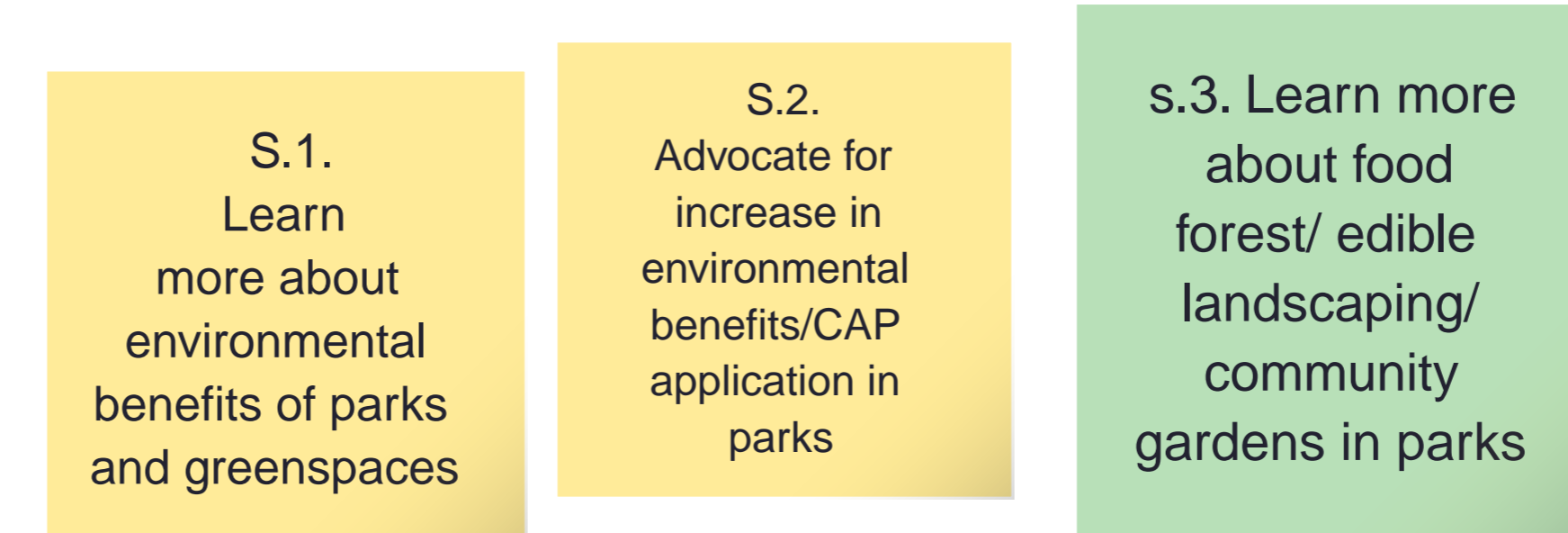
The most commonly requested improvements included adding a **play area**, followed by **more nature and greenspaces, park programming, and better seating and walking paths**. Respondents also wanted **more natural areas** when considering the design of Scott Park. Better parking, programming, access, and seating were also mentioned.

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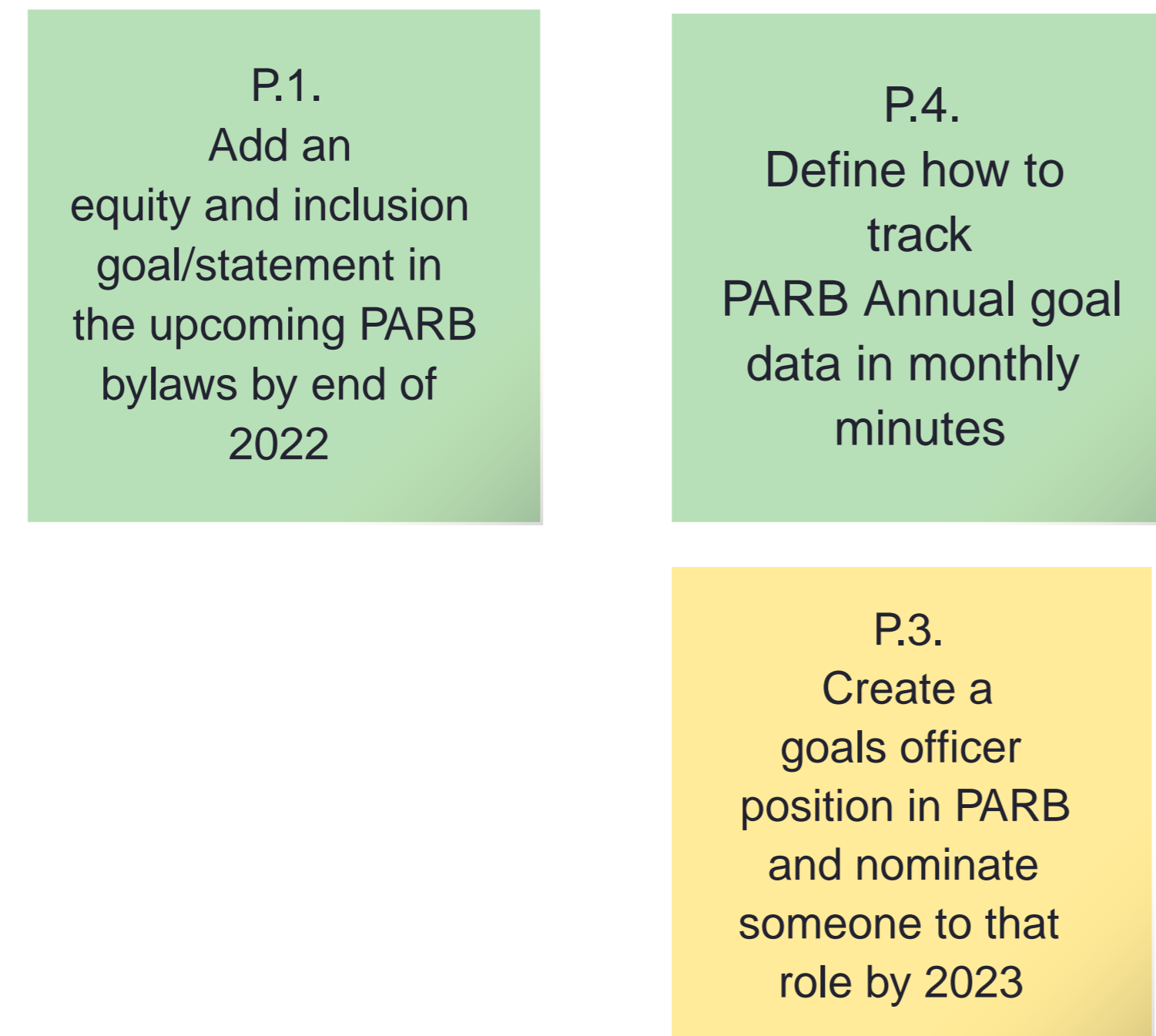
## Engagement



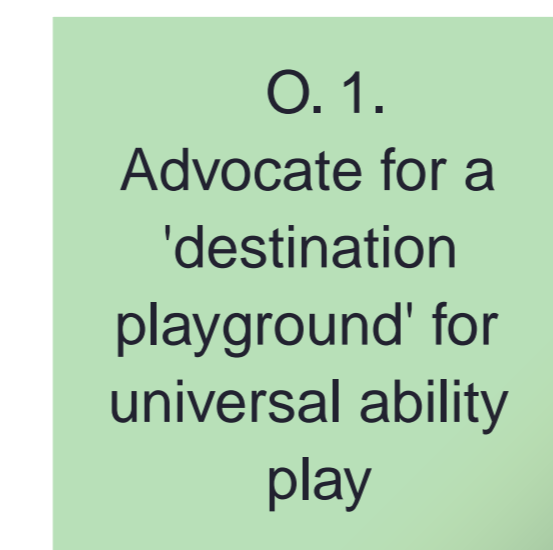
## Sustainability/Environment



## PARB-centric



## Other/ Parking Lot



### **Legend:**

Yellow Sticky - Goal ideas and subgoals

Green Sticky - Adopted Goals

**Note:** Some subgoals clustered under a green sticky means that PARB would like to capture the intent of those goals in the adopted goal. Further discussion is needed to define.