

PARB

Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2020 4:30 pm – 5:25 virtual/zoom

Members Present

Chair Lisa Lashbrook, Vice Chair Ben Johnson, Linda Blue, Martha Germany, Gary Klein, Martin McKnight, Ali Feuerstein

Staff Present

Staff Liaison, Kelly Brooks
NCPRD, Heather Koch

1. Welcome & Minutes

Linda – motion to approve June minutes. Ali second – passed unanimously.

2. Public Comment

None

3. NCPRD Staff Updates

Heather Koch

Sports courts etc. still not open. Still waiting on Phase 2 status.

Some special use permits being granted. Example: Elk Rock Yoga at Milwaukie Bay Park.

Limited permits granted for youth soccer tryouts.

Aquatics remain closed.

Virtual fitness continuing – Spanish, writing, and yoga classes are starting.

Chalk art has been happening

Summer camps are going well. They are being held outdoors utilizing social distancing

Survey about reopening and program input is still open.

Virtual open house for Concord property – please weigh in as district residents. Through August 2.

North Clackamas staff completed a small soft trail – west area or North Clackamas Parks site – more appropriate route in natural area.

Spring Park trailhead tabling recently – education for public prior to 4th. Feedback is that it helps reduce trash and fireworks. Gary volunteered on July 3 – had over 100 people come by. He did a walk through on July 5 – picked up two bags of trash - only one was fireworks. Thanks, Gary!

Governance – confirmed meeting of NCPRD board/BCC is set to talk about DAB on Monday, August 17 virtually.

Linda – reports lots of homeless people, tagging, and garbage on Three Creeks site. Heather will pass it on to Tonya.

Lisa reported writing letter to county commissioners.

4. City Staff Updates

Kelly Brooks

Presented the final project from Lango on Dogwood Park. Stage is not in park – by post office, along with storage. Play space near southern end.

She will take the plan to council on August 18.

It is a largely unfunded plan.

We will have a conversation about Coho in September with Layla and her team. How does the right of way fit between development and the park?

She heard from Arts Committee friends that they would like art to be integrated into the space.

Lisa asked about the Oregon White Oak that was planted - needs to be on design.

Linda said she likes the overhang.

Ben had comments on the stage and fixed furnishings - quality of furnishings and hardscape will be key.

Fires have been problematic in Milwaukie Bay Park in the solstice fire rock ring. She will pursue taking out the fire ring and putting it back before solstice.

Island Station demonstration continues. Verdict still out. Still a lot of demand – 50 cars in old Amadeus lot last weekend. There is a lot of demand to get to that area. Local access language has been confusing for folks. Barriers are there to make room for more people to enjoy the resource. Lack of sidewalks has created a parking issue. She is accepting feedback.

Gary said the park has been immensely used, especially near the lighthouse. He wishes the sheriff would come up and police the area. Lots of dangerous river activity.

Lisa asked if Amadeus parking lot would be a long-term deal. Kelly said, it is just for July and August.

*Kelly is hoping to skip August meeting. Members agreed. Next meeting in September.

Kelly will send over the resolution regarding where Metro local share dollars will go- Milwaukie Bay Park, Scott Park, and Dogwood Park.

Tonya does an annual work plan for Elk Rock Island as part of the IGA with Portland. It went to council last night.

5. Open Discussion

Lisa received a thank you email back from Ken regarding the DAB discussion.

Wilda asked if Kelly was going to send a letter regarding the financial aspects.

Gary asked about Milwaukie Bay Park funding. Heather said she has a pending grant but, it's on hold because of lottery shortfall. She will apply for an ODOT grant this fall to help support improvements to the trolley trail.

The other big piece is the Metro competitive grant – will lag behind other Metro grants. She says that design will consider phasing while waiting for full funding.

Heather says 1.5 – 1.9 million yet to piece together.

Gary – on August 22 Johnson Creek cleanup. Johnson Creek Watershed site for signing up.

Ben asked about the potential of a swimming beach at Milwaukie Bay Park. He gave the example of Portland's Poet's beach on west side of I-5. Maybe it would take pressure off Elk Rock Island.

Linda expressed support – Human Access Project.

Gary said pilings would need to be pulled for safety.

Lisa said she doesn't ever remember a swimming beach being discussed as a formal feature.

Lisa asked when Scott Park conversation will come back to PARB. Heather says NCPRD doesn't have resources or staff bandwidth for it right now.

Lisa said Milwaukie Parks Foundation got three new members. Crowd funding and grants will be pursued. All efforts right now focused on MBP.

Ali asked about any progress on no-wake area. Linda says she doesn't think she has heard back. Kelly will send information if she can find it.

Meeting adjourned– 5:25 pm

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