



# NORTH CLACKAMAS PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT

## Center/Community Advisory Board Minutes

**DATE:** September 11, 2015; 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** Milwaukie Center

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**Members Present:** Siri Bernard, Bill Bersie, Virginia Seitz, Kristin Messing, Louise Fisher, Kim Buchholz, Teena Hall

**Members Absent:** Teena Hall, Joel Bergman, Lisa Ferguson, Ben Horner-Johnson

**Staff Present:** Marty Hanley, Robin Bruce, Abby Kennedy, Lisa Kasubuchi, Rose Hunt

Rose Hunt was introduced. She will staff the C/CAB meetings beginning in November.

**Call to Order:** Siri Bernard, Chair, called the C/CAB meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes from June and August, 2015:** *Louise Fisher moved and Kim Buchholz seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June and August 2015 meetings. APPROVED, unanimously*

**Board Announcements:**  
None.

**Social Services Update:** Abby Kennedy and Lisa Kasubuchi reported. The respite program, A Place at the Center (APAC), has been at the Center for 23 years since a grant was awarded from the Brookdale Foundation out of New Jersey. They are now funding another program for early onset memory loss based on the Montessori Method. The Center will receive \$10,000 the first year and \$5,000 the second year. We will need to be self-sustaining after that.

The program is being created now and will probably start in January or February 2016. It will have 4-hour sessions on Fridays and will include information for caregivers. Staff is looking for a name for the program - email Abby Kennedy with ideas. This will be a fee-based program, \$24/\$30 per session. After a pre-screening, 8 to 12 participants will be registered. The budget will pay for a brochure, some staff time, training, and program supplies.

The objective or purpose of the program: People with early onset memory loss feel engaged with the community and their life. Participants can also transition to the APAC program. There will be an announcement in the newsletter and appeals for community support.

In November, Abby and Lisa will attend a conference in Denver paid for by this grant.

**Board Announcements:**

- Siri is going to have a regular article in the Milwaukie Pilot.
- Kristin says the residents of Happy Valley have the perception that they have to go a long way for services.
- Siri will contact Happy Valley regarding a monthly article about the Center.

**Capital Improvement Update:** Marty Hanley reported.

- The C/CAB requested that Marty come to future meetings with a monthly update on plans for the capital improvement funds.
- Marty will meet with the Director, Gary Barth, and he will report on that meeting next month.
- The money will be spent on modernization of the Center and better utilization of the space.
- There could be disruption of programming if construction is major requiring room changes. Hopefully there will be little impact on programming.
- The first step is getting permission for the process.
- The Recreation Committee is taking a tour of the Elsie Stuhr Center on Sept. 22 at 9:30 a.m. Their Center is newer, more modern and inviting.
- If permission is not granted, the C/CAB will respond.
- The first project being proposed is a new reception area in the lobby. This could help patrons find help right away and be more welcoming.

**Meals on Wheels (MOW) Update:** Marty Hanley reported.

- Two weeks after the C/CAB sent letters to the MOW People and the PGE Foundation, Marty sent an email to the MOW People asking that the donations for Clackamas County be passed on the Clackamas County MOW organization.
- Marty will meet next week with the MOW People Director, Suzanne Washington.
- Marty will report again at the October meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Recreation and Program:**

- Did not meet.
- Teena Hall had shoulder surgery. She will have replacements for her classes.
- The committee is going to tour the Elsie Stuhr Center.
- Two new classes will start Fall term - Qigong and Joy.

**District Advisory Board:** Bill Bersie reported.

- The board toured undeveloped park areas, mostly in Milwaukie.
- The areas were small neighborhood parks in process of development since the 90s.
- The issue is whether to spend money on small areas that will then need to be maintained.
- Is it possible to sell some parks and spend the money on other spaces?

**Nutrition/Transportation/Social Services:** No report.

**Facility and Rentals:** Did not meet. Next meeting on Oct. 7th, 11 AM.

**Aging Services Advisory Council:** Virginia Seitz reported.

- Committee will meet Monday.
- On Sept 15 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. there will be a free expo on Emergency Preparedness at CCC in the Gregory Forum.

**Friends of the Milwaukie Center:** Marty Hanley reported.

- The Lumberjack Breakfast is Saturday, Sept 26 from 8 to 11 a.m. Kay was able to get \$4,000 in sponsorships.

**Center Report:** Marty Hanley reported.

- The Farewell to Summer Barbecue is on Thursday, Sept 24 from noon to 1 p.m.
- The men who work for the Emergency Wood program won the Governor's Volunteer Award. They will attend an awards ceremony on Oct 12 along with Marty and Abby.

**Board Comments:**

- The Brain Games class is very popular and is hard to get into. It costs \$25 for 10 sessions. A second class may be opened.
- The Orange Line opens on Saturday. Ride Share has a contract with Tri-Met to provide free instruction on how to use the light rail and other public transportation. Will work with groups and individuals. Kim will send an email with this information.

**Next Month's Agenda:**

- Kathi Schroeder will talk about Meals on Wheels and the Thanksgiving dinner.
- Marty will give updates on the Capital Improvement funds and our relationship with MOW People.

**Adjournment:** at 10:50 a.m.