



MCCAB Meeting Minutes

Date: October 13, 2023
Location: Milwaukie Community Center
Time: 9:30 a.m.

MCCAB Members Present: Chair, Wilda Parks, Secretary, Ben Horner-Johnson, Joel Bergman, Mark Elliot, Virginia Seitz, and Marilyn Shrum.

Excused: Julie Donohue, Paul Ellison, and Rebecca Hollenbeck.

STAFF: Rachelle Bonsi.

GUEST: Stan Catherman Director, Milwaukie Community Center Foundation.

Call to Order: Chair, Wilda Parks, called The Milwaukie Community Center/Advisory Board (MCCAB) to order at 9:33 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from Sept. 8, 2023– The board collectively reviewed the meeting minutes. Chair Wilda Parks, asked for a motion to approve the July 14th, 2023 meeting minutes. Mark Elliot made the motion to approve the meeting minutes as prepared. Virginia Seitz second the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried, approving the meeting minutes.

Approval of Application for Advisory Board membership-

The recruitment ran consecutively from July 19th to September 27th, receiving one application, that of Benjamin Horner-Johnson. The MCCAB collectively reviewed Ben’s application. Mark Elliot made the motion to approve the application and membership of Benjamin Horner-Johnson. Virginia Seitz second the motion and the board collectively approved Ben’s membership upon the NCPRD Board of Director’s approval.

Project Discussion/Action Report:

Bylaws - changes discussed as to the wording regarding the number of MCCAB meetings per year. A draft has been supplied for review. The MCCAB collectively approved the language as stated within the draft. The board voted with one member abstaining. Motion passed –the drafted amended language will be sent to the NCPRD Board of Director’s for approval.

Publication and Distribution of Connections Magazine – members acknowledged the prohibitive cost for mailing to all district households. Board members direct staff to focus on digital distribution and finding individual paths that can be beneficial, for example Chair Parks, provided that she can take them with her to the Farmer’s Market to distribute.

Joel Bergman, shared his frustration with the NCPRD website, specifically, the MCC portion. Mark Elliot observed that there are no links to the Connections Magazine or Artisan Gifts. Joel requested that staff discuss this with Director Bork and the marketing staff to update and ensure that the site is current.

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Mural – Chair Parks reported that the Mural will be expected completion by the end of February, 2024.

Standing committee Reports:

MCC Foundation Report – Stan Catherman provided a self-introduction as the new MCCF executive director. Stan reported the Thanksgiving Dinner will be held November 19th with two-seatings at 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. with 150 tickets available per seating. New Seasons Happy Valley will hold 8 days of giving Nov. 15–22nd in support of Meals on Wheels. For congregate lunch every 4th Friday, Mary and the Jazz Tones will play. The MCCF office will be reconfigured. The plan to add electronic bingo tablets is on hold as the contract updates were unfavorable to MCCF goals; Stan will work with Square on generating reports for DOJ bingo filings.

District Advisory Committee (DAC) – Joel Bergman reported that the gift shop/ Artisans Gifts are a connection to the Community Center that hasn't been explored. The parks system reworking plans are underway. An NCPRD Foundation to raise funds for the district (specifically Concord) was proposed; more information at future meetings. The NCPRD will be a standing agenda item at BCC work meetings. Stan further discussed some of things he will be addressing, ie., the paper weight of the Connection- could lessen the cost, he will also be doing some research on grants that are available and applicable to the Community Center.

Aging Services Advisory Council – Virginia reported that historically, the ADRC rotated site visits; however, since post Covid the group hasn't re-gained a foot hold in this area. but she made the concerted effort or thought that we must re-create the relationship with Bob's Red Mill.

MCC Reports:

Recreation and Program Committee – Rachelle reported that registration is open and classes have started. Staff can make some fixes to the website (updating position changes). More after-hours volunteers needed as building monitors.

Facility and Rental Committee – Secretary, Ben Horner-Johnson reported on suggestions for improvements: Rachelle Bonsi requested a raised ceiling in the Trillium Room (at Facility/Rental meeting), Virginia Seitz suggested track lighting or other improved lighting for the artwork on the hallway walls (September meeting). Painting of front hallway completed during Maintenance Week. Two new mock-ups for room signage are up in the hallway. New artwork for the main lobby is needed, looking at abstract landscapes with funds from MCCF.

Nutrition, Transportation and Social Services – Meals on Wheels drivers are still needed, typical shifts run from 11 am to 1 pm.

No MCC Supervisor report.

Adjournment: 11:05 a.m.

Next Meeting: The next MCCAB meeting is scheduled for November 17th, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.