



NORTH CLACKAMAS
PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT



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PUBLIC INVITED TO VISIONING MEETINGS TO HELP PLAN FOUR FUTURE PARKS IN MILWAUKIE

Clackamas County, OR – Community members are invited to join North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District (NCPRD) and the City of Milwaukie for a second series of community visioning meetings in November to weigh in on four new Milwaukie neighborhood parks. More than 100 people have joined NCPRD and the City of Milwaukie in contributing to the master planning process for these future park sites, which are currently known as Balfour, Bowman-Brae, Robert Kronberg, and Wichita parks. While funding to build the parks is not currently available, community input will help shape the vision for the parks and develop approximate costs.

NCPRD has contracted with Lango Hansen Landscape Architects, who will develop concept plan options for each park and assist with community involvement, information gathering and presentations to the NCPRD District Advisory Board, the NCPRD Board of Directors, the Milwaukie Parks Advisory Board and Milwaukie's City Council.

At the first series of meetings in late September and early October, community members weighed in on draft proposed concept plans for Balfour and Bowman-Brae parks; reviewed site analysis, existing conditions and natural resources opportunities for Robert Kronberg Park; and discussed ideas for the playground at Wichita Park.

ABOUT THE PARKS:

Balfour Park is a .8-acre, undeveloped neighborhood park site located in at 3103 S.E. Balfour St. in the Ardenwald neighborhood in Milwaukie. The City of Milwaukie purchased the land in 2008. The final draft concept plan for the park will be presented at the meeting on Nov. 3.

Bowman-Brae Park is a .69-acre undeveloped neighborhood park located at the intersection of Bowman and Brae streets in the Lake Road neighborhood in Milwaukie. The City of Milwaukie purchased the land in 2011. The final draft concept plan for the park will be presented at the meeting on Nov. 6.

Robert Kronberg Park is approximately 5 acres located between Kellogg Lake and McLoughlin Boulevard, just south of downtown Milwaukie. Current light rail construction includes a future bicycle and pedestrian bridge spanning a portion of the lake and park site. A significant oak tree, views of downtown and Kellogg Lake, and a forested area provide unique areas for passive recreation and natural area interpretation within downtown Milwaukie.

Wichita Park is a 1-acre undeveloped neighborhood park site located at 5908 S.E. Monroe Street in Milwaukie. This property currently has an open lawn area with a few trees planted by neighborhood volunteers. The existing master plan for the park includes an open lawn, a playground, a perimeter path, picnic tables, benches and a disk golf basket. This project will include developing an initial set of construction drawings and a detailed cost estimate. NCPRD is gathering comments on the playground at this time.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY VISIONING MEETINGS:

The public is invited to share their vision for these future neighborhood parks at these upcoming meetings, or by submitting comments to Katie Dunham at (503) 742-4358 or kdunham@clackamas.us. For more information about the projects and meetings, go to ncprd.com.

- **Balfour Park meeting:** 6:30-8 p.m. Nov. 3, Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 S.E. 36th Ave., Milwaukie
- **Robert Kronberg Park meeting:** 6:30-8 p.m. Nov. 5, Milwaukie Grange, 12015 S.E. 22nd St., Milwaukie
- **Bowman-Brae Park meeting:** 6:30-8 p.m. Nov. 6, Milwaukie Center, 5440 S.E. Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie
- **Wichita Park meeting:** 7-8:30 p.m. Nov. 13, Linwood Neighborhood District Association (NDA) Meeting, Linwood Elementary School, 11909 S.E. Linwood Ave., Milwaukie

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North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District is a service district of Clackamas County dedicated to providing exceptional parks and recreation programs, facilities and services. Voters approved the formation of the District in 1990 because they saw the need for greater parks and recreation services in the north end of the county. The District – which serves more than 116,000 residents in a 36-square mile area – includes the cities of Happy Valley, Milwaukie, a portion of the City of Damascus, and a large area of unincorporated Clackamas County. It includes more than 38 parks, 25 natural areas, 15 miles of trails including the 6-mile Trolley Trail, Mount Talbert Nature Park and three facilities: Hood View Sports Complex, the Milwaukie Center and the North Clackamas Aquatic Park. NCPRD's mission: To enrich community vitality and promote healthy living through parks and recreation.