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**Meeting Summary**  
**North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District**  
**District Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022**  
**5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Virtually (via Zoom)**

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**DAC Members Present:** Anatta Blackmarr, Ben Johnson, David Gilman, Grover Bornefeld, Joel Bergman, Katie Scott, Maureen Thom, Muciri Gatimu, Rafael Kaup, Ryan Stee

**DAC Members Absent:** Desi Nicodemus

**Staff and Officials Present:** Paul Savas (Clackamas County Commissioner), Heather Koch, Jessica Stead (NCPRD)

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

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

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**Call to Order**

DAC meeting was called to order by Chair Bornefeld at 5:42 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Action Items**

- Approval of DAC Meeting Summary
  - The summary from the DAC meeting held on August 10, 2022 was approved with no edits.

**Discussion Agenda**

- DAC's role with County's Community Engagement (IAP2) framework as it applies to NCPRD
  - Chair Bornefeld facilitated the discussion regarding the DAC's role with County's Community Engagement framework.
- NCPRD's 2022-23 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) listed projects
  - Chair Bornefeld facilitated the discussion regarding the NCPRD's 2022-23 CIP listed projects.
- Changes or Status Updates (Milwaukie Bay Park, Concord, SDC Methodology, NCPRD Funding, System Plan and CIP Timeline)\*
  - Heather Koch provided updates for this agenda item.
  - **System Plan and CIP Timeline:** On hold until NCPRD hires a Long-Range Planner. Hopefully starting this work in the Fall of 2022.
  - **SDC Methodology:** NCPRD will present a few different scenarios for the SDC Methodology at the October DAC meeting.
  - **Milwaukie Bay Park:** At the 50% construction document milestone. In the process of reviewing those documents to provide comments and initiate our project cost estimate.
  - **Concord:** There was a Task Force Meeting on September 8, 2022.

- A recording of the Task Force Meeting is available on the Clackamas County website: [Concord Task Force Meeting \(Virtual Meeting\) - Sept. 8, 2022 | Clackamas County](#)

## Public Comment

- Suzanne Wolf (President of the Historic Downtown Oak Grove (HDOG)).
  - HDOG is interested in revising the historic downtown district of Oak Grove and establishing a positive social economic and community growth for all of Oak Grove residents and businesses.
  - HDOG is in support of the New Urban project.
- Jan Carothers (Resident of Jennings Lodge)
  - Acknowledged and showed appreciation for the conversation about keeping track of what people have asked about. Would like to see a place or document where residents can go to see “who else cares about what I care about”.
- Jeanette DeCastro (Resident of Subarea 3)
  - In support of Justice Park property and appreciates that it is in the CIP (in the planning phase). Recommended looking into plantings that would mitigate storm water.
  - In regards to the City of Milwaukie potentially separating from the district, would like to make sure that negative impacts are kept down, and the great things that the parks department is working on don't get pushed aside.
- Lindsay Freedman (Resident of Subarea 3)
  - Excited to see Justice Park on this list and to get more movement. Wanted to plant a seed to see what type of commitment we can get while we're in the planning phase and what can we do to keep moving the ball forward.
- Stephanie Tolonen (Resident of Subarea 3)
  - Expressed excitement for the possibility of Justice Park coming to fruition.
- Thelma Haggemiller
  - Would like there to be a parking lot with items, like Adopt-a-Park, to get monthly reports on what staff is doing with these kinds of things.

## DAC Member Reports

- Joel Bergman (Community Center Representative)
  - Milwaukie Community Center serves the entire District.
  - The Community Center Advisory Board (CCAB) is recruiting for one additional member.
  - The CCAB is investigating new ways to get information out the public, not only through MCC, but for the District at large. Please share the programming with your subareas.
- Anatta Blackmarr (Subarea 2 Representative)
  - Love the equity based idea for the needs assessment. Want to be looking at standards for what we should be aspiring to in the District (how many parks for a certain area, how much green space is, etc.).
  - The parking lot could be more like a bulletin board where people could come and go, and post their thoughts.
  - Wanted to mention a neglected park in Subarea 2. Bunnell Park/Bunnell Property has a picnic table, garbage can and lawn.
  - At the last Concord Task Force meeting a lot was fleshed out about the park. The architects and landscape architect are continuing to

focus on bringing the park into the library, with a lot of views of greenery from the windows. A splash pad is being considered. The green space between the library and community center is being envisioned to as a “story garden pocket park”. There were benches throughout the park, a multi-purpose open area, a history walk in front of the school building, picnic groves, and a trail around the property.

### **District Monthly Reports**

Heather Koch provided the division reports.

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

### **Future Dates**

- a. October Agenda Submission No Later Than: Wednesday September 21, 2022 by 5:00p.m.
- b. Next Agenda Setting Meeting: Tuesday September 27, 2022
- c. Next DAC Meeting: Wednesday October 12, 2022
  - Planned agenda topics:
    - SDC presentation initial findings

### **Adjournment**

The DAC meeting was adjourned by Chair Bornefeld at 7:26 p.m.

### **Next DAC Meeting:**

October 12, 2022

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom (Virtually)

## NCPRD DAC Meeting – Zoom Chat Log

Virtual on Zoom, September 14, 2022

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**Rafael Kaup:** I'm on, a bit tardy

**Lindsay Freedman:** Here for Justice Park Support!

**Ben Johnson:** I apologize but I have to run to pick up my son. I'll try to switch over to my phone while I'm on the road.

**Rafael Kaup:** get feedback for the sub area we are representing. These should be based on data, not emotion or personal preference.

**Rafael Kaup:** agree fully on this!

**Derek Conner:** Great questions, all. It does seem prudent to figure out the money situation with Milwaukie... if all of that money is coming from NCPRD to Milwaukie.. but none is going to be coming back... it seems like we keep giving more than we are receiving. Of course we want to keep a good relationship with Milwaukie but in general fairness.

**Rafael Kaup:** I know that others feel the same way, I think we in the sub areas will be looking to see that the access to these parks and rec opportunities are more even across each area. Absolutely Grover, agree. we can then provide that to our sub areas to help foster engagement.

**deborahmberck:** I am here regarding the Justice property. Really hoping for a park.

**Ashleylangan:** I am unable to stay until the public comment section of the meeting. However, I wanted to share my strong support for the Justice Property Park. This particular area of North Clackamas has a shortage of safe, walkable parks. I am a parent of 3 school age children and feel a park in the area will greatly improve the community building of the neighborhood. As this park was slated to become a neighborhood park many years ago, I am very hopeful we can finally have this park come to fruition

**Thelma Haggemiller:** It wont let me raise my hand

**Jeanette DeCastro:** I vividly remember folks from Milwaukie emphasizing its a regional resource. I have a lot of optimism that it will have access (transit, parking, bike racks, spaces for school busses)!!\*it being Milwaukie Bay Park

**Ryan Stee:** I have a to leave soon, maybe 5 min

**Rafael Kaup:** sub area 3, very common thing i'm hearing.. shortage of safe and WALKABLE parks

**Rafael Kaup:** shade sails?

**Jeanette DeCastro:** Thank you to Ryan and Rafael for speaking about IAP2!

**From:** [Bernhard Masterson](#)  
**To:** [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Park development at the Concord Elementary site  
**Date:** Monday, September 5, 2022 7:12:40 PM

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Greetings North Clackamas Parks Advisory District Committee,

As a resident of Oak Grove I urge you to design, fund, and create a park space at the Concord Elementary Site that will be an anchor point for the community.

The new library will be enhanced with views of natural areas out its windows.

Library events could be held outside.

The community center will have options for outdoor activities.

Residents east of McLoughlin will have a place to gather, play, and reflect. The only other option within walking distance is the View Acres Elementary playground which doesn't have a welcoming vibe.

Please include some natural areas in your design.

Thank you for your community support,

- Bernhard Masterson

He, him, his pronouns

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**From:** [gwendy.reyes-illg](mailto:gwendy.reyes-illg)  
**To:** [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Concord School Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 10:26:15 PM

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Dear North Clackamas Parks District Advisory Committee Members,

Our family lives across the street from the Concord School, and we have been following the plans to make changes to the property.

Like many people in this neighborhood, we participate in the [Backyard Habitat Program](#), run by the Portland Audubon Society and the Columbia River Land Trust. The north fork of Boardman Creek passes under Harold Ave and emerges in a steep ravine on the east border of our property, then continues through our yard uncovered. Together with our next-door neighbors, we are restoring this streamside to provide wildlife habitat and protect the watershed. Over the years, we have worked with the North Clackamas Watersheds Council, Oak Lodge Water Services, and Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District to tackle the invasive weeds and increase the biodiversity of this special place.

In just a few years, we have seen owls and bats return to the area, and hummingbirds and pollinators are beginning to flourish, an antidote to the on-going global collapse of [bird](#) and [insect](#) populations. We hope the Concord School project will involve landscaping with most or all native plants (including trees), controlling the invasive weeds that starting to take over some areas, avoiding pesticides, and designating some "natural" areas to be left undisturbed by human visitors. This would extend the wildlife corridor across the street, while creating a Nature Sanctuary for the public to enjoy. Not only have green spaces in urban areas been shown to [boost the happiness](#) of residents, this type of approach can also help us do our part to combat climate change.

We do also love our Oak Lodge library. My son and I visit it at least once a week. They are wonderful and we want them to be happy. It would be nice if the library and community center could be developed such that the footprint of the paved areas is kept the size it currently is, or perhaps shrunk. Perhaps the library could have a satellite location at the Concord location and maintain its main building in its current location. Or perhaps some of the concrete around the Concord School could be rewilded, to compensate for the footprint of a new building on the property. Perhaps you could consider a smaller parking lot and ensure

that the Community Center is easily accessible by public transportation

Thank you for considering our perspective in your deliberations. Please feel free to reach out as things develop if you would like to collaborate on improving the ecological and climate value our neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Gwendy Reyes-Illg and Family

**From:** [Carol Cookson](#)  
**To:** [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Oak Lodge Library Project  
**Date:** Saturday, September 10, 2022 8:17:16 AM

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Having attended the Oak Lodge Library Project meeting on Thursday, I was very disappointed in the decision by County Staff to exclude the Library task force from ongoing project development input. The task force is the citizen's voice. The citizens are the future users and funders of this project. This doesn't make sense and needs to be corrected.

*Carol Cookson*

On Sat, Sep 3, 2022 at 8:11 AM Carol Cookson <[cookson.carol@gmail.com](mailto:cookson.carol@gmail.com)> wrote:

As a resident of the unincorporated area of Clackamas County, and as a frequent user of the library resources, we have been following the progress of the new Oak Lodge Library and Concord project by way of reports provided each month by a Concord Task Force member and attending meetings. We urge you to prioritize this library for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and General Fund allocations.

The current Oak Lodge Library is not the right size for the community it serves, parking space is insufficient, there is limited space for library functions, and no space for community gatherings.

My family supports the BCC allocating all the funds needed to create a first-rate modern library on the Concord property. As engaged Oak Grove residents, we look forward to this community enhancement. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

The Cookson Family  
*Carol Cookson*