

**PSAC Meeting
April 24, 2025
Public Safety Building**

Attendance:

Chair: Shimron Tubman (Linwood)

Vice Chair: Stephan Lashbrook (Lewelling/TSP)

NDA Representatives:

Elvis Clark (Ardenwald)

Julie King (Island Station)

At-Large members: Jack Hudson, Rachel Burlington

City Engineering Liaisons: Jeff Tolentino, Adi Salinas

Police: Tony Cereghino

A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Tubman

I. Approve Minutes from 4/24/2025

Suggested adjustments:

Proposed program process changes and final steps for SPOT submissions will be updated to include that the 2nd form will be distributed to all City stakeholders, who will have two weeks to respond.

K9 Flora's handler's name is misspelled. The correct spelling is MEIER.

(Jack/Stephan) motion to approve minutes with above changes

8 approve/ 0 opposed/ 0 abstain

Motion passes

II. Public Comments (none)

III. REPORTS

A. Police Report

- Tuesday program with LOVE at Ledding library, helping houseless people with services including housing alternatives, substance abuse program referral, mental health and other service referrals, and the program is more successful this year than last – last year they helped 58 citizens, this year to date they have helped 65.

- MPD conducted a local theft mission (e.g., Walgreens, Ace, Milwaukie Marketplace, New Seasons, Safeway, etc.) resulting in some arrests and positive feedback from local business owners who are collaborating with MPD to help deter theft. Ace and Walgreens will bring on more security during these missions to assist. MPD's goal is to get the word out that if people come to steal items, they will be caught.
- MPD is still below target on staffing. Lateral Officer Bentley is policing on his own now, and there are 3 officers training at the Academy, and 2 are in background checks.
- During the April MPD-DEA drug turn-in and document shredding event, 114 pounds of drugs were received, and 180 cars and one bike went through that day.
- Ten bodies have been recovered from the Willamette River recently, largely due to lower water levels, a raise in water temperature, and more people fishing or active along the riverfront. None were Milwaukie citizens.
- The May 17th Corporal Duffie fundraiser at American Legion Post #180 was a success and \$8,000.00 was raised to provide gap funding for veterans in need while the Veteran's Administration processes their service requests. This year, additional PD's were included. Walther is the POC on this event.
- Added by note taker: Tony Cereghino was recognized by the Portland FBI with an Excellence in Service Award.

B. NDA Concerns

ARDENWALD:

Parked cars and structures impede foot traffic west of 32nd around the area of the Milwaukie Café. Project 37 sidewalk improvements (PLTS 4) on the TSP list addresses this to some degree.

LINWOOD: Furnberg park Safety Concerns

Neighbors adjacent to the park do not always feel safe. There have been thefts in the area, illicit behavior, and during a recent NDA meeting held there MPD was notified but was unable to respond before the meeting concluded.

There is some confusion about jurisdictions as the park is covered by CCSO and MPD. MPD is generally primary responding agency.

MPD suggested that they can attend the Linwood NDA meeting beginning in June, and are able to add ghost cars, walking patrols, and bike patrols by request.

MPD offered to assign one point of contact to ensure continuity and consistency in patrolling the park and asked if there could be one neighbor as the MPD point of contact.

MPD encourages neighbors to report any illicit behavior and offer contact information for follow up at the time of the report.

A few people mentioned that increased human activity in the park/area can potentially offset illicit activity with the exception of adding electrical outlets, which tend to attract people wanting to charge electronic devices.

HECTOR CAMPBELL: rep absent

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE: rep absent

ISLAND STATION: Tony Cereghino brought up MPD awareness of a promotional article about Milwaukie that was published in Willamette Week specifically naming Elk Rock as an attraction of interest and plans extra patrols in the ISNDA area this weekend.

LAKE ROAD: rep absent

LEWELLING:

Is it possible for MPD to add patrols along Springwater corridor? MPD clarified that most of the area is outside MPD jurisdiction but will look into it. They do respond, on occasion, to assist Portland Police Bureau in the area.

IV. DISCUSSION

A. TSP Update

The improvement for Stanley is underway and the City engineering department is moving ahead in coordination with the County, and they prefer additional upgrades be done in concert with improvements already slated for the corridor. A flashing beacon at Logus and Stanley is being added to work already underway and this will be CIP funded.

PSAC members who are on the TSP report things were moving slowly but recently has picked up speed. They are tentatively targeting finishing their project selection process in October, that will be followed by public outreach, and it's going to be a busy summer. PSAC Chairman agrees to set aside meeting time as necessary to complete the PSAC part as timely as possible.

Can the pedestrian and bike projects be layered on one map to help in decision making process?

At-Large representatives asked for direction from the Committee on anything specific they should target as they go through the list and were directed to focus on their own prerogatives or priorities.

While funding is not always guaranteed there have been times historically when funds were allocated late, so keep on list what is preferred.

B. Radar Equipped Speed Signs

The City of Happy Valley has four surplus lighted signs they gave to Milwaukie. Milwaukie Engineers are testing them to be sure they are fully operational. Two have the capacity to collect traffic data. The signs are movable but it is recommended that they place them for 2-3 years. MPD identified specific areas as Lake Road at Boss, and 36th and Harrison where they can do the most good as calming traffic measures.

Other potential areas are two in ones at Sparrow and Spring Park, Railroad westbound at Stanley, and Stanley and Firwood (cut through school).

- Harvey(?) eastbound at 42nd hill and around the 90-degree curve
- They are adding sidewalks to one side of the road there.
- Would it be better to place at 37th instead of 36th and Harrison?
- MPD suggested 36th as vehicles are coming down a hill.
- Recommends better lighting and speed signs on Harmony Road between Linwood and Fuller.
- Add the four way stops on Harvey. It would be good to learn traffic patterns there using data collection lights. East or West at Harvey as a strong starting point.
- There is one on Boyd at 29th and MPD has some they can move around. Consider speed bumps?
- A subcommittee is looking at photo radar per City Manager.

C. SPOT Program

General question of appropriate use of funds as the SPOT program is intended for safety controls to be added and encourage a feeling of connection amongst neighbors. Should funds be available for other uses, for example, street lighting? City Engineers will look into that.

i. Island Station Signs (update)

In process. Potentially complete within two months.

ii. Speed Bumps on Wichita (update)

Concerns about the sound impact on the neighborhood were brought up.

Are the neighbors aware of the four speed bumps being installed?

Page two of initial proposal requires information regarding impacts. It would be good to communicate with stakeholders. Generally there is some form of communication about installations.

Yes, some people may be upset about it but a young child/toddler was killed there and while there are unintended consequences safety is the main concern.

iii. RRFB at Stanley Ave & Harlow St (update)

Engineering has determined there is enough sun on the West side to power 30-watt solar powered signage. The current pole belongs to PGE and they denied the City's use of it. 30 watt is standard and they are in process of ordering it. Public Works is looking at installing potentially within a month. There may be problems with placement of the sign and ADA but that is being verified. The project quote of \$9000 includes signs.

The topic came up with a group of engineers, and they believe the sign is too far from the crosswalk.

Will verify brighter lights and that shouldn't cost much more.

iv. RRFB at Harrison (update)

Other SPOT items Discussed:

Notifying impacted households of changes.

For CIP projects there is usually a public engagement outreach (e.g., open house, letters/postcards, etc.)

There is an area on the SPOT proposal form regarding potential impact. The core philosophy is to make the area safer for all.

Managing expectations is helpful. Perhaps NDA members drop flyers or City sends postcards to give the public 7 days to respond.

How does continued Maintenance work?

For example, if a vehicle takes out a sign installed under SPOT program is SPOT liable for repairs, or maintenance to any of the lighted signs, etc.?

It will likely fall under the responsibility of the City once it's installed.

V. FUTURE MEETING DATE/AGENDA ITEMS All

Next regular meeting June 26, 2025

VI. ADJOURN