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NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION (NDA)

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 (6:30 - 8 PM)

City Meeting Calendar: <https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/meetings>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86316038476?pwd=VUd3RXpazVrcIRERlJvWlBDNnZxQT09>

Meeting ID: 863 1603 8476

Passcode: 220958



AGENDA

6:30 – 6:35 Welcome and Introductions

- (Name, pronoun, position)

6:35 – 6:45 Milwaukie Police Department Report

6:45 - 6:55 Update on 42nd/43rd Avenue Improvements

6:55 – 7:00 Review of Agenda, Review/Approval of Previous Month's Minutes*

- Minutes from January 12, 2021

7:00 - 7:15 Discussion of Summer Events (**Decision needed**)

- Authorization of funding allocation for summer concert series
- Feedback on PorchFest events (three Fridays between May-Sept)

7:15 - 7:25 Announcements

- Announcements from the City of Milwaukie can be found below**

7:25 - 7:45 Committee/Officer Updates

- Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC, Aaron)
- Treasurers Update (Howie)
- Secretary Report (Lisa)
- Transportation Committee Report (Nick, Philip)
 - Discussion of funding allocation for Lewelling Elem

7:25 – 7:45 New Business

- Land Use discussion
 - Neighbor concerns on the following project:
<https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/planning/vr-2021-012>

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New Business (continued)

- Tree code letter from Lake Road NDA resident (attached)

7:45 – 8:00 Old Business

- Milwaukie Grad Party small grant request \$500 (attached)

8:00 Adjourn – Thanks for coming!

* Due to a time sensitive agenda item, the approval of the minutes will take place midway through the neighborhood meeting

See you at the next meeting on March 9, 2022 from 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

****Announcements from the City of Milwaukie:**

Milwaukie Recognized as a Tree City USA, Receives Growth Award - The city's high level of tree care has been celebrated by the Arbor Foundation. Learn more at www.milwaukieoregon.gov/sustainability/milwaukie-recognized-tree-city-usa-receives-growth-award

Land Use Application (R-2022-001) for 10722 SE Main St. (City Hall and adjacent lots) - Please access the link below to find the Notice of Type II Land Use Proposal and Application Referral for land use application R-2022-001 for 10722 SE Main St.

The proposal is generally to consolidate 8 underlying lots into two (2) lots. The existing City Hall building would be located on proposed lot #1 and all parking and open space that currently surrounds City Hall on the north, east, and south would occupy proposed lot #2.

<https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/planning/r-2022-001>

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North Clackamas Park Volunteer Event – Sat., Feb. 26 (9 AM – 12 PM) - Join the North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District (NCPRD) to enhance habitat at North Clackamas Park! Volunteers will help with pulling weeds and planting native vegetation. Tools, gloves and refreshments will be provided. Questions? Contact Matt Jordan at mjordan@ncprd.com or call 971-313-2031.

Nominate Someone Today! 2021 Milwaukie Volunteer of the Year – Nominations accepted through Feb. 14, 2022 Submit a nomination on Engage Milwaukie at <https://engage.milwaukieoregon.gov/milwaukie-2021-volunteer-of-the-year>

Save the date! Land Use 101 Training – Thursday, March 31 (6-7 PM)

During the joint NDA/Planning Commission meeting on October 21, 2021 there was discussion about the Planning Department providing a new Land Use 101 training for all NDA leaders. That training is coming together and everyone is welcome to attend via Zoom on March 31. The training will discuss how planning policies are developed, move on to details about how planning works in the larger city, and how it might work in your own backyard.

For now, please save the date. Further information will be shared as we get closer to March 31. If you have any questions beforehand, please contact Laura Weigel, Planning Manager, at weigell@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7654

Check the [City's Events Calendar](#) on a regular basis for the latest information about upcoming Events, Meetings, and Other Opportunities!

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Neighborhood District Association (NDA)
Grant Program Application

I. Applicant Information

Project/Program Name: MHS/MAA Graduation Celebration

Project/Program Contact Person: Sheila Oakes/Danielle Law

Phone: 503-708-7879 Email: sheilaoakes@gmail.com/daniellerl28@yahoo.com

Website Address (if any): _____

Mailing Address: 2301 SE Willard St

City/State: Milwaukie, OR

Amount Being Requested: \$ 500 Date: 12/28/21

Partnering Organizations (if any): _____

II. Project or Program Details

Note: Please attach additional pages as necessary to fully describe the proposed project or program.

Describe the goal and the need for the proposed project or program.

We are raising funds for the Grad Party, an all-night, chaperoned, substance-free event to be held directly after graduation on June 16, 2022. This event is a traditional celebration for all graduating seniors to celebrate their achievement and create one last memorable experience together. While acknowledging the possibility that the pandemic may change our plans, our goal is to raise the funds to hold the in-person overnight event for the students.

Who will be involved in the project or program and how has support evolved in the neighborhood/s?

Senior and Junior parents are forming a committee in January to begin planning the event details and additional fundraisers. The school community has already begun raising money through Senior t-shirt/hoodie sales. Fundraisers have been and will be planned with local businesses and around school events.

Project Time Frame: Beginning Date 12/1/21 End Date 6/16/22

Please describe how the grant money, if approved, would be used:

Funds will go toward the location rental, transportation to the event from Providence Park, entertainment, equipment rental, food and drink, prizes, etc.



III. Proposal Criteria

Project meets at least one of the following applicability criteria for value to the neighborhood. Check the appropriate boxes:

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(1) Neighborhood Organizing/ Organization Development

activities, services and materials that generate new neighborhood membership, grow the organization or educate neighborhood leadership toward the organization's development and continued operation.

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(2) Neighborhood Physical Improvements

materials and services to be used toward playgrounds, minor park improvements, community gardens or other facilities, neighborhood markers, identity signs, banners, trash cans, benches, etc.

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(3) Neighborhood Preservation

materials and services that sustain or enhance the health, public safety and welfare of the neighborhood such as crime watch, traffic management, or home weatherization programs; or contribute positively to the neighborhood's aesthetic quality such as design guideline development, community property maintenance programs or beautification programs.

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(4) Neighborhood Cultural, Social or Recreational Initiatives

materials and services that promote diversity, family literacy programs, neighborhood computer labs, after school enrichment programs, youth athletic leagues, career preparation, services for the needy, disabled or elderly and cultural activities such as music, dance, or art programs.

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To the best of my knowledge, the project complies with all city, county and state codes.

Please provide any additional comments and information that you would like to share with the NDA/s about this proposal.

After two years of classes in the pods on the football field, and another year of at-home school, we are hopeful that the class of 2022 can experience a relatively normal senior year with their peers in their new school. The MHS/MAA Grad Party committee would be very grateful for any financial assistance you are able to provide toward celebrating these students' accomplishments in June.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Title (if any): _____

Date: 12/28/21



For NDA Use Only

Each NDA that has approved this proposal shall have the chair or their designee sign and date below.

☐ Ardenwald/JC _____ Date _____

☐ Hector Campbell _____ Date _____

☐ Historic Milwaukie _____ Date _____

☐ Island Station _____ Date _____

☐ Lake Road _____ Date _____

☐ Lewelling _____ Date _____

☐ Linwood _____ Date _____

☐ Report received. Date _____

To: Milwaukie City Council

From: Paul Anderson

Date: 2/4/2022

Regarding: Proposed Tree Ordinance

In the 2/1/22 meeting, Natalie mentioned that some communities have more tree canopy than Milwaukie, Lake Oswego with 47% and West Linn with 38%. It should be noted that those communities have larger lots and large green spaces that contribute greatly to their tree canopy. Milwaukie doesn't have those large green spaces and to try to squeeze 40% tree canopy onto a residential development just isn't possible. Natalie admitted that many, if not most, new developments won't be able to meet the 40% requirement, depending on lot sizes, building footprint, and other factors. Pertaining to this, the code states:

d. If the tree preservation and/or tree canopy standards have not been met, provide calculations for the applicable tree mitigation fees as required by MMC 16.32.042.D.

e. If the applicant is seeking a variance to the tree preservation and/or tree canopy standards in place of providing mitigation fees, provide findings that demonstrate the proposal provides equivalent or greater environmental benefits as preserving or planting the required tree canopy consistent as required by MMC 16.32.042.E.

This means that most developments will have to pay mitigation fees or spend a bunch of time and money trying to demonstrate some sort of other mitigation. The 40% canopy requirement should not be a hard number. It should be a variable based on lot size, building footprint, and other factors. Otherwise, it will disproportionately hurt development of small lots and especially someone wanting to put an ADU onto their existing lot, all of which goes against the city's goal of more affordable housing.

Natalie also stated that in order to get more tree canopy, developers would not necessarily have to follow table 16.32.042.H. Is the language in that part of the code going to be changed from "must be met" to "try to meet" or some other less restrictive language? Also, there still are no definitions for small, medium, and large stature trees. When will we see those?

Getting into the details of residential tree cutting permits part of the ordinance, in the type 2 permit section, the code states: "The City will not issue a type 2 permit for the removal of a healthy, functioning tree without a demonstration by the applicant that extraordinary circumstances exist". Please define or give examples of "extraordinary circumstances". If I am reading it right, it will be almost impossible for anyone to cut down any healthy tree that is larger than 12 inches in diameter. Is that correct? If so, it is awfully heavy handed.

I prune my trees myself. According to the enforcement section of the code it looks like I can be fined for not pruning my trees correctly:

b. Topping, pruning, or otherwise inflicting willful and negligent damage to a tree crown or roots in a manner that is inconsistent with ISA best management practices:

(1) Up to the amount established in the Master Fee Schedule or up to the appraised loss in value of the illegally topped or pruned tree as determined by an ISA certified arborist plus the arborist's reasonable appraisal fee.

(2) Restoration of the tree crown, trunk, or root system as prescribed by an ISA certified arborist and approved by the Urban Forester.

Is everyone who prunes their own trees expected to purchase and study up on ISA best practices before they do the pruning? Does it really matter if someone makes a mistake? I have been pruning my trees for 20 years and have no idea if I am following ISA best practices or not. The trees look fine and none have died, so I must have been doing something right.

The code also many times refers to the "Master Fee Schedule". Has it been published anywhere for the public to see? I got to see portions of it by watching the Zoom meeting, but couldn't find it on the city's website.

I have not combed through the entire ordinance but I suspect there are many more details that are missing or things that aren't clear. I think it would be wrong to pass it before all of the details are worked out and how the ordinance would interact with parking and other requirements are studied.

Regarding the "Non-Development Tree Permit Requirements" part of this ordinance, I understand the desire to preserve the trees we have but I think it is not needed. We all like the trees we have here, but those trees didn't get here because of some government regulation. They got here because people planted them and want to keep them. That isn't going to change. They aren't going to cut them down for no good reason.

The current tree canopy in Milwaukie is 26% and this part of the ordinance is not going to increase it in any perceptible way. If anything, just proposing this ordinance has probably frightened people into cutting down trees they would have otherwise kept. The council should drop this part of the ordinance and put out a statement that there won't be any restrictions on the cutting of trees on private properties. Otherwise, more trees will come down.

I also think that an ordinance of this magnitude should not be passed with the only public input being letters, emails, and Zoom meetings. At a minimum, there needs to be real public meetings where more citizens can voice their opinions. Beyond that, I really think that it should be made into a ballot measure so that we can all vote on it. Otherwise, it will appear that the government just rammed something down our throats.

Please answer the questions I have raised.

Thanks,

Paul Anderson





