



MEETING MINUTES

North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District

District Advisory Committee

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

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

DAC Members Present: Muciri Gatimu, Grover Bornefeld (Subarea 1), Anatta Blackmarr (Subarea 2), Jeanette DeCastro, Sheila Shaw (Subarea 3), Daniel Diehl (Subarea 4), Lisa Batey, Ali Feuerstein (Subarea 5), Joel Bergman (Milwaukie Community Center Advisory Board)

Members Absent: Mark Elliott, Salma Nassir

Staff and Officials Present: Kia Selley (NCPRD Director), Dominic Cortinas (NCPRD Deputy Director), Erin Reome, Melina DeFrancesco (NCPRD), Anna Laybourn, Xiaojian Fan, Tim Marshall, Desiree Liu (Design Workshop)

A recording of this meeting is available on the NCPRD website at <https://ncprd.com/public-meetings/meeting-minutes>

- I. **Call to Order** - DAC meeting was called to order by DAC Chair, Jeanette DeCastro. A quorum was present.
- II. **Action Items**
 - a. Approval of DAC Meeting Summary
 - i. The summary from the DAC meeting held on August 14, 2024, was approved with minor edits.
- III. **Discussion Agenda**
 - a. System Plan Update (Design Workshop)
 - i. Design Workshop provided an update that included:
 1. Community Needs and Gap Analysis
 2. Engagement At A Glance
 3. Survey Result Highlights
 4. Additional Community Feedback
 5. Program Analysis
 6. Operations and Management Analysis
 7. Next Steps
 - b. Website Redesign (Melina DeFrancesco)
 - i. Melina DeFrancesco gave an amended update on the Website Redesign. This item will be brought back to the DAC in October.
- IV. **Subcommittee Reports**
 - a. Chair DeCastro requested to remove the subcommittee agenda item titled, “DAC Public Planning/Parking Lot” and in its place add a “Resolution for Proposal”. No objections.
 - i. Motion made by Chair DeCastro on Vice-Chair Mark Elliott’s behalf, “The NCPRD Advisory Committee recommends to the Board of Directors that they approve the final two phases of the Systems Plan contract with Design Workshop as soon as possible in order to allow

the consultants to continue their work uninterrupted through to the completion of their Scope of Work. We recommend that the contract value be paid entirely by existing NCPRD funds dedicated to this project and that the original Scope of Work be approved as originally submitted.”

- ii. Seconded by Grover Bornefeld.
- iii. Sheila Shaw clarified that the DAC would be asking the BOD to approve the contract for Phases 3 and 4 of the System Plan, and not specifically the Milwaukie Bay Park project.
- iv. Motion passes: 9,0

V. **DAC Member Reports**

- a. Grover Bornefeld (Subarea 1)
 - i. Brought up concerns about how the concerns the DAC has received from residents surrounding the Milwaukie Bay Park project are dissolving our unity by having accusations being made, and not being balanced.

VI. **District Monthly Report** – Kia Selley, NCPRD Director, provided District updates.

- a. **Dog On-Leash Giveaway Campaign:** NCPRD launched a dog on-leash giveaway campaign earlier this summer. This month NCPRD will post a media release that is positive and educational. Dog owners can provide pictures of their leashed dogs at NCPRD parks or trails for a chance to win a pet-related gift basket.
- b. **Milwaukie Bay Park Phase 3:** NCPRD staff has updated the website to better inform District residents about the status of the project. NCPRD has successfully retained all grants for this project (local, state, and federal). For the federal grant, NCPRD staff is going to prepare a formal request to extend the duration of the grant to fall 2026.
- c. **Concord Project:** Construction continued for the Concord Property projects for the park, playground, and renovated community center, as well as a new library. At the community center, staff removed boards above the entry doors and discovered historic windows. The original wooden windows have been carefully restored. This is a great example of NCPRD’s intent to restore the original character of the building and maintain the integrity of the building.
- d. **Clackamas Elementary School Property:** Earlier this summer, the Board of County Commissioners shared their interest in purchasing the NCPRD-owned former Clackamas Elementary School for use as a recovery center. On July 25, the County hosted a Community Forum on-site with neighboring residents and businesses to share concerns and questions. On July 30, we had a special DAC meeting with a presentation by the recovery center project manager. The Board then put this item on hold to consider a private offer on the property, which the buyer retracted soon thereafter. Yesterday, the Board of County Commissioners publicly stated its intention to purchase the former Clackamas Elementary School property (located at 15301 SE 92nd Ave). The terms of the purchase will be shared publicly when the purchase and sale agreement is approved by the Board of Commissioners either later this month or early October.
- e. **Recruitment for NCPRD Budget Committee Members:** The application process closes on September 30. The Budget Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for parks-related programs and facilities through the annual budget process.
- f. **Fiesta Latina Event:** This event will be Saturday at North Clackamas Park. This is the third year for this event.
- g. **Aquatic Park Annual Maintenance:** Closed for the month of September for annual maintenance and deep cleaning.
- h. **New Planning and Development Division Director:** After a competitive external recruitment process, Erin Reome was promoted to fill this position.
- i. **NCPRD Board of Directors Meeting:** The next meeting is next Wednesday, September 18 at 6pm at the North Clackamas Aquatic Park. The agenda and materials will be posted online tomorrow.

VII. **Public Comment**

- a. None

From: [Tim Taylor](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Fwd: Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024 7:38:39 AM

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From: **Tim Taylor**
Date: Thu, Aug 15, 2024 at 7:36 AM
Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park
To: <bcc@clackamas.us>
CC: <citycouncil@milwaukieoregon.gov>

Hello,

My name is Tim Taylor, I am a Milwaukie resident, a Portland small business owner, and I am writing to express encouragement to move forward with the construction of Milwaukie Bay Park.

MBP has the opportunity to not only greatly improve the usability of Milwaukie's waterfront, but become a gathering place for the regional community. I have many friends who are not Milwaukie residents who visit the park and wonder why there are empty spaces where there could be infrastructure like is outlined in the MBP plans.

We have an opportunity to greatly improve our region and the time to act is now. The costs of this project will only increase and state and federal grants are set to expire. For the sake of our region's future, I implore you to move forward with MBP to show the entire Metro area how great North Clackamas is and can be.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Tim Taylor

From: [Dan Meloy](#)
To: [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#); [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#); [BCCMail](#)
Subject: I support MBP!
Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024 1:18:56 PM

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Hello Committee and Commissioners,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the completion of Milwaukie Bay Park (MBP), a regional gem that has been eagerly anticipated by the greater Clackamas community for years. The park holds significant potential for enhancing our region, and it's crucial that we move forward with its development without yet another round of delays.

As a member of the community here in Milwaukie, I hear people frequently inquire about when construction will resume, showing just how much they care about MBP. The anticipation is palpable, and the years of community engagement, feedback and volunteerism can't be disregarded.

Once completed, MBP will be universally accessible, attracting more families, businesses, and organizations than it can currently provide for. This will undoubtedly enhance the community experience, making Milwaukie an even more attractive place to live and visit.

I urge you to prioritize the completion of Milwaukie Bay Park. The community's investment, both emotional and financial, is immense. Let's not let this opportunity slip away. The time to act is now, for the benefit of our entire region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Dan Meloy

From: janna.higgins
To: BCCMail
Cc: citycouncil@milwaukieoregon.gov; [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Thursday, September 5, 2024 9:02:16 AM

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Hello,

I am writing again asking for accountability to see Milwaukie Bay Park come to fruition. The delay led by your office is unacceptable! I had hoped my daughter would be able to play in this park as a child but due to the delay she will be in middle school by the time this is built-if it is built.

Please do your part and see this through. It would be a shame to lose out on this money or see this money being pushed towards something that was not its original intent. Building Milwaukie Bay Park would be great for all members of our community.

Why are you continuing to push this off?

Thank you,
Janna

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From:
To: [NCP - Ali Feuerstein](#); [BCS - Anatta Blackmarr](#); [BCS - markport](#); [Cortinas, Dominic](#); [Daniel Diehl](#); [Wild, Everett](#); [BCS - Grover Bornefeld](#); [BCS - jwbpdx](#); [NCP-Lisa Batey](#); [NCP - Muciri Gatimu](#); [NCP - Jeanette DeCastro](#); [Salma Nassir](#); [Savas, Paul](#); [Selley, Kia](#); [Sheila Shaw](#); [Stead, Jessica](#)
Subject: FW: Please Build Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Thursday, September 5, 2024 10:14:57 AM

From: Janna Bonofiglio
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2024 10:03 AM
To: BCCMail <bcc@clackamas.us>
Cc: citycouncil@milwaukieoregon.gov; NCPRD - District Advisory Committee <DAC@clackamas.us>
Subject: Re: Please Build Milwaukie Bay Park

Hello Grace,

Thank you for the quick response! I really appreciate it.

I understand that there are some legal questions and this has turned this into a political issue. Regardless of whether Milwaukie leaves the district, the park would remain equally accessible to everyone in the greater area. As I mentioned in my previous email, I frequent and enjoy parks that are outside of Milwaukie. They benefit everyone in the greater community, not just those who live within the boundaries of their associated cities.

Please separate building Milwaukie Bay Park from politics and legal issues. I know these are complex matters and there is no timeline for resolving them. Because of this, we'll lose funding and the greater Clackamas County community (and beyond!) will continue to be without a wonderful park that was scheduled to be completed by now.

I have cc'd the Milwaukie City Council as suggested by you.

Thank you,
Janna

On Thu, Sep 5, 2024 at 9:38 AM BCCMail <bcc@clackamas.us> wrote:

Good Morning Janna Bonofiglio

Thank you for your email advocating for the construction of Phase III of Milwaukie Bay Park.

The North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) Board of Directors appreciates your enthusiasm for adding amenities to this beautiful and regionally-beneficial park asset. Phase III remains a project on NCPRD's capital improvement list.

NCPRD has contributed substantial resources to each phase of Milwaukie Bay Park. NCPRD staff estimates that the District has expended over \$1.1 million for the project since 2017. Clackamas County and Water Environment Services have both made investments as well. As you may know, NCPRD has the lowest tax rate of any large parks district in Oregon, and District resources are stretched thin. The NCPRD Board and staff do not want our substantial investment in Milwaukie Bay Park to be lost.

At this time, construction of Phase III of Milwaukie Bay Park is on pause because there has been no progress on updating the intergovernmental agreement between NCPRD and the City of Milwaukie. It is our understanding the City is seeking to clarify an appropriate, legal route for their potential future withdrawal from the District. Before continuing construction, the District needs assurances that, should Milwaukie choose to depart, District investments are not removed from District ownership at the expense of the rest of the District's taxpayers.

While the NCPRD Board appreciates your advocacy, as this is a legal matter, further conversations are most appropriate between our attorneys and at the elected official level. I encourage you to share your support for construction of Milwaukie Bay Park with the Milwaukie City Council.

Best,

Grace Irvin
Interim Executive Assistant
Clackamas BCC

From: Janna Bonofiglio

Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2024 9:33 AM

To: BCCMail <bcc@clackamas.us>

Cc: citycouncil@milwaukieoregon.gov; NCPRD - District Advisory Committee
<DAC@clackamas.us>

Subject: Please Build Milwaukie Bay Park

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Dear Clackamas County Commissioners,

My name is Janna Bonofiglio and I am writing to you regarding the delay in building Milwaukie Bay Park. I work for a local healthcare system, have two school age children at Sojourner and Linwood schools, and am a foster parent. Additionally, I own a home in the Linwood neighborhood and have lived in Milwaukie since 2019.

I attended the Linwood neighborhood block party this past weekend and talked with the kind people at the Milwaukie Parks Foundation booth. I was frustrated and saddened to hear about the delay in building Milwaukie Bay Park. My family and I actually visited the park earlier this week. I was able to envision what the park would look like and what it would mean for our community. I especially love the inclusion of the interactive water feature for kids! We currently have to drive to Gladstone, Happy Valley, or Portland for splash pads.

As a citizen of Milwaukie, I am requesting:

- **Full transparency on the NCPRD's MBP website. No more indefinite project holds.**
- **Commitments that every Clackamas County Commissioner is doing everything they can to save the \$2.4 million in grant money.**
- **To see a plan for resuming the construction phase and building MBP.**

Milwaukie is such a wonderful place to live and has so much potential. It's one of the reasons we moved here!

Let's improve the city for everyone and build Milwaukie Bay Park!

Sincerely,
Janna Bonofiglio

From: [victoria Worden](#)
To: [BCCMail](#)
Cc: citycouncil@milwaukieoregon.gov; [NCPRD - District Advisory Committee](#)
Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park
Date: Saturday, September 7, 2024 11:40:02 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to insist that the County Board of Commissioners ends its "90 day hold" on the development of Milwaukie Bay Park. I believe it would be a serious waste of resources to lose millions of dollars of grant money - this fiscal mismanagement makes me question why these people were elected to represent me, when our values are so clearly unaligned. Allowing Milwaukie to lose this grant money - and jeopardizing the ability to secure grants in the future is a giant loss for our community. It is important to not only consider how improving the park benefits us locally by providing public spaces we feel comfortable in, but also to consider that this is an opportunity to encourage tourism from outside the city which can help stimulate our local economy. People from outside Milwaukie will be more likely to visit the park once the improvements are complete, and this will allow more opportunities for local restaurants and shops to succeed. Milwaukie will thrive when we utilize our finances well - *please* lift this hold on development and allow Milwaukie Bay Park to achieve its potential.

Sincerely,

Victoria Worden

From:

To:

Subject:

Date:

FW: Milwaukie Bay Park

Monday, September 9, 2024 2:18:23 PM

From: Hill, Caroline <CarolineHill@clackamas.us> **On Behalf Of** BCCMail

Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 2:14 PM

To: larry hodak BCCMail <bcc@clackamas.us>

Cc: citycouncil@milwaukieoregon.gov; NCPRD - District Advisory Committee <DAC@clackamas.us>

Subject: RE: Milwaukie Bay Park

Good afternoon Mr. Hodak -

Thank you for your email advocating for the construction of Phase III of Milwaukie Bay Park. Your message will be shared with the Board of Commissioners.

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Thank you!

Caroline Hill

Policy Advisor

Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

2051 Kaen Rd, Ste 450 | Oregon City, OR 97045
503-655-8261 | carolinehill@clackamas.us

From: larry hodak

Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 10:18 AM

To: BCCMail <bcc@clackamas.us>

Cc: citycouncil@milwaukieoregon.gov; NCPRD - District Advisory Committee <DAC@clackamas.us>

Subject: Milwaukie Bay Park

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1. We want full transparency on the NCPRD's MBP website. No more indefinite project holds.
 2. Where's the Funding? We want commitments that you are doing everything you can to save the \$2.4 million in grant money.
 3. We want to see a plan for resuming the construction phase and building MBP.

I am a fairly new resident to Milwaukie (2020) and the state of Oregon too. Eager to discover my new surroundings I have found Milwaukie lacks the small town offers and charms of other nearby locals. Downtown is abysmal as is Miwaukie Bay. Inquiring business owners and former city/county board members as to why this is, the answer I get is they talk the talk but do not walk the walk. To the present Clackamas County Commisioners please respond to this email, with your plans, support, or reasons why you oppose the grant money set aside for development. Always two sides to an issue, I've heard from Friends of Milwaukie Bay Park and now as a registered voter I want to here from each of you.

Thank You in advance,

Larry Hodak

From: janice.mcclure
To: [BCCMail](#)
Cc: citycouncil@milwaukieoregon.gov
Subject: Clackamas County resident seeking information and clarification
Date: Sunday, September 8, 2024 6:20:43 PM

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I am a relatively new resident in Clackamas County, arriving from Colorado in September of 2020. I moved to Oregon to be with my daughter, her husband, and 3 delightful grandchildren.

Although I miss Colorado, where I was born and resided for 69 years, I love Oregon.

I was quite active in local and state government in Colorado, and knew who to contact, where to go, and how it all worked. I was on the Aurora City Planning Commission for several years and attended many city council meetings. My father was a councilman and local businessman so I learned a lot from him.

I'm in unincorporated Clackamas County, but live a block away from Milwaukie. Even after 4 years I am in the dark about how politics work here. I have studied the Clackamas County website and it's been very difficult for me to access needed information. Granted, I am now 73 years old, but am well-educated and clear minded, thank goodness. I am particularly perplexed about the disagreements over Milwaukie Bay Park.

I frequent the park regularly and enjoy my time there, but have always wondered why such a great location has not been utilized to its full potential. Recently I learned that there is a plan in place to enhance the park substantially and there is grant money and funds available to do so. Unfortunately, it appears as though Clackamas County Commissioners have stymied efforts to move forward with these plans. If this is correct, I am very dismayed.

What can be done to help these plans move forward? There are open County Commissioner meetings scheduled from 10-11 on Thursdays, but I've heard they aren't always held? And is that a convenient meeting time for citizens--if they work or go to school it might be difficult to attend meetings. Are there minutes taken at these meetings and are those minutes readily available to the public online? Is there disagreement among the Commissioners concerning the park improvements? If there are good reasons why the money is being withheld, what are those reasons? I'm at a loss here and as a

resident, homeowner, and registered voter in the county, I would like to have clarification.

Thank you for your time and input.

Sincerely,

Dr. Janice McClure