



Meeting Summary
North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District
District Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 12, 2022
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Location: Virtually (via Zoom)

DAC Members Present: Anatta Blackmarr, Ben Johnson, David Gilman, Debrah Bokowski, Desi Nicodemus, Grover Bornefeld, Jan Albrecht, Joel Bergman, Maureen Thom, Ryan Stee

DAC Members Absent: None

Staff and Officials Present: Paul Savas (Clackamas County Commissioner), Michael Bork (NCPRD Director), Heather Koch, Elizabeth Gomez, Jessica May, Melina DeFrancesco (NCPRD)

A video of this meeting is available on the NCPRD website at

<https://ncprd.com/public-meetings/meeting-minutes>

Call to Order

DAC meeting was called to order by Chair Bornefeld at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Action Items

- Approval of DAC Meeting Summary
 - The summary from the special DAC meeting held on December 6, 2021 was approved with edits presented by Anatta and Ryan.
 - The summary from the DAC meeting held on December 8, 2021 was approved without edits.

Public Comment *(For general comments not related to a specific agenda item)*

- None

Discussion Agenda

- Fund Balance Review
 - Michael Bork gave a presentation on the general fund balance review, which included fund balance definition, NCPRD revenues and expenditures, and NCPRD general fund balance review.
- Discussion on MBP Funding Agreement
 - Michael Bork gave a presentation on the funding construction IGA between NCPRD and the City of Milwaukie for Milwaukie Bay Park.
 - Status of Construction IGA: City approved November 2, 2021. It was shared with the DAC in November 2021. It is currently pending approval by the NCPRD Board of Directors.
 - DAC Questions/Comments/Feedback:

- **Anatta Blackmarr:** I am supporting full funding for Milwaukie Bay Park, but a number of people, including myself, would like us to know that the celebration is set against a backdrop of disappointment that many district residents feel about other projects that may not make it to the finish line, or didn't make it yet to the starting line. Milwaukie Bay Park is a big step in the right direction, but the work isn't done until all areas of the district have sufficient, outstanding and imaginatively designed parks. When funding and design commitments have been made to the public, and then there commitments become uncertain, reducing the scope of the project should only be a last resource.
- **Grover Bornefeld:** Is the \$58,000 in the June 2022 budget where it has already been approved? How did it get determined that 2/3 of the total metro money would go to a project that is in the most well served section of our parks district, as opposed to looking at the ones that are at risk?
- **Ryan Stee:** I do think it's something we need to support. I do have a lot of question about funding. What it comes down to is we haven't done the planning as a district to get our ducks in a row to break down disparities. I fully support getting Milwaukie Bay Park project going and done. As a group we need to really be focused on the things we need do to make a difference in the long run. Those two main things are funding and good planning. I love that we are going to be seeing the budget in a more realistic term. I am looking forward to us really pushing as a group system planning.
- **Desi Nicodemus:** The City of Milwaukie is fully behind support Milwaukie Bay Park. The longer this gets pushed back, isn't this going to cost us more money? As we keep talking about this, the price tag keeps increasing. The sooner we get this done, the less money it will cost us.
- **Ben Johnson:** I appreciate Anatta's comment that she is fully in support of the funding mechanisms for this project, but also recognizing some of the issues that we have across the district. Even though this park is in Milwaukie, this park is special to everyone in our district and even those not in the district. This is a tremendous asset to our entire district.
- **Joel Bergman:** Is this something that needs an action on it? I thought this was another opportunity to ask questions, and it sounds like staff would distill our comments to provide to the BCC. I just want to get some clarification on what is being expected of the DAC at this point. .
- **Gary Schmidt:** The BCC is seeking input and recommendations from the DAC on the Milwaukie Bay Park funding agreement. They are not seeking a motion or any action from you other than your input, your advice. They would welcome your input tonight if you have it. There is no formal action you need to take for this. One of the BCC high priorities is build public trust through good government. Staff we failed you (community) because we promised to build MBP, and Concord, and Library. We are going to make the commitments on all three. We will accomplish all three for the community.
- **Grover Bornefeld:** This is a 46 million dollar project. This is being put on a definite hold. We've been promised before. Half the parks are in Milwaukie, and the other half of the parks are shared by the unincorporated. .

- **Ryan Stee:** This isn't us versus them. We're all one district. I think we need to be thoughtful about how we talk about our district as a group. Milwaukie is actually building other parks as well with their own funding mechanisms. That will put pressure on our entire maintenance system. We need to be thinking about all of these additional things in the future and planning for that.
 - **Paul Savas:** Funding for the library is not associated or the responsibility of NCPRD. Some misunderstanding of the financial condition of the district perhaps contributed to the slowdown of the NCPRD concord project. As we recalibrate and resort all of this out, what Mike displayed here today is the financial status that I thought we were in a year ago. I'm glad we cleared that up, that is good news.
 - **Debrah Bokowski:** just wanted to say I am totally supportive of the MBP project. It has been in development for a very long time. It's a great project. It's just unfortunate that we are dealing with delays and funding issues for other projects that I think are of equal importance. I just want to express my total support for it. It doesn't sound like the BCC is asking us to do anything. The BCC needs to move forward with this.
 - **Maureen Thom:** I think everything everybody has said is wonderful. I feel like we are in this little impoverished zone here. I am very interested where everything is going tonight.
 - **Gary Schmidt:** I'll tell you what I'm hearing from observing your meeting, it seems that there's almost unanimous support from Milwaukie Bay Park without a doubt and demonstrate that the Concord project is going to go forward as planned. As long as the staff can prove that to you all, go forward
 - **Desi Nicodemus:** From what I am hearing from Gary is we don't need us to vote on anything, you just need to hear from us that we support it. Can we open it up to public comment? There are a lot of people waiting to make public comment on this.
- Public Comment (only for the *MBP Funding Agreement* agenda item):
 - **Gary Klein** (Milwaukie/Clackamas resident): My family has lived in the Milwaukie/Clackamas area since the late 40s. MBP is now going into phase 3. Phase 1 was done in 2012. Phase 1 was helped with funds from Metro and Milwaukie. Phase 2 was done with the boat launch and that was done with money from Milwaukie and other funding from the Oregon State Parks and Oregon Marine Board.
 - **Angel Falconer** (City Counselor in Milwaukie): Grateful to follow Gary. He is being modest. The City and Gary and his family have spent millions since the 90s on this park. Sometime that timeline on this park sort of gets lost and maybe that's a victim of the phasing of construction and how this is progressed over many years. Thank you Gary and Sharon Klein for the donation of the significant land that is included in Milwaukie Bay Park. We are really grateful to the parks district staff who led a really impressive engagement process with the residents across the region.
 - **Mark Gamba** (Mayor of City of Milwaukie): Milwaukie Bay Park has been a priority of the City since before NCPRD was formed. For decades we have been investing city funds to consolidate the properties that now make up

the park. To date, we have invested over 4.5 million dollars. The one thing I would like to point out is that we believe that based on the current construction planning in the city that about 2.1 millions in parks SDC should come in over the next year. Every year that this project is delayed the cost increases 10-15%.

- **Rory Dunnaback** (President of the Downtown Milwaukie Business Association): The park has a lot of functions. The park is an investment. It's really a gateway to Clackamas County.
- **James:** Asked to yield his time to Lisa Batey.
- **Lisa Gunion-Rinker** (President of the Milwaukie Parks Foundation): I wanted to thank the DAC for all the work that you do. I wanted to correct your slide a little bit, Milwaukie Parks Foundation has raised \$50,000 for Milwaukie Bay Park. We have two more planned capital events coming up this spring. I would really appreciate your support on this project.
- **Matthew Rinker** (Chair of the Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Neighborhood District Association): I would love support to finish this phase 3. We're right on the north park of Milwaukie and the Southern part of Portland. MBP is really a regional hub for so many of our residents.
- **Lisa Lashbrook** (Board member for Parks Foundation): I've spent many years working with NCPRD. I served for 8 years on the parks and recreation board for the City of Milwaukie. I served as a member of the Steering Advisory Committee that selected the design team for MBP. It's time to get MBP built. Years of hard work, by a lot of people have gone towards the completion of this park.
- **Jay Panagos:** I had a question for Gary Schmidt. What aggressive efforts are being made to overcome shortcomings in funds and what will it take to fulfil the commitment that was made originally? It's important for citizens to know why a commitment has not been fulfilled.
- **Kathy Hyzy** (Council President for the City of Milwaukie): I appreciate the opportunity to hear you all and hear you work together. I wanted to reflect back things I heard from each of you that I felt really resonated. Follow through is key for a great parks district. Show what the district can do with making projects really happen. This is a well-baked project, and that is why it moved forward. Really good planning is key. I want to see MBP fully funded and move forward as fast as possible. I support Concord School as a project. Who goes first, doesn't matter.
- **Ted Labbe** (Executive Director of the Urban Greenspaces Institute): I am here tonight to show my unwavering support for funding for the MBP project. We do have unfunded needs for parks in other parts of the NCPRD, that's really important to acknowledge. This park has regional significance. It enables people to get down to the river. When the next heat dome hits, having a park like this that people can get to, that is ADA accessible, is really important for the community.
- **Lisa Batey** (City of Milwaukie Counselor/Board member of the Milwaukie Parks Foundation): I appreciate everything I've heard tonight from the DAC. I appreciate all the community members who came out to speak and support. I participated in some of the Concord school planning, I am very excited about the Concord School. I thought from the beginning it was a

heavy lift and I hope that we can help the County figure out how to fund it, but I don't think we should see them as in competition. They're very different projects. I would hate for this one to go by the wayside anymore. I like to think of MBP as the community's living room. Costs are going up every day. Let's get it going before the costs go up anymore.

- **Carolyn Tomei** (Milwaukie Resident): I've been hearing a lot of pleasant people who are speaking in support of MBP. I want to talk about the history of MBP. There used to be a log dump on the river and log trucks taking the wood away. There was a car dealership, a tavern, several old buildings, and people could not see the river if they drove along McLoughlin.
- **Chips Janger**: Previous chair of the board of the Clackamas library. I want to talk about how important Milwaukie Bay is. I am so happy to hear every member of the DAC supporting this. There is no reason to put this off any longer. This is not in competition with the Concord project. This stands on its own.
- DAC Discussion (Continued):
 - **Jan Albrecht**: Expressed support for MBP with a thumbs up motion.
 - **Joel Bergman**: I support moving forward with Milwaukie Bay Park.
 - **Grover Bornefeld**: Everyone at the meeting has expressed support for moving forward with Milwaukie Bay Park. There has been a discussion about changing the order of projects at a different level and that there was another regional asset that is being set back for lack of funding. There is sensitivity about the prioritization of project funding.
 - **Ben Johnson**: This is not us versus them. Expressed concern with how the chair reframes the action of the board. Do not insert your opinion as speaking for the whole body. The board supports Milwaukie Bay Park and we support the funding of that park.
 - **Grover Bornefeld**: I am a subgroup representative as well as chair and I will not limit my comments.
 - **Anatta Blackmarr**: Heartened that Gary Schmidt committed the County to funding all of the projects. Milwaukie Bay Park is so close to the finish line that it makes sense to just get it done right away.
 - **Ryan Stee**: Indicated interest in commenting later about timing and the board's process.
 - **Joel Bergman**: Grover, you are fully entitled to your opinion, but I do think sometimes you have expressed your opinion and then you slide it in at the end of the board opinion clouds some of the comments that have been made. The process needs some retooling. Please be more mindful of that.
 - **Grover Bornefeld**: There is a significant disappointment about broken promises about funding issues for Oak Grove but fully support Milwaukie Bay Park moving forward.

- Boardman Property Naming Update

- A recap of the outreach and name submissions were included in the agenda packet.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Desi Nicodemus made a motion to have staff ask for consultation from the tribes in the naming process. Joel Bergman seconded the motion.
 - Vote: 9 – Yes, 1 – Opposed.
- Public Comment (only for the *Boardman Property Naming Update* agenda item):
 - **Karen Bjorklund:** I was looking at your 2006 naming policy and I want to suggest that you should not be treating this park naming any different than you treat any others in the future so you might want to go back and check your park naming policy and perhaps put into there an automatic step that you check with the confederated tribe of grand ronde which is who would be responsible for the tribes who are in our area in the future so you have an automatic process that you always do that for a new park.
- Update on DAC Vacancy and Terms
 - Michael Bork provided an update on the DAC vacancy and terms. NCPRD consulted with legal counsel. Legal counsel said since this is a resignation and not filling a new term or a reappointing of it, the DAC should follow the way the bylaws are stated, which means there is either a nominating committee in that particular subarea or as specified in the bylaws, there is an alternative committee.
 - There is one vacancy, due to resignation and two other positions that will expire June 30, 2022.
 - Desi Nicodemus: I would like to see a real push with equity, getting more folks of color in this group because as I look at it right now I'm the only one and that's not truly representative of the entire district.
 - Ryan Stee: I agree with Desi, and other marginalized community members like the LGBTQ community and making sure that we're really thinking about our other marginalized community members as well.
 - DAC will work with PGA and NCPRD staff to generate interest as to when we are going to have those meetings. They need to happen and be complete by the end of the fiscal year.
- Updates (CIP, SDCs)
 - Heather provided a brief update. NCPRD is engaged with FCS and will be working with them in February to review as a staff and then bring it back to the DAC for some feedback in March.

Public Comment

- Lindsay Freedman (resident of subarea 3):
 - Here to say the Justice Property is so sad without more accessible for people to enjoy its beauty. It is 30 years overdue. Getting a small park with a really simple design and making sure this gets done in the near future is so important to the community over here. Fully in support of all of the bigger projects.
- Jan Carothers:
 - 3 million from the Metro funds would go to the MBP. Would the funding gap for MBP come out of the remaining 1.5 million of the remaining metro funds?
- Thelma Haggemiller:
 - I wanted to let you know the Friends of the Trolley Trail have a safety striping project. We are selling t-shirts for \$20 each. All money that come in are matching grants.

DAC Member Reports

- Joel Bergman:
 - Our CCAB board to the Milwaukie Community Center just approve a new member. I believe we still have one vacancy.

District Monthly Reports

Michael Bork provided the division reports.

- The District Monthly reports were included in the agenda packet.

Future Dates

- February Agenda Submission Deadline: Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
- Next Agenda Setting Meeting: Monday January 24, 2022
- Next DAC Meeting: Wednesday February 9, 2022
 - Planned agenda topics:
 - Budget Planning
 - Budget Committee Recruitment
 - Grant Submittal for MBP (Metro Bond Trails Funding)
 - MBP Cost and Funding Update
 - Metro Local Share – Discussion
- Additional Business:
 - **Ryan Stee:** Requested that a standard operating procedure discussion be added to the next meeting about the time allowed for public comment and expressed concerns that the mute button was used on speakers. He asked that a standard time be used and recommended the standard time be three minutes. He also asked to talk about funding as well at the next upcoming meeting.
 - **Grover Bornefeld:** Clarified that a mute button had not been used and most speakers went over the one minute allocated time. He also clarified that people were excused using the term "thank you." He agreed to add the discussion to the next meeting. Chair Bornefeld explained that in other bodies based on time permitted you adjust the time allotted for public comments.
 - **Ben Johnson:** Expressed concerns on how the public comment period was held and asserted that he felt the decision to limit people to one minutes was based on the chairs feelings about the project.
 - **Grover Bornefeld:** Expressed disappointment that board members were asserting that they knew his intentions. Chair Bornefeld and Ben Johnson noted that the decision to limit speaker time had been made at the chair's discretion. Chair Bornefeld explained that he was following the exact model of what they do in the Board of County Commissioner meetings on a regular basis. It is the discretion to try and manage the time so we will end somewhere close to on time.

Adjournment

The DAC meeting was adjourned by Chair Bornefeld at 8:01 p.m.

Next DAC Meeting:

February 9, 2021

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom (Virtually)

NCPRD District Advisory Committee Meeting

Virtual on Zoom, January 12, 2022

Meeting Chat

17:25:04 **Gary Klein:** At what point can I give testimony for MBP? 4b?

12:26:22 **Gary Klein:** so is it 4b?

17:26:31 **Angel Falconer:** Hi there. I am here to give public comments under item V. of the agenda re item IV. b. (Milwaukie Bay Park).

17:29:15 **Gary Klein:** HI, I am Gary Klein and I would love to Give Testimony!

17:31:58 **Mark Gamba:** I would like to testify on the MBP item

17:33:36 **Rory Dunnaback:** I would like to testify for MBP

17:34:36 **James:** I would like to express support of MBP

17:36:17 **Lisa Gunion-Rinker:** I would like to testify on the MBP item as well.

17:36:47 **Matthew Rinker:** I would like to speak about the MBP agenda item.

17:37:00 **Lisa Lashbrook:** Lisa Lashbrook, I am here for the discussion of the funding for Milwaukie Bay Park.

17:37:46 **Jay Panagos:** From Jay Panagos to everyone, I'm here!

17:39:12 **James:** I wish to express support for MBP funding.

17:43:14 **Kathy Hyzy:** James, thanks for being here. They are still working their way up to that item on the agenda. Sit tight! When the time comes for public comment, someone will ask for folks who wish to comment to use the "raise hand" function, and they'll call on you then.

17:45:58 **Jay Panagos:** Supporting MBP funding.

17:48:47 **Lindsay Freedman:** Good thing Justice Property Park won't cost a lot! ❤️❤️😊😊

18:06:59 **Jan Carothers:** I would like to ask a question about the funding of the MBP especially about the Metro local share uncommitted 1.5 million.

18:07:00 **Lindsay Freedman:** I may have to hop off— if I can't get back on in time, I just wanted to say that Justice Property has been in the waiting wing for 30 years— and we're not asking for anything fancy. Please consider that some smaller projects could be so beneficial for community members. Where Milwaukie Bay Park sounds amazing it's quite far from my house. We may visit 1-2x a year, but the small neighborhood projects would be so cherished. I know we are small beans but we really have no park to walk to. Thank you, Anatta for speaking so clearly on this topic. We are sad for being overlooked for so long and will be devastated if this happens again

18:07:18 **Gary Schmidt:** Hello all. I am watching the meeting if I may be of any help to answer any questions. Tonight I recommend the DAC collect any feedback or input on Milwaukie Bay Park and send that back to the District Board. You don't need to take any formal action tonight other than that.

18:14:14 **Lindsay Freedman:** Big regional Parks are not always accessible to community members who struggle with disabilities where small, mellow neighborhood parts may be much more accessible. Just mentioning that, as one of those people who is a parent of one of those people as well.

18:23:31 **Ted Labbe:** I would like to speak in support of MBP funding

18:27:22 **Mitzi Olson:** Jan, go into the drop down menu for audio and select audio setting. Try checking the volume of your microphone.

18:33:03 **Lisa Batey:** I suspect there are more than listed here — people were waiting for the call to raise hands. I would like to speak to this agenda item.

18:33:36 **Kathy Hyzy:** Me too.

18:34:07 **Ben Johnson:** Grover - you've never limited peoples comments on other items until now while people want to express support for MBP. As a chair I expect better from you.

18:34:17 **James:** I would like to yield my one minute to Mark Gamba or Lisa Batey

18:34:33 **Lisa Lashbrook:** I wasn't able to activate speaker in time

18:39:57 **Jay Panagos:** Jay Panagos here! ? for Gary Schmidt. What aggressive efforts are being made to overcome shortcomings of the funding of MBP?

18:46:02 **Gary Schmidt:** Hi Jay, District staff are looking at all funding possibilities to cover the funding gaps for Milwaukie Bay Park, the Concord Project and all District projects.

18:47:06 **Jan Carothers:** I had my hand up for one question on the MBP agreement.

18:47:20 **Jay Panagos:** Thanks for your response Gary.

18:47:33 **Heather Koch:** I see hands up among meeting attendees list: Lisa Batey, Carolyn Tomei, Chips Janger

18:51:50 **Thelma Haggemiller:** Thelma.Haggemiller@outlook.com - Friends of the Trolley Trail - Safety Striping project matching grant t-shirt sales \$20.00 each All sizes available. Contact me by email or at 503-659-5590

18:55:04 **Rory Dunnaback:** Thank you for all of your support

18:55:44 **Lindsay Freedman:** It sounds us v them when one gets funding and another doesn't.

18:55:55 **Lindsay Freedman:** Or otherS don't.

18:59:47 **Lindsay Freedman:** I felt the opposite— I felt Grover's acknowledgement was crucially important to NOT dismiss the concerns of many other community members who love Milwaukie BAY but also feel very dismissed about other projects that haven't been funded. Both concerns can and do exist.

19:04:20 **Lindsay Freedman:** I agree Ben! I think indigenous name should be considered. Perhaps native elders can be consulted.

19:04:28 **Karen Bjorklund:** What process has been used in the past by NCPRD or the DAC to recommend park names for other parks in the unincorporated NCPRD district areas?

19:05:45 **Lindsay Freedman:** Boardman came from the people who colonized the land

19:06:51 **Lindsay Freedman:** Gentleman— can y'all simmer down? Several Of you?

19:07:31 **Lisa Batey:** As I understand the history, the word “milwaukie” is actually a Native American word. I will look up the source for that. If Milwaukie Bay were named Lot Whitcomb Park, we would be having this discussion.

19:08:57 **Mark Gamba:** The City of Milwaukee arose from a collection of scattered settlements on a site familiar to the Native American tribes in what is now eastern Wisconsin. Local historians attribute the name to a word derived from the Potawatomi Tribe. The Potawatomis pronounced it Mahn-ah-wauk, meaning council grounds.

19:12:34 **Lindsay Freedman:** Ask for consultation but not expect the Tribes to do the work.

19:14:31 **Lindsay Freedman:** Need to Clarify but perhaps Confederated Grand Ronde and Siletz.

19:14:41 **Ann Ober:** David and staff know how to contact them.

19:25:41 **Karen Bjorklund:** my hand is up on the Boardman park naming.

19:25:41 **Lindsay Freedman:** Excellent idea!

19:27:06 **Lindsay Freedman:** Absolutely, Desi.

19:38:55 **Heather Koch:** sorry about my internet!

19:40:34 **Jan Carothers:** This is the third time I have asked to speak. One quick question on MBF agreement. Thank you

19:42:35 **Thelma Haggemiller:** Evidently I can't get my comment recognized. Please note what I put in the chat previously.

19:42:43 **Thelma Haggemiller:** Thelma

19:53:37 **James:** I wish to thanks the panel for all the hard work you are doing for our community and for taking our public comments!

19:59:56 **Lisa Gunion-Rinker:** Yes, thank you for your time to listen tonight.

From: [Linda or Bruce McGavin](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Fund Milwaukie Bay Park! It's really important to residents!
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:00:01 PM

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Dear Board of Clackamas County Commissioners and NCPRD District Advisory Committee,

Our community has invested significant time, money, and passion in Milwaukie Bay Park. With a children's play area, amphitheater for outdoor entertainment, and shade for those hot summer days, MBP will be a shining asset that Clackamas County can be proud of!

For years, we have patiently waited for this important dream to be fully realized. It's time to finish the good work already in progress. Please vote to fund completion of Milwaukie Bay Park!

Linda and Bruce McGavin

From: [David Gaither](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Fund Milwaukie Bay Park!
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:51:28 PM

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Milwaukie has 3 projects in the works to add more housing, but no place for parking for the park or ample street parking for these additional folk. The original park plans had parking along McLoughlin, but I see the revised plans do not. Please fund this park to allow the residents a place to go without having to drive to another area to appreciate where they live.

Respectfully,

David A Gaither

From: [Burk Webb](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Fund Milwaukie Bay Park!
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 4:28:35 PM

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Just wanted to chime in with my support for finishing the park. This is such a jewel of the area and one of the few places with great river access. It would be such a shame to not get the project over the finish line. Please vote to fund completion of Milwaukie Bay Park!

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Burk Webb

From: [Jen](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Fund Milwaukie Bay Park!
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:23:58 PM

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Dear Board of Clackamas County Commissioners and NCPRD District Advisory Committee,

We recently moved close to the downtown area of Milwaukie. Knowing that Milwaukie Bay Park would be close for us ABSOLUTELY pushed us to be a part of the community. We have a small child and feel that the area would provide such a wonderful space to foster the growing community. We are also looking to open a business a business and knowing that the completion of the park is set would again encourage us to invest in Milwaukie and feel confident that a variety of spaces would attract visitors to the downtown area.

MBP will be a significant asset that Clackamas County can be proud of! For years, we have patiently waited for this important dream to be fully realized. It's time to finish the good work already in progress. Please vote to fund completion of Milwaukie Bay Park!

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Jennifer, Eric and Kelton Lundy

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From: [Lillian Short](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Fund Milwaukie Bay Park!
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Seriously,
Lillian Short

From: [Jay Panagos](#)
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Subject: Fund Milwaukie Bay Park!
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I totally agree with the previous paragraphs that emphasize the absolute need to go forward with the proposed Milwaukee Bay Park plans. I live in North Clackamas County and visit the park frequently, either for events or simply riding my bicycle thru. To have a park next to an awesome downtown and a fabulous view of the Willamette River is a godsend. Milwaukie Bay Park is so important to all Clackamas County residents in that it simply brings a smile to all visitors.

Jay Panagos
Bike Milwaukie member

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Our community has invested significant time, money, and passion in Milwaukie Bay Park. With a children's play area, amphitheater for outdoor entertainment, and shade for those hot summer days, MBP will be a shining asset that Clackamas County can be proud of!

I will always remember my first gathering at Milwaukie Bay Park with my family during the first ever Milwaukie Black Lives Matter gathering. I was impressed by how well the space worked for such a large turn out and was struck by the beauty of the backdrop while local students and adults testified to their experiences with racism and the work we need to do as a community. I know equity is one of Milwaukie's primary focal points right now. Please reflect that value by continuing to fund the building of new infrastructure at MBP that will support play and usability for everyone. Similarly, with sustainability being the second major focal point of Milwaukie's growth vision right now, we need to continue funding climate change mitigation at MBP, including the installation of shading structures and tree canopy to lower temperatures due to urban heat island effect. Community members will rely on shaded greenspaces for future heat wave events.

For years, we have patiently waited for this important dream to be fully realized. It's time to finish the good work already in progress. Please vote to fund completion of Milwaukie Bay Park!

Warmly,
Danielle Frandina

From: [kelly lanspa](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: I support the Phase 3 Efforts on Milwaukie Park
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 12:34:46 PM

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Kelly Lanspa

From: [Thomas Phillips](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Fund Milwaukie Bay park
Date: Monday, January 10, 2022 7:02:35 AM

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Dear District Advisory Committee,
Please approve county funding to complete work on Milwaukie Bay park. I have a young daughter and I am very much looking forward to the day that she can join other neighborhood kids in enjoying the playground, picnic area, and water features that have been designed for the park.

I am a Milwaukie resident and I believe my tax dollars would be well spent on finishing this project; like most of my neighbors, I support paying for high quality amenities in my neighborhood. What nobody likes is waste. My hope is that the millions of dollars that the city has already spent on the Milwaukie Bay park project will come to fruition, with your help.

Thank you for reading this.
Thomas

From: [Ashley Langan](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Justice Property Park
Date: Sunday, December 12, 2021 10:52:06 AM

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I am writing in support of the proposed park on SE 122nd (South of Sunnyside) in Clackamas, known as the Justice Property Park. The area around the property has no neighborhood parks and is very much in need of a vital community meeting place that is walkable and safe for local families. This land was proposed for a park over 30 years ago, and the neighborhood is long overdue for this to come to fruition.

I understand that the park has been added to the draft proposal and am very hopeful that it is included and prioritized in the final Capital Improvement Plan. Thank you for your support of this project!

Sincerely,
Ashley Langan

From: [Delena DiBlasi](#)
To: [BCCMail](#); [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Justice Property Park
Date: Sunday, December 12, 2021 9:16:47 PM

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Hi,

I am writing to voice my support and say thank you to BCC, NCPRD, and DAC for acknowledging the importance of following through with the Justice park plan. It will enhance the community and be an amazing gift to both parents and children. Having a park in close proximity would be a great blessing and community builder to meet other families in the area. I am hopeful to see your ongoing commitment to have this project included on the Capital improvement plan and highly prioritized as a financially attainable project.

Thank you for your time,
Delena DiBlasi

From: [Patrick Langan](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Justice Property Park
Date: Sunday, December 12, 2021 11:10:06 AM

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Greetings,

I wanted to send a letter in support of the proposed park on SE 122nd (South of Sunnyside) in Clackamas, known as the Justice Property Park. This area has few park options and would increase the neighborhood walkability and sense of community for families. I heard that this park has been added to the draft proposal, and I (along with my neighbors) hope that it is included and prioritized in the final Capital Improvement Plan.

Take care,

Patrick Langan

From: [Lindsay Freedman](#)
To: [BCCMail](#); [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Justice Property Park: THANK YOU!
Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 12:44:32 PM

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Dear Members of the NCPRD, BCC, and DAC,

Thank you so much for advocating for Justice Park Property (JPP)!

-Acknowledging the utter importance of following through with this park plan that is 30+ years overdue

-Acknowledging the importance of small, community parks being available and within walking distance for area people

-For your on-going commitment to see this project through to being officially included on the final Capital Improvement plan AND highly prioritized as a financially attainable project

I am eager to know what the next steps will be to ensure that the JPP makes it to fruition, by being included in the Capital Improvement Plan?

Thank you!

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Best,

Lindsay Freedman
Educational Surrogate
Child Advocate

From: [Lisa Bassett](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Long overdue park needed
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 2:32:19 PM

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Hello. Would love to be able to make this long overdue park happen.

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Thank you!

Cheers,

Lisa Bassett

Home Away From Home

Dog Boarding, Animal drop ins, and Dog Walker

From: [Daniel Fredrickson](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 4:19:23 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

My wife and I have lived in Oak Grove for more than 50 years and we vote.

We support the plans as designed and approved and do not want to settle for something less. The library and community center with the services they provide are an integral part of our community.

My wife and I are active with the Trolley Trail and Parks and do weekly litter patrol.

We pay taxes and are tired of being under served for too long.

We demand better.

Respectfully,

Dan Fredrickson and Melissa Gambee

Sent from my iPhone

From: [David DeVore](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park completion
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 6:10:03 PM

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Commissioners,

Please promote the funding of the completion of Milwaukie Bay Park. I was at a presentation at the park this summer, and wondering why there is an empty grassy hill with no shade or playground or picnic tables. Now I am aware of the completion project, and wholeheartedly support it. So many people are moving to Milwaukie and the envisioned park will add value and many opportunities for people to enjoy and cherish our city.

Please make sure funding for the park gets through ASAP.

Thanks you,

David DeVore

Resident of Milwaukie since 1985

From: [Greg Norman](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park Funding support
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 11:12:37 AM

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I support funding to finish the Milwaukie Bay Park.

Greg Norman

From: [Daniel Eisenbeis](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park Funding
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 4:37:42 PM

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Dear Members of the NCPRD District Advisory Council,

I respectfully urge you to support NCPRD prioritizing funding to complete Phase 3 of Milwaukie Bay Park, consistent with the design and plan developed with NCPRD. NCPRD is a unique park, affording Willamette riverfront access to members of the public from Milwaukie, unincorporated Clackamas County, and beyond. However, the park does not yet have the facilities to properly meet public demand and reflect such a unique and accessible property, such as a playground to serve families or amphitheater to accommodate community events. The park was assembled through property donations and land purchases to the City of Milwaukie. The City of Milwaukie and its taxpayers has contributed \$3 million in general fund, regional local-share, and SDC revenues to the park. The Milwaukie Parks Foundation has also raised \$50,000 toward the Milwaukie Bay Park improvements. The Phase 3 design reflects a collaborative effort of NCPRD, the City of Milwaukie, and community. I had the opportunity to attend and participate in one of the community town halls and provide feedback on draft design concepts. Please prioritize NCPRD funding for completing the Milwaukie Bay Park Phase 3 improvements as designed. Thank you for your consideration and service on the DAC.

Sincerely,

Daniel Eisenbeis
resident of Milwaukie and NCPRD

From: [Bert Krages](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 2:39:53 PM

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I am writing in support of maintaining the funding to complete Milwaukie Bay Park. The Willamette River is the jewel in the crown with respect to livability in the Metro area and Milwaukie Bay Park is an ideal access point for people wishing to be close to the river. In particular, I would note that community events are more attractive when held near the river and the county should take advantage of the opportunity to foster community spirit by completing the amphitheater, playground, and shaded areas where friends can meet and relax.

I reside in Lake Oswego and love its waterside parks, but would very much like to take better advantage of Milwaukie Bay Park. For example, my spouse and I enjoy attending community events at different locations, especially those along the river. Likewise, we often meet with friends from other parts of the area at parks along the river. In addition, my kayak club organizes dozens of trips each year that involve paddling to destinations along the river and would no doubt take advantage of a picnic area at the park.

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Bert P. Krages

From: [Brynn Viegas](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 8:03:35 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please continue funding of the Milwaukie Bay Park. Milwaukie is in desperate need of a gathering place for its community. We have a beautiful waterfront—let's use it! It is one important part of making Milwaukie a great place to live.

Thank you!

Brynn Viegas
Milwaukie resident desperate for a new waterfront park

From: [CHRISTINA COLE](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 4:49:51 PM

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Hello!!!

Parks are what define a city as livable. The imaginative use of Milwaukie's "green space" has been what makes our city so attractive and enviable.

I moved here in 2018 not because we are a smaller community, but because of the planning and commitment to our environment, parks and green spaces. In particular, Milwaukie Bay Park is a shining example of connecting the Willamette River in such a unique and masterful way to the city and people who use it.

I believe that you too see the importance, value and wisdom in supporting the county funding commitment to finish Milwaukie Bay Park and seeing what an invaluable asset it has already become to our community.

*Respectfully,
Christina Cole
Linwood NDA
PSAC Member*

From: [Debby Patten](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Monday, January 10, 2022 6:39:35 PM

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This park is so beautiful to walk and it is such a beautiful gateway to Milwaukie. But it needs to be finished!
Please support the completion of this long-awaited project!!!

Thank You,

Debby Patten

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Rachel Austen](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:49:37 AM

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I'm writing in support of funding the completion of Milwaukie Bay Park. Completion of the park is necessary in order for the citizens of Milwaukie to be able to utilize Milwaukie's waterfront in the way that was intended and to foster a greater sense of community through this gathering place.

Sincerely,
Rachel Austen

From: [Val Hubbard](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 1:46:48 PM

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I strongly support phase 3 to help complete the plans for Milwaukie Bay Park.

This is Milwaukie's crown jewel and we should finish the park for the citizens of Milwaukie.

Thank you
Val Hubbard

From: [Diane Gauvin Ocampo](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 9:09:20 AM

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Please fund the completion of the Milwaukie Bay Park! It will be an important part of our community. It will also become a destination for people in other communities to visit, and they will spend money when they come. They will explore our downtown area and even visit other parks. This will be good for our city.

My twins are 8 and cannot wait for construction to start! Please make it happen!

Thank you,

Diane Ocampo

Sent from my shoe phone!

From: [Gerda](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 9:12:22 AM

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I went to the meeting before the pandemic suggesting ways to beautify our waterfront. The various plans were exciting. We walk through the park at least twice a week and often comment, wondering when the changes will be implemented. I have started bikerides on the trolley trail from there as club events, bringing people to Mikwaukie from all over the Metro area, however, parking has become so difficult we cannot make it as a meeting place on a beautiful summer day meeting at 10am midweek. I have also lead hiking groups from Milwaukie Bay to Elk Rock Island. Last time I met at Park Place, because of the lack of parking.

Well, that is one subject...., the other is the playground for Milwaukie Bay. When is it going to happen. When grandchildren come to visit we have to go out of town to find a fun place for them, we really thought the timeline to improve our Waterfront would be quicker, why is there no timeline for starting this project? I am so jealous of small communities like Sherwood, or Sandy, or Mollala with beautiful parks for children. Why is it taking so long in Mikwaukie to jump on the bandwagon and start what has been planned?

Yesterday I donned my raingear and walked from Sellwood Riverfront Park to Milwaukie Bay. Trying to use the restroom, it was locked and smoke came through the door. Waited a few minutes, obviously whoever was inside had no intention of coming out anytime soon.. We presumed a homeless person, as we also saw a tent under the big tree with three men conversing around the picnic table. We went across the street to use the facilities at the gas station. I know controlling the park takes employees, generally speaking illegal campers are not longtime like other neighborhoods. I understand this is difficult.....

My concern really is the waterfront park that I thought was in the works....! When, when, when can we expect this to happen?

Regards,
Gerda Eck

From: [Julie Matney](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Saturday, January 8, 2022 2:07:42 PM

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Please support Phase 3 of Milwaukie Bay Park. When we moved to the Historic Milwaukie neighborhood 15 years ago, we believed that the park would be completed by now. Please keep up the awesome work that has improved the area so much so far. A play area and community gathering space would be such wonderful amenities for this neighborhood.

Julie Matney

From: [Ronelle Coburn](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park—Public Support for Continued County Funding
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 12:13:04 PM

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The City of Milwaukie, Milwaukie Parks Foundation, and countless citizens have put an enormous amount of diligent and consistent work, over many years, to plan and generate funding for Milwaukie Bay Park. And many are continuing to do so to ensure that this potentially amazing public space can become a stellar public resource that provides much needed facilities for outdoor gathering spaces, enhanced green space, play areas for children and adults, and most importantly, a kind of *community civic space* that is sorely lacking on the East bank of the Willamette River.

If developed in accordance with current plans, Milwaukie Bay Park will be able to more fully serve our entire region and become a place of widespread civic pride due to being a space anyone and everyone can visit to re-create and refresh themselves through the precious access to our beautiful Willamette River. Many use the park right now to walk, but the current infrastructure of the park does not lend itself to much of anything else, particularly in the winter months.

I ask that you stand firm in continuing county support for the development of this very special resource. So many Milwaukie citizens have given so much, both in time and funds, and are absolutely dedicated to seeing this project all the way through, so that countless numbers of our region's citizens can avail themselves of the park and have a better quality of life. As rapid urbanization of our area continues, access to high quality larger outdoor green spaces will only become more important. The time is now to keep the process of funding strong, especially given the lengthy timelines and herculean ongoing efforts required to bring such a project to fruition.

Thank you.

Ronelle Coburn
Clackamas County Resident

From: [Emily Gilchrist](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Please Fund Milwaukie Bay Park!!!
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 10:12:06 AM

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Dear NCPRD District Advisory Committee & Board of Clackamas County Commissioners,

On behalf of my entire family, I'm writing you to say: **Please fund the final phase of development for Milwaukie Bay Park!**

Milwaukie Bay Park is a special place for us, and was so for years before we even moved to Milwaukie. Living in southeast Portland for more than a decade, we frequently visited the park to hang out by the river or launch our canoe.

When our daughter was very little, we loved visiting the nature play area in Westmoreland Park. Having lived in Milwaukie for the past four years, we've eagerly awaited the similar play area promised for MBP, so that our son will have close access to the same experience his sister had.

MBP is such an important *regional* asset! It's easy to get to from all over and I know many people who visit the park from Portland for its view of and access to the river. When the park is finished, complete with a nature play area and beautiful amphitheater for summer concerts in the park, just imagine how many people will come! And with those people, I would expect a boost in the local economy.

Really, a completed Milwaukie Bay Park would be a shining jewel in the North Clackamas parks system, something that will equal or even outshine anything that Portland has to offer!

The community has worked so hard and so long to make this dream a reality. It would be a crushing blow to see it derailed now.

So, once again, please vote to help fund completion of Milwaukie Bay Park!

Sincerely,

The Gilchrist Family - Emily, Matt, Eleanor, and William

From: [Emily Mandelbaum](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Cc: [John Lowry](#)
Subject: Please Fund Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Monday, January 10, 2022 3:32:01 PM

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Dear Board of Clackamas County Commissioners and NCPRD District Advisory Committee,

I am writing in support of the continued investment to complete the plans for Milwaukie Bay Park.

Our community has invested significant time, money, and passion in Milwaukie Bay Park. With a children's play area, amphitheater for outdoor entertainment, and shade for those hot summer days, the park will be a shining asset that Clackamas County can be proud of, and can open new revenue opportunities for the county.

Please vote to fund completion of Milwaukie Bay Park and complete this project in progress.

Thank you,

Emily Lowry
Milwaukie resident

From: [Debbie Liptan](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Please support the third phase of construction at Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Friday, January 7, 2022 2:42:34 PM

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As the volunteer secretary of the Historic Milwaukie NDA, I can tell you honestly how important the completion of the Milwaukie Bay Park is to our residents. I've only been on the NDA board for about 10 months, but have already seen our NDA support/participate in 2 events at MBP in that time - Juneteenth and Come Play in Milwaukie Bay. We also made a \$5000.00 contribution to the MBP Foundation in October 2020, to contribute to this process. It seems to me it would be a betrayal of commitments made to citizens who have been striving in good faith, if the NCPRD decides against funding Phase 3. Please do not let us down.

Debbie Liptan
Secretary, Historic Milwaukie NDA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Richard Recker](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Cc: [Val Hubbard](#); [Debbie NDA Liptan](#); [Michele Bertaux-Zabaglio](#)
Subject: Public Testimony: Milwaukie Bay Park and Inter-governmental Agreements
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 10:59:14 AM
Attachments: [HMNDA Comment to CCBC Re Milwaukie Bay Park IGA.pdf](#)

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[Friends:](#)

[Below and attached are comments from the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood District Association to the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners \(BCC\) and the District Advisory Council \(DAC\) with respect to the development of Milwaukie Bay Park:](#)

Clackamas County Board of Commissioners:

In the trenches of a democratic republic are volunteer neighborhood organizations. The Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood District Association is one such group - hard-working, principled and committed to doing our part alongside hundreds of other neighborhoods in Clackamas County to be vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable places. We make this voluntary commitment happily and willingly, knowing that - collectively - we're building a better place for each new generation to enjoy and steward forward.

Our neighborhood hosts the current Milwaukie Bay Park. It sits below the confluence of the Willamette and Clackamas rivers - at the foot of the gathering place of Clackamas First People and later the growing seeds of settlement and development. This area is steeped in history, natural beauty and is a recreational launch pad. Even in its underdeveloped state, the park welcomes thousands of visitors from within the County and beyond.

Like any community at the threshold of a popular destination, that proximity comes with responsibility. As neighbors, we clean the park in preparation for daily and seasonal visitors, and start over again the next day. We wave in welcome, even in deepening traffic or while sharing limited parking - as the park continues to grow in popularity even BEFORE the next stage improvements are installed. And in this season of the world, we gently and humanely manage a temporary population of people without homes - a sober reality of the paradoxes of modern American life.

This lengthy preface is a lead up to a request for Clackamas County to affirm commitments to develop the park to the vision and specification outlined; to refine and expand this place

to fulfill its' full potential to be a playground for the entire County and all who may choose to visit. This is not the time to lose resolve to complete this project or any other in the cue throughout the County. This is the time to demonstrate to each one of us - the individual, in-the-trenches citizens that your word is a 'bond' and you stand next to us committed to the work you may have yet to do.

Milwaukie organizations, the municipality, and hundreds of individual volunteers have already lived into and re-affirmed our commitments to polish up this amazing place for all to enjoy. We look forward to hearing your ringing endorsement for the project and the many creative ideas you will bring forward to achieve all that has been imagined and promised.

We stand ready to do our part - every day, and every step along the way. A united people have spoken. Now, we respectfully ask that you represent us well and reaffirm Clackamas County's financial, policy, and political commitments to the existing Inter-governmental Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood District Association
Rich Recker, Chair
Val Hubbard, Vice Chair
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Michele Bertaux-Zabaglio, Treasurer

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E Pluribus Unum - Out of Many - One!

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Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood District Association

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Val Hubbard, Vice Chair

Debbie Liptan, Secretary

Michele Bertaux-Zabaglio, Treasurer

From: [Ted Labbe](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Cc: [Neil Schulman](#); info@milwaukieparksfoundation.org; [Emily Gilchrist](#); [Lisa Batey](#)
Subject: Support for Milwaukie Bay Park funding from Urban Greenspaces Institute
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 4:42:12 PM

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Dear District Advisory Committee:

On behalf of the Urban Greenspaces Institute, I want to take this opportunity to encourage your support of the next phase of development of the remarkable Milwaukie Bay Park. This project is very important and definitely deserves your support.

The Urban Greenspaces Institute works across the Portland Vancouver metropolitan region. Owing to its location and its connectivity to downtown Milwaukie, the Trolley Trail and the nearby Springwater Corridor Trail, the Milwaukie Bay Park has regional significance. It would be a mistake to not show your support for the continued development of the park at this time.

Please do not be swayed by individuals in the community who are discounting the value of continued investment in this Park. As detailed by the Milwaukie Parks Foundation, the community has made significant contributions to this effort. Private monies have served to match public funds and enabled us to go much farther with development of the public amenities at the Park. Your support is crucial at this time and we must convince the County Commissioners to fully fund these ongoing efforts.

Please join me in supporting Milwaukie Bay Park.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ted Labbe



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From: [Clodine M](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Support for Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 10:23:40 PM

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Hello DAC,

I hope that on Jan. 12, 2022, the District Advisory Committee will vote in favor of County funding to finish the Milwaukie Bay Park.

The park will help our community both logistically and in town spirit.

Thanks,

C Mallinckrodt
In Hector Campbell

From: [Lisa Swartz](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Support the completion of Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 9:25:23 AM

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Greetings,

I'm emailing as a Milwaukie resident to say: please continue building the Milwaukie Bay Park! Gathering spaces to enjoy being together and being outside and enjoy the beauty of the mighty Willamette are what community and local government are for.

I can't wait to visit this park once it is done.

Thank you NCPRD! ♥

Lisa Swartz

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Sent with a hug,
Lisa

Lisa Swartz

From: [Wilda Parks](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Testimony for item number IVb, Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Sunday, January 9, 2022 6:46:17 PM

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Testimony for item number IVb, Milwaukie Bay Park

Good evening, my name is Wilda Parks and I live in the city of Milwaukie. I appreciate this opportunity to speak to the District Advisory Committee regarding the regional asset, Milwaukie Bay Park. This development project has been in the works for years as a combined effort of the North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District and the City of Milwaukie. It has been gratifying to see the various stages of this park take place and that now we are ready for the phase that will actually provide recreational enhancements for all residents of the district.

I have had the honor of working with NCPRD for many years, first as the regional chamber executive and working on things like parks and trails, wetlands, natural habitats, the master plan, and then more recently as a city Councilor in the City of Milwaukie serving on the DAC, then called the DAB. This park has been on the capital projects list for many years and has more recently been designed by NCPRD and members of the community. The advisory group for final design included many residents from the unincorporated areas of the district as well as members from the City of Milwaukie. The one thing that everyone was in agreement of is that this park will be something that everyone can enjoy. Whether it's a family that wants a place for viewing our majestic river, or just sitting and enjoying a picnic lunch, or a group of people or an individual who wants to kayak or canoe, as well as those with larger boats; there will be a place for all of that. There will be a place for community events which so far have already been outstanding with hundreds of people from throughout the district and more attending. There will be a place for children to enjoy a nature playground, as well as for passersby to enjoy the beautiful views of the river.

I believe it is vital for the DAC to continue to show its support for this unique waterfront opportunity. There is no other place within the district that this kind of recreational opportunity can be provided. Thank you for your time and thank you for your continued support of this park and its funding.

Wilda Parks

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My family and I support funding to finish the park.

It's so close and is a lovely plan, would be a shame to have gotten this far and drop it.
Please fund and see this plan through.

We know there are other projects going on, covid has been hard on budgets and public spaces, but - this park will be an amazing community asset for the next century and we've already seen so much joy with duck races, christmas ships, marathon and bike celebrations, umbrella parade gatherings, etc. Having this public space, outdoors/open safe air, where the community can gather for celebrations is a huge asset to bring people together when we need it most.

Thanks,

Evan Osterlund

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Hi There,

Please find the attached letter to the District Advisory Committee (DAC) in support of approving the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the City of Milwaukie and the Board of Clackamas County Commissioners (BCC) to fund Phase 3 infrastructure development for Milwaukie Bay Park (MBP).

Best regards,

Lisa Gunion-Rinker, president
Milwaukie Parks Foundation (MPF)

January 11th, 2022

District Advisory Committee Members,

The Milwaukie Parks Foundation (MPF) Board asks the DAC to support the Phase 3 completion of the regional Milwaukie Bay Park (MBP). Milwaukie community organizations, including the MPF, have continued to advocate in the community for the completion of this park. The MPF has partnered with numerous community groups, such as North Clackamas Watershed Council, Johnson Creek Watershed Council, Water Environment Services, and many others as well as downtown businesses and business associations interested in completing this park and removing the Kellogg Creek Dam.

The City of Milwaukie and NCPRD have been working towards the development of MBP for many years. Originally, the city either bought or had donated various parcels to create the park. In 2006, a design for MBP was adopted by NCPRD and the city. Due to lack of funding, a decision was made to build the park in phases. Since then, the city has invested significant resources towards the completion of this park. MBP design work, fundraising efforts, and construction of the first two phases were funded in part by the City of Milwaukie in partnership with NCPRD. Many of the grants used in funding these phases of work at MBP were matched with City of Milwaukie funds. The third phase of construction of MBP is supported by Milwaukie and its residents that have contributed over \$3.1 million in general fund dollars, SDCs and Metro greenspace bond funds. As costs continue to go up, the time is now for the DAC to approve the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for Phase 3 completion of MBP.

This Phase 3 infrastructure plan supports play and usability for **all people of all ages**. When the park is completed, there will be multiple pathways, play areas, an entertainment venue, and more that will meet the recreation criteria for many families and other area residents. Without completion, much of this park is inaccessible to Oregonians with disabilities due to the steep, sloping nature of the land. It was understood that after Phase 2 development, this would be corrected with Phase 3 infrastructure completion.

MBP is directly located on the Willamette River and on the Trolley Trail route that connects to the Spring Water Corridor Trail and beyond. This is a crucial hub area not only for the City of Milwaukie, but the whole region and deserves to be funded and completed. MBP is a critical component of the parks and greenspaces COVID 19 management plan, giving people a place to safely gather. Phase 3 development for usability of MBP by all is vital. Features to be added in Phase 3 also support crucial climate goals. Phase 3 will support adaptive planning, including the installation of shading structures and much needed tree canopy to lower temperatures due to the urban heat island effect. The phase 3 installation of trees and shrubs is also critical for the Willamette flyway area and creating habitat for non-humans that also utilize this space. Several trees and shrubs originally on site had to be removed during Phases 1 and 2. Replacement of this green infrastructure during Phase 3 completion is necessary for anyone to be able to utilize this park on hot, sunny days.

The Milwaukie Parks Foundation is a non-profit group of residents working to raise funds and awareness for parks in Milwaukie. To date, the Milwaukie Parks Foundation has already raised \$50,000 for Milwaukie Bay Park and has other capital campaigns planned for this spring.

Again, this is a regional park that is utilized by many people from far beyond Milwaukie's borders, and it deserves to be completed to serve the broader community. We urge the District Advisory Committee and the Board of County Commissioners to commit the County's share of the park funds in accordance with the draft intergovernmental agreement with the City of Milwaukie. Area residents have waited a long time for these final phase developments. The Milwaukie Parks Foundation Board asks for your vote in favor of the Phase 3 completion of MBP.

Thank you for your time!

Best regards,

Milwaukie Parks Foundation Board

Lisa Gunion-Rinker, president
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