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

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

**5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Concord Property and Virtually (via Zoom)**

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**DAC Members Present:** Anatta Blackmarr, David Gilman, Grover Bornefeld, Joel Bergman, Katie Scott, Lisa Batey, Maureen Thom, Muciri Gatimu, Ryan Stee

**DAC Members Absent:** Ben Johnson, Rafael Kaup

**Staff and Officials Present:** Paul Savas (Clackamas County Commissioner), Michael Bork (NCPRD Director), 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 5:31 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Action Items**

- Approval of DAC Meeting Summary
  - The summary from the DAC meeting held on April 12, 2023 was approved with no edits.

**Discussion Agenda**

- Goal Setting Discussion
  - Erin Ruff, Clackamas County Resolution Services, facilitated the third goal setting discussion with the DAC members.
  - The group agreed that they have 2-5 year goals in four categories:
    1. Systems Plan
    2. Governance transition
      - a. The group agreed that the governance transition goal was clearly articulated as: The NCPRD is an independent service district represented by a resident board.
    3. Relationships
      - a. Includes meaningful engagement between the DAC, NCPRD staff, and community members in all directions
    4. Funding
      - a. Includes where money comes from and how it is spent.
  - The following committee members agreed to write drafts of the other goals to be discussed at the June meeting:
    - System Plan: Ryan and Katie
    - Relationships and meaningful engagement: Grover
    - Funding: Muciri
- Changes or Status Updates (Milwaukie Bay Park, Concord, SDC Methodology, NCPRD)

#### Funding, System Plan and CIP Timeline)\*

- **Milwaukie Bay Park:** On hold.
- **Concord:** A Public Engagement Report is included in the Division Reports.
- **SDC Methodology:** The Board of Directors authorized NCPRD to do the ordinance change. The first reading is next Thursday.
- **NCPRD Funding:** Monday, May 22, is NCPRD's budget hearing before the Budget Committee.
- **System Plan:** Tomorrow is the deadline for the RFP. The evaluation team, including Ryan Stee, will meet the following week to start discussing that.

#### Public Comment

- Valerie Chapman (Oak Grove Community Council)
  - Valerie expressed concerns why the Oak Grove area was divided into two subareas within NCPRD's boundaries.

#### DAC Member Reports

- Lisa Batey (Subarea 5 representative)
  - May is Wetlands Month. Saturday May 13, 2023 (10am-2pm) there is an event in the Minthorn Springs Wetlands on 37<sup>th</sup> Ave in Milwaukie.
- Joel Bergman (Community Center representative)
  - **June 3, 2023** – Oregon Ballet Theater will be performing at the Milwaukie Community Center. <https://ncprd.com/event/ballet-2>
  - **June 11, 2023** – Drag Bingo event at Milwaukie Community Center. Pre-registration is required. <https://ncprd.com/event/drag-queen-bingo>
  - Milwaukie Community Center (MCC) has been working to put together a plan to put a mural up on the exterior of the MCC.
- Grover Bornefeld (Subarea 1 representative)
  - Annual DAC recruitment process:
    - **May 17, 2023 at 7pm** – First session
    - **June 7, 2023 at 7pm** – Final session
- Katie Scott (Subarea 3 representative)
  - Local residents are planning a get together at Justice Property (date/time is TBD).
  - Reached out to a couple local organizations that are skate park based. Currently those folks have to go into Portland to do their hobby.
- Muciri Gatimu (Subarea 1 representative)
  - When walking along the Trolley Trail heard from trail users how it is an annoyance to use two crosswalks to cross over 99e at the intersection of Jennings Lodge and 99e.
    - This concerns falls under ODOT's jurisdiction.

#### District Monthly Reports

Michael Bork provided the division reports.

- The District Monthly reports were included in the agenda packet.
- **May 17, 2023** - Policy Session for Polling Process Results
- **June 21, 2023** - Quarter NCPRD Board of Directors Meeting

#### Adjournment

The DAC meeting was adjourned by Chair Bornefeld at 7:35 p.m.

## **NCPRD DAC Meeting – Zoom Chat Log**

Virtual on Zoom, May 10, 2023

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**18:33 Jan Carothers:** Seems to me the goal is that the district voters is persuaded enough by learning what the Systems Plan will mean to them and benefit them, that they will vote for funding a new parks tax district and higher tax rate. Thank you!

**From:** [Kathy Schreiber](#)  
**To:** [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#); [BCCMail](#)  
**Subject:** Woodchip MULCH vs Chemical weed control  
**Date:** Thursday, April 13, 2023 10:43:55 AM

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First I want to acknowledge and thank the NCPRD and DAC for their work in recognizing the ongoing need to increase the health of our parks. We had a wonderful mulching party at Alma Myra park last month.

Second, thank you for giving me the opportunity to address the DAC Wednesday evening. I mentioned a research study conducted by Washington State University, housed on ClackCo TV, that did a research study on the effectiveness of wood chip mulching vs glyphosate spraying for weed control in restoration projects and Fir Tree health. *Conclusive!*

Why or How? Wood chip Mulch feeds the microbiology (especially fungi) in the soil while pesticides/herbicides kill them. The benefits of healthy soil microbiology *or microbiome* are numerous. Infiltrating water, sequestering carbon, Building Soil Structure, nutrient cycling, lessening pest and disease pressure, *and what the study addressed*, more effective weed control! All making our parklands more resilient, healthy and functional.

There is no land on the planet that is lacking pesticides. What they are lacking is life.  
**Let us add LIFE not death.**

While the entire video is valuable you can scroll up through chapters to find the study parameters and results.

<https://youtu.be/NXL9n2KNm1E>

Thank you for being good stewards.

Sincerely here to help you turn your dirt into soil!

Kathy Schreiber, Certified Lab Technician  
LSWB Labs

Dirt+  =Soil

In honor of my grandchildren  
I am dedicating the rest of my life  
to the pursuit of clean, nutritionally dense food.  
This can only be done with an intact Soil Food Web.