



Meeting Summary
North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District
District Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: North Clackamas Aquatic Park and Virtually (via Zoom)

DAC Members Present: Grover Bornefeld, Jeanette DeCastro, Joel Bergman, Katie Scott, Lisa Batey, Mark Elliott, Muciri Gatimu, Maureen Thom, Ryan Stee

DAC Members Absent: Ali Feuerstein, David Gilman

Staff and Officials Present: Dominic Cortinas (NCPRD Deputy Director), Jeff Munns (County Counsel), Kia Selley, Kallie Guentner, Alex Gilbertson, Jessica Stead, Lidia Larson (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 Stee at 5:36 p.m. A quorum was present.

Action Items

- Approval of DAC Meeting Summary
 - The summary from the DAC meeting held on September 13, 2023 was approved with no edits.
 - **ACTION:** Joel Bergman made a motion to approve the meeting summary as presented. Katie seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved.

Discussion Agenda

- Changes or Status Updates (Concord, Jennings Lodge, System Plan, NCPRD Funding, Milwaukie Bay Park, SDC Methodology)*
 - **Concord:** Alex Gilbertson provided an update on the Concord project. There was an appeal on this project regarding the street extension. The hearings officer ruled against the appeal. Therefore construction is estimated to begin in December 2023.
 - **Jennings Lodge:** Alex provided an update. NCPRD held a community gathering/public engagement event. The summary of feedback and numbers for how many participated in this event and online is included in the Division Reports in the Agenda Packet. NCPRD is planning a second community event, to be held

in the gym at the school, on January 18, 2024.

- **System Plan:** Dominic Cortinas provided an update that NCPRD has a Policy Session scheduled for November 21, 2023 to take the System Plan to the Board of Directors. The Board will be able to then decide the next steps. Our new Principal Planner is taking the lead for this project.
 - Several DAC members expressed that they would like this to move forward and would like to know the reason this was postponed. There was some concern as to why this is now appearing in a Policy Session and not in a meeting where public comment can be provided.
 - Jeff Munns provided clarification that in order for the Board to discuss something it needs to be in a public meeting. The Policy Session is like a work session. Contracts typically go to Issues/Updates meetings then the Consent agenda at the Business Meeting, but the Board needed more time to discuss than an Issues/Update meeting would allow.
 - Katie – Highlighted something from Performance Clackamas on this topic, “It says by 2024 County Policies and decisions, service delivery and board delivery will be equitable, inclusive and transparent”, Katie reiterated that is what the DAC/community is asking for.
 - Jeff – While there is not a designated time during Policy Sessions for public comment, all Business Meetings (typically scheduled on Thursdays) have public comments sections during the meeting and anyone can provide a public comment during that time.
 - Lisa Batey provided clarification that the City of Milwaukie did not sue NCPRD. The City went into court for a Validation Action to ask the court a legal question on how they would leave the District, if they decided to do so.
 - Jeanette expressed frustration with the delays on the park at the Justice Property project.
 - Ryan expressed frustration with the “constant delays”. “It seems like everything is delayed and we are all getting frustrated with that.”
 - Muciri mentioned earlier how the governance change is important. “When staff will openly admit they are in maintenance mode because there is not enough funding, we have to consider the fact we have to bring in more money.”

- **Update regarding Director position:**
 - Michael Bork will no longer be the Director of NCPRD. Please direct any questions to Gary Schmidt, the County Administrator.
 - Joel Bergman requested that Gary Schmidt be present at the next DAC meeting to address questions.
 - The December DAC meeting may be combined with the December Board of Directors meeting to have one joint meeting.
 - Mark Elliot shared his email conversation with Gary regarding Mike's departure.
 - Katie highlighted some things from Performance Clackamas, "By July 1, 2022 the County's budget will be structurally sound, sustainable and 100% tied to results." Katie mentioned this was relevant because of the "massive cost associated with recruiting for the director position." "As a DAC member, Director Bork was absolutely working with us and was listening to the community and made that his priority." Katie mentioned how she feels this decision shows a "complete disregard for any of the community's interest and the work he had done."
 - Ryan expressed concern over Mike's dismissal, and how it appears to be another delay for the District. "This delay is a burden on our tax base, and on our budget" "With the system plan being put off, and these constant interjections and last minute being pulled from the agenda is getting really old. It is showing there are people out there that don't want us to move forward." "This is another reason we need a passionate board to govern our own district and the finite resources we have."
 - **NCPRD Funding:** Included in Agenda Item IIIc. "Next Season's Budget Prep".
 - **SDC Methodology:** No updates.
 - **Milwaukie Bay Park:** No updates.
- Clarification on bylaws and appointment process
 - Jeff Munns requested documentation for the DAC appointments of Lisa Batey and Ali Feuerstein from the City of Milwaukie.
- NCPRD Foundation Discussion
 - Dominic Cortinas included resources regarding Foundations in the Agenda Packet.

- Next Season's Budget Prep
 - Kallie Guentner provided an update on the NCPRD budget prep. The NCPRD finance team has started the budget process for the 2024-25 fiscal year. They anticipate having monthly updates in the Division Report included in the Agenda Packets for DAC meetings.
 - The Budget Proposal Form is live on the NCPRD website, and any submissions received before December 31 will be reviewed for the upcoming fiscal year. The Budget Proposal Form can be found here: <https://ncprd.com/financial-information>
 - NCPRD currently has 2 vacancies on the NCPRD Budget Committee.

Public Comment

- None

DAC Member Reports

- Katie Scott (Subarea 3 representative)
 - Reported that Pfeifer Park has a hole in it, and wanted to be sure NCPRD was aware.
 - The NCPRD Maintenance team took note of this issue to look into it ASAP.
- Jeanette DeCastro (Subarea 3 representative)
 - Recently rented a space at the Milwaukie Community Center (MCC) and found the staff there super helpful.
- Lisa Batey (Subarea 5 representative)
 - The second Saturday of every month there is a group that meets to remove invasive plants at Minthorn Wetlands. They meet from 9:30am-noon.
 - The three parks that the City of Milwaukie are building with ARPA funds will have ground breaking in winter and open in fall of 2024.
- Muciri Gatimu (Subarea 1 representative)
 - Reported that a sign had fallen into the Boardman Wetlands.
 - The NCPRD Maintenance team took note of this issue to look into it ASAP.
- Joel Bergman (Community Center Advisory Board Appointee)
 - Volunteers needed:
 - There are currently 2 vacancies on the CCAB.
 - There is an immediate need for Meals on Wheels drivers.
 - The Emergency Firewood and Emergency Energy Assistance programs are underway. Residents can apply through the Milwaukie Community Center (MCC).
 - The Artisan gift shop at the MCC is open to any artists/vendors. If you are interested in selling your product at this gift shop please contact the MCC for additional information.
 - Events:
 - 11/9/2023 - Veteran's Day Buffet
 - 11/19/2023 – Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner
 - 12/2/2023 – Winter Celebration from 9:30am-noon.

District Monthly Reports

Dominic Cortinas provided the division reports.

- The District Monthly reports were included in the agenda packet.
 - Dominic introduced NCPRD's new Planning and Development Director, Kia Selley.

- For any future agenda requests, Chair Stee will require either a memo or an email provided a detailed description of what the agenda item entails.

Adjournment

The DAC meeting was adjourned by Chair Stee at 7:11 p.m.