



MEETING MINUTES

North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District

District Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Members Absent: None

Staff and Officials Present: Paul Savas (Clackamas County Commissioner), Kia Selley (NCPRD Director), Erin Reome (NCPRD Planning & Development Director)

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. **Introduction of New DAC Member** (Joshua Fisher)
 - a. This item was deferred until later in the meeting when Joshua was present.
- III. **Facilitator Introduction and Exercise** (Camille Trummer, Interplay)
 - a. Camille provided a brief background on Interplay and an agenda for this meeting's exercise which included: introductions, background, purpose, code of conduct, goals, group agreements, and next steps + action items.
 - i. Introductions: DAC members introduced themselves by providing their name, sub-area, length of service on DAC, and what motivates them to contribute to the DAC.
 - ii. Purpose: Camille shared the purpose of this meeting's exercise, which was to introduce and set shared expectations for facilitation support and strategic counsel. Revising the DAC's purpose and code of conduct, and to co-create shared group agreements to serve as an accountability framework for future meetings.
 - iii. Group Agreements: Group agreements can foster; clarity and alignment, inclusivity, trust, conflict prevention and resolution, accountability, adaptability, and growth.
 1. The drafted group agreements are included at the end of this Meeting Summary.
 - iv. Next Steps + Action Items:
 1. Phases of Work:
 - a. Discovery (January): Focus group, group interviews, in-depth interviews, key findings and recommendations
 - b. Strategy (February): Facilitation best practice framework
 2. DAC Action items:
 - a. Share feedback/recommendations by 1/15
 - b. Respond to and confirm interview request
 - c. Review materials in advance of the interview

IV. Action Items

- a. Approval of DAC Meeting Summary
 - i. The summary from the DAC meeting held on November 13, 2024, was approved as presented.

V. Informational Item

- a. New Dinner and Design Social Event (Erin Reome, NCPRD Planning & Development Director)
 - i. Erin provided an overview of the Dinner and Design Social Event scheduled for Saturday, February 8.

VI. DAC Member Reports

- a. Ali Feuerstein (Subarea 5) – Scott Park (right outside the Ledding Library) is now open. It has a new playground and amphitheater. Bowman Brae may open by the end of January, and Balfour will open in February.
- b. Sheila Shaw (Subarea 3) – Attended the NCPRD Budget Committee meeting as the DAC Liaison. Informed the Budget Committee that the DAC recommended that NCPRD complete the System Plan, the DAC wants to develop the properties in underserved areas, hold off on trails if funding wasn't available, and questioned about if we were in the business of older adult services, but know that is an important need so requested that we look into other funding sources for those services.
- c. Daniel Diehl (Subarea 4) – Excited for Josh to join the DAC so there is another representative for subarea 4. Daniel is looking into holding a listening session for subarea 4.
- d. Grover Bornefeld (Subarea 1) – Invited other subareas to create listening opportunities where subarea residents can voice their concerns.
- e. Lisa Batey (Subarea 5) – The next three Saturdays will have work party opportunities. On the second Saturday of every month, there is a Minthorn Spring Wetlands cleanup. On the third Saturday of every month, there is a Elk Rock Island clean-up. On the fourth Saturday of this month, there is an Elk Rock Island event, sponsored by the North Clackamas Watershed Council, which collected Christmas Trees along with NCPRD and will be placing the trees into the Willamette River as a fish habitat.
- f. Joel Bergman (Milwaukie Community Center Advisory Board) – Milwaukie Community Center has an emergency firewood program and an energy assistant funding program.
- g. Jeanette DeCastro (Subarea 3) – A property adjacent to the Justice Property was sold to a developer. There was a strong community desire for that to be a park and not a development. Interested in hearing feedback from the community and residents in that area.

VII. District Monthly Report (Kia Selley, NCPRD Director)

- a. **Justice Property:** An update will be provided at the next DAC meeting.
- b. **Upcoming Items for 2025:**
 - i. Anticipate demand for recreation programming to return to pre-pandemic levels. We will be relaunching our Discovery Guide this spring. The Discovery Guide will include all programs and events for summer 2025.
 - ii. The 20-year road map called the System Plan will be completed summer of 2025.
 - iii. New amenities at the Concord Property are estimated to open in the fall of 2025. These amenities include a new community park, our first fully accessible playground, a splash pad, and a community center.
 - iv. The new NCPRD website will launch in 2025.
- c. **Concord Property:** The playground construction has started, and the main parking lot had its first lift of asphalt. The new roof on the community center has been completed. Staff is continuing to refine the scope for the interior improvements. Grand re-opening is estimated for the fall of 2025.
- d. **Milwaukie Bay Park Project:** Two contracts set to expire on December 31, 2024 were extended. One contract was for design, and the second contract was for the general contractor.

- e. **NCPRD Website Project:** Due to some unforeseen design challenges, we now anticipate launching the new website in the summer of 2025.
- f. **Aquatic Park Hot Tub:** The hot tub at the Aquatic Park is now reopened.
- g. **Natural Areas Volunteer Event:** In November, NCPRD's Natural Areas team hosted a volunteer event at Kronberg Park. With the help of 19 volunteers, 150 plants were planted.
- h. **Winter Celebration:** On December 7, NCPRD hosted their annual Winter Celebration at the Milwaukie Community Center. Over 300 people attended.
- i. **Hoopers Basketball Programming:** Over 1,400 players are currently registered for the upcoming Hoopers basketball season. Staff are organizing teams, ordering uniforms, recruiting over 200 volunteer coaches, and securing gymnasium rentals from the school district.
- j. **Looking Ahead:**
 - i. January 26, 2025 – NCPRD's Annual Lunar New Year Celebration.
 - ii. February 4, 2025 – NCPRD resident registration opens at noon for spring programming.
 - iii. February 8, 2025 – Design and Dinner Social Event at the Milwaukie Community Center.
- k. **Budget:**
 - i. The 2025-26 proposed budget will be submitted to the Board of Directors in February. NCPRD Budget Committee will meet to review the highlights of that proposal. A memo was included in the agenda packet for responses to the questions raised during the November DAC meeting.
 - ii. The Board approved a policy late last year that allows for fee increases consistent with the consumer price index, up to 3% each year. These fee increases will be effective in July of 2025. Next month NCPRD staff will request board approval of new fees, elimination of fees that are no longer needed, and modification of existing fees that exceed the consumer price index. The majority of our fees have not been increased since 2022, and are significantly below what we need for adequate cost recovery and significantly below industry peers.

VIII. Public Comment

- a. Kathy Schreiber (Alma Myra Park) – Advocate of soil health.
- b. Lindsay Freedman (Subarea 3) – Advocate of having a park at the Justice Property. Expressed concern about a local developer purchasing the adjacent parcel.