



# NORTH CLACKAMAS PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT

## Center/Community Advisory Board Minutes

**DATE:** September 12, 2014; 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** Milwaukie Center

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**Members Present:** Siri Bernard, Ben Horner-Johnson, Virginia Seitz, Teena Hall

**Members Absent:** Ben Tabler, Louise Fisher, Lisa Ferguson, Kim Buchholz, Bill Bersie

**Staff Present:** Carl Switzer, Marty Hanley, Robin Bruce

**Friends:** Colleen Sinsel

**Guests:** Joel Bergman, Kristin Messing

**Call to Order:** Siri Bernard called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

**Introduction of guests:** Joel Bergman and Kristin Messing are candidates for appointment to the board. Members have their applications and will vote to appoint at next month's meeting.

**Approval of Minutes from July 11, 2014:** A quorum is not present, so the vote will be tabled until next month's meeting.

**Board member information/announcements:** Siri Bernard said the Milwaukie Museum is opening again. Celebration on September 27th, from 1-5 PM.

**Ballot Update:** Carl Switzer gave an update on the Measure 4-351 ballot to create an independent parks and recreation district. He said the ballot will do two things: 1) make the district independent of the county with an elected board of five members, all residents of the district, and 2) a raise in the tax rate from 54 cents to 89 cents per \$1000 in assessed values.

Staff can only give factual information to citizen inquiries. Anyone outside of NCPRD can promote the ballot and ask citizen to vote for it. To this end a PAC has been formed by interested people to raise funds and advocate for the ballot.

Staff met with the Friends of the Milwaukie Center who then made a \$20,000 contribution to the PAC.

Eleven candidates have filed for the five board position. Some of the candidates are current or former District Advisory Board members. The five candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected. Of course, this will only happen if the ballot measure passes.

There will be several opportunities for the public to get information about the measure between now and Nov 4. The Milwaukie Center may have an open house for that purpose.

Siri asked about the community center in Happy Valley that was mentioned in the measure information. Carl said Happy Valley had identified a community center long before joining the District and made it their highest priority. The concept is to have a gym and some classrooms and offices. It would not be a direct competitor to the Milwaukie Center. There would be no reductions in funding or services for the Milwaukie Center. Other parks districts have numerous centers and they are all well-supported.

Marty said the Milwaukie Center will continue to be a senior focused community center. The plan is still to make improvements at the Milwaukie Center if we have additional funding. Carl said we still plan on a significant remodel and additional programs.

Property taxes would be affected for those living in the district. Taxes would be collected just as they are now, only at a new rate of 89 cents per \$1000 assessed value instead of 54 cents.

At this time district employees are actually county employees contracted by the District. By state law, all functions of the district would be absorbed by the new entity. Nothing changes for the employees (salaries, benefits, etc.) for one year.

Virginia asked if we had received any feedback from the public about how they are feeling about this change. Carl said there has been no organized opposition to this measure.

Carl will give a quick update on the ballot measure at next month's meeting.

**Board Appointments and Reappointments:** Marty reported that the board will be able to vote on new appointments and reappointments to the board next month. They will have the opportunity to recommend members to the DAB. The new appointments would be Joel Bergman and Kristin Messing. Reappointments would be for Ben Horner-Johnson, Kim Buchholz and Lisa Ferguson. Ben Tabler has resigned from the board as of today. Lisa Ferguson is appointed by the City of Milwaukie and is an ongoing member. Her reappointment will just add another term.

**Committee Reports:**

**Nutrition/Transportation/Social Services:** Ben Tabler is no longer on the board. There was no report.

**Recreation and Program:** This committee did not meet this summer. No report.

**Facility and Rentals:** Ben said the committee meets quarterly and the next meeting will be on Oct 8.

**District Advisory Board:** Carl said this month's meeting was cancelled because they did not have a quorum.

**Area Agency on Aging:** Virginia said the committee met on Sept 8 (always second Mon of the month).

- Orientation of new members

- Focus on emergency preparedness for urban and rural households.
- Committee would like to provide 72-hour kits at a cost of about \$150 each to seniors. Will need to find financing.
- Age Friendly Communities group :
  - Lecture at PSU on Sept 23 at 8:30 a.m. about Portland's housing plan
  - Not enough housing for seniors in the future
  - Members continue to visit senior centers that have meal sites
- Carl said many groups have voiced support.

**Friends of the Milwaukie Center:**

- Board has three new members
- Lumberjack Breakfast on Sept 27 from 8-11 a.m. Have \$3600 in sponsors.
- Members funded a bus for the Lumberjack Breakfast and also bought tickets for the riders.
- The Housing Fair is in Nov.
- The Garden Tour netted \$1500. Will not be doing this event again.
- Fred Meyer rewards cards have contributed over \$400
- There was a special board meeting regarding the ballot measure
  - There was a lot of discussion about whether the Friends mission covered supporting NCPRD, too
  - Contributed \$20,000 to the PAC
- The newsletter is no longer supported by a grant from Moda.
  - Not going back to printing on newsprint
  - Partial color on future newsletters
  - Will publish 10 issues a year
  - Cost will be \$20,000 total for a year
- A letter has been written for the voter's pamphlet for the ballot measure

**Center Report:** Marty Hanley reported.

- Pete's Café was improved during the maintenance week.
- Back room that is being used for laundry equipment was also improved.
- On Sept 18 the End-of-Summer Barbecue will be held.
  - Sponsored by Bob's Red Mill and Humana
  - This event is a fundraiser for the Nutrition program

**Adjournment:**

Siri adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.