

MCCAB Meeting Minutes

Date: April 11, 2025
Location: Milwaukie Community Center
Time: 9:30 a.m.

MCCAB Members Present: Wilda Parks, Chair, Paul Ellison, Vice Chair, Ben Horner-Johnson, Secretary, Rosie Herboth, and Joel Bergman.

Excused: Riley Clark-Long, Loraine Colacchi, Virginia Seitz, and Jeanne Heise.

STAFF: Marty Hanley, Tina Johnson, Hamid Bennet, and Rachelle Bonsi.

GUESTS: Angela Wright, MCCF, and Stan Catherman, MCCF.

Call to Order: Chair, Wilda Parks, called The Milwaukie Community Center/Advisory Board (MCCAB) to order at 9:35 a.m. A quorum was present.

I. Action Items:

- Approval of Minutes from March 14th, 2025 – The board collectively reviewed the meeting minutes. Chair Wilda Parks, asked for a motion to approve the March 14th, 2024, meeting minutes. Vice Chair Paul Ellison made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. Joel Bergman second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried, approving the meeting minutes.

II. Project Discussion:

- a. Open House Committee – meeting next week at 11 am, raffle basket items and table ambassadors needed
- b. Name badges for MCCAB members – in progress

III. Goal Discussion

- a. Adding art and color to interior walls – hang art on the walls by Artisan Gifts and over the couches by the front desk and inside the Rhododendron Room. Joel Bergman suggested designating spaces for student art from area high schools (MHS, RPHS, MAA, NUHS), perhaps for sale. Probably lack space for both high school and art alliance/artMob works. Could also use display cabinet in Rhododendron Room for sculptures (sometimes used by event rentals). Paul Ellison suggested having liability waivers and a structure for art sales in place. Ben H-J added that Concord will also have space for art - perhaps for Rex Putnam.
- b. Staff spotlight – committee met, acquired org. chart, trying not to duplicate county recognition efforts
- c. Public outreach – attending Milwaukie Fest (new event), Oak Grove Fest (as part of NCPRD booth), Milwaukie Farmers Market community booth

IV. Standing Reports:

- a. MCC Foundation Report – Stan Catherman
The Housing and Senior Services Fair will be held April 17th. There are 6-8 tables left to sell. The software lets us assign tables, with bigger sponsors at larger tables by the entrance. Bonaventure is a platinum sponsor of the event.
Italian Night will be on May 3rd starting at 4 p.m. with 4 sponsors so far
Bingo had 117 participants last night and more than 150 each Thursday for the last month. Tuesday night is smaller but growing.

Angela Wright added that Artisan Gifts has plenty of Easter items; tax aide has finished, the budget is in the works and the Pride Bingo committee has started work for the June 29th event.

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b. District Advisory Committee (DAC)

Joel Bergman reported the committee is skipping its April meeting. The Concord School naming project ends May 9th. There are three openings on the DAC, one each from sub-areas 1, 2, and 3.

c. Budget/Finances

The budget is still under review at the director's level.

V. MCC Reports:

a. Recreation and Program Committee - Tina Johnson reported that summer registration for camps and classes opened April 1st. Fees are increasing and there are now four categories: under/over 62 and district resident/non-resident. Fees were last raised 10 years ago; costs have risen more than 40%. Most activity fees are going from \$1 to \$2 per day/session for residents, and \$2.50 for non-residents. Class fees also increasing. Waiting on approval by BCC. A punch card system for some payments will be implemented with cards paid for with credit. The Discovery Guide for summer has been published (mostly online). There will be a pollinator event on June 21st from 1-3 p.m. at Stringfield Park. Concerts in the Park will feature Chamber Music NW and Red Yarn (at Ardenwald). OBT2 came March 22nd and there were 235 attendees.

b. Facility and Rental Committee - no report.

c. Nutrition, Transportation, Social Services, and Center Report - Marty Hanley reported that fees will be increasing starting in July as well as the suggested donations for congregate meals (from \$3 to \$4), meals on wheels (from \$1 to \$1.50), and transportation (from \$3 to \$4 round trip). One week of shelf-stable meals will be delivered on Monday, April 13th, paid for out of county funds.

VI. Public Comment - No public comment.

VII. Good of the Order and Adjournment:

Joel Bergman suggested a seed library inside the Center, sort of like the little free libraries. Will discuss in May (how big, where to put it).

Prospective board member Kelly Hudson withdrew her MCCAB application.

Chair Parks adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Next Meeting: The next MCCAB meeting is scheduled for May 09, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

- May 3rd Italian Dinner
- May 16, Open House 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- June 28th Pride Bingo will be held
- Oct 18th Concord Community Center grand opening is scheduled 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.