



## MEETING MINUTES

North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District

District Advisory Committee

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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**DAC Members Present:** Grover Bornefeld, Joel Bergman, Lisa Batey, Jeanette DeCastro, Mark Elliott, Ali Feuerstein, Maureen Thom, Muciri Gatimu.

**DAC Members Absent:** None

**Staff and Officials Present:** Paul Savas (Clackamas County Commissioner), Jeff Munn (County Counsel), Cindy Becker (NCPRD Acting Director), Dominic Cortinas (Deputy Director), Kandi Ho (Recreation Director), Kia Selley (Planning Director), Erin Reome, Alex Gilbertson, Lidia Larson (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 DeCastro at 5:33 p.m. A quorum was present.

### Action Items

- Approval of DAC Meeting Minutes
  - The summary from the DAC meeting held on January 10, 2024 was approved with no edits.
- Approval of alternative representative for subareas
  - **ACTION:** Grover Bornefeld nominated Anatta Blackmarr to serve in the subarea 2 vacancy until a replacement is found.
  - Mark Elliot Seconds; Anatta accepted.
  - No other nominations were received.
  - DAC members vote unanimously to approve Anatta Blackmarr as subarea 2 representative until a replacement is found.

## Discussion Agenda

- **DAC Bylaws Discussion**
  - Cindy opened the discussion on bylaws. Current bylaws are in need of realignment and revision with current DAC goals and priorities. Cindy recommends that the DAC meet with both chairs to discuss and then present to full DAC at a future meeting. A time for this meeting will be scheduled in the future.
- **DAC Recruitment Process:** Filling all four (4) vacant sub-area representative positions by June 30, 2024.
  - Dominic Cortinas reviewed the information provided in the packet on open positions, recruitment processes, engagement tactics, and suggested timelines for filling vacancies.
  - Some concern about the timeline was suggested. Timeline changes will be considered and reviewed, and any timeline changes will be shared at the March DAC meeting.
  - Joel Bergman recommends the Milwaukie Community Center for holding recruitment meetings.
- **System Plan Update:** DAC role in the community engagement process.
  - Kia Selley presented an informational update on the current efforts, phases, and engagement tactics in the System Plan project. Presentation materials provided in packet.
  - Kia shared that Erin Reome (Principal Planner) will be reaching out to each DAC member individually for feedback on System Plan engagement.

## DAC Member Reports

Grover Bornefeld (Subarea 1 Representative)

- Changing bylaws for alternate candidates; getting the topic on agenda.
- Joel Bergman (Community Center Advisory Board Representative)
  - Spring Housing Fair at Milwaukie Community Center in March is accepting vendor applications.
  - Continued need for Meals on Wheels Drivers.
  - Milwaukie Community Center board has vacancies, Joel urges community members to apply.
  - Joel requested an update on the NCPRD website refresh project.
- Lisa Batey (Subarea 5 Representative)
  - Milwaukie moving forward with 3 ARPA funded parks; ground-breaking on March 9, 2024.
  - Encourages firewood program participants to also take advantage of county-provided energy assistance programs.
- Ali Feuerstein (Subarea 5 Representative)

- Encourages all DAC members to attend the groundbreaking for Balfour Park on March 9th.
- Jeanette DeCastro (Subarea 3 Representative)
  - Reports slower activity due to winter weather conditions
  - Larger ongoing conversations within active CPOs about the need for increased community participation.
    - Considering winter weather damages would like to have a future discussion regarding NCPRD emergency management plans.
- Muciri Gatimu (Subarea 1 Representative)
  - Ongoing safety concerns regarding the Mcloughlin Blvd/Jennings Rd. Trolley Trail crossing.
  - ACTION: Muciri Gatimu made a motion to have NCPRD staff research the safety of the Jennings/McLoughlin Trolley Trail crossing and the possibility of adding a diagonal crosswalk.
    - Lisa Batey Seconded the motion.
    - No objections, motion passed unanimously.
- Mark Elliott (Subarea 2 Representative)
  - Concerns about the grounds and signage at North Clackamas Park Dog Park.

### **District Monthly Reports**

- Cindy Becker provided the division reports and District event and programming updates.
  - Director Recruitment update: Ongoing interviews occurring. NCPRD will update the DAC on potential times to meet finalists.
  - Budget Committee recruitment update: The timeline has shifted a week and will be communicated to applicants.
  - NCPRD is quitclaiming a 3.5-acre Highland property in Happy Valley to the neighborhood association that has been maintaining it.
  - Vogel Property: 14.3 Acre property outside of NCPRD boundaries that is not serving district residents. NCPRD is in conversations with Happy Valley regarding this property.

### **Public Comment**

- Mitzi Bauer (NCSD Board member, Happy Valley, OR)
  - Expressed concern regarding the early lease termination at the Wichita School facility that currently houses a full suite of social service programs for low-income families and encourages the NCPRD Board of Directors to find a working solution with NCSD.

- Stephanie Rose (Subarea 2)
  - Expressed concern regarding the Wichita Center and the potential for disrupted services to vulnerable families. Encourages the NCPRD Board of Directors to work with NCSD for an amicable transparent solution.
- Leslie Robinette (Subarea 1)
  - Expressed concern regarding the early lease termination of the Wichita Center and encouraged the NCPRD Board of Directors to take action that would maintain continuity of services for low-income families and work with NCSD to find a solution.
- Ira Erbs, via Zoom (Unincorporated Clackamas County)
  - Retired school teacher who expressed concern regarding the Wichita Center and potential disruption of services. Encourages NCPRD Board of directions to find a mutually beneficial decision for the community and its vulnerable population.

### **Adjournment**

- The DAC meeting was adjourned by Chair DeCastro at 7:40 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date:** March 13, 2024 North Clackamas Aquatic Park