



## **Island Station Neighborhood District Association**

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# **Island Station NDA Meeting Minutes**

**May 15, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at the Milwaukie Grange Hall at 6:30 pm There were 11 neighbors and 5 guests from Water Environment Services (WES) and guest Rebecca Tweed from Milwaukie for Energy Choice.

Minutes of the April 17 meeting were not available for review and will be reviewed at the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Treasurer's report**

Bank balance - \$13043.76, Outstanding checks - \$250.00, Commitments - \$12,100, Available for use by the ISNDA - \$693.76

### **Milwaukie Police Report – Detective Tom Garret**

May 18 is the Corporal Diffie breakfast at the American Legion from 9 am – 1 pm where they will have more activities including a photo booth.

They are short staffed in the records department and are looking to hire a records supervisor and specialist.

There are now 2 traffic units patrolling in Milwaukie; if neighbors have complaints about a specific area let them know so they can spend some time in those areas.

In 2023 Milwaukie PD had over 14,000 dispatched calls for service, 4,900 traffic stops which all resulted in 786 arrests.

Charles asked if we could get spreadsheets of areas of crime in the city like we have had in the past.

### **Water Environment Services (WES)**

Lynne Chicoine shared with us the remodel and expansion plans for the administration building that will begin construction in 2025 that will add 1,100 square feet of space. It is currently at the 30% design stage and they anticipate 8-10 months of construction. This remodel and expansion will add new locker rooms for staff and a lunch room while



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repurposing the old building used for these things.

Gail Shaloum shared the landscaping plans that will include 24 trees and 120 shrubs some of which are 2 types of oak, native dogwoods and crabapple. She also mentioned removing the mature 'invasive' black locust. Pam asked why remove well established trees that provides habitat and hold the riverbank from eroding? The response was that the city did not want non native trees. Dave T noted that the shade in the park will be destroyed if the locust trees were removed and suggested they not be disturbed. Judy S. was concerned about the birds that use the trees for their home and others asked why the locust couldn't be left alone. Milo cited a concern about site lines, how the trees were meant to help the treatment plant from being seen from the river. Will asked why WES couldn't graft a fruit tree to the established root stock of the locust so the roots could still hold the bank, friends of trees was mentioned as a good source of information on the grafts.. The WES speakers said they would keep us in the loop.

Questions were raised about native artifacts that might be found while digging during construction.

**Milwaukie for Energy Choice** - Rebecca Tweed spoke about how this group is affiliated with NW Natural Gas and how the proposed ban on natural gas in new construction in 2022 did not have any citizen involvement about the proposed ban.

She told us about a plant located in Sherwood that is the first of its kind in the country called Modern Hydrogen (they are partnering with NW Natural) and how Mayor Batey and 2 councilors have toured the facility. She stated that Modern Hydrogen uses methane pyrolysis to produce clean hydrogen at your gas meter by converting natural gas into hydrogen without CO2 emissions. This way the infrastructure for natural gas can still be utilized.

JoAnne was concerned about studies that show a detriment to people with asthma – Micah will send us current studies on this.

### **NDA officer elections**

JoAnne moved that if there were no new candidates for office then the current officers stand for reelection. No new candidates came forward, Pam seconded the motion and all agreed. Pam nominated Dave Cadwallader for Vice Chair, he accepted, Dave seconded and it was passed unanimously. Charles Bird, Chair, Dave Cadwallader, Vice Chair, Pam Denham, Secretary and Milo Denham as Treasurer. Jeff Landry volunteered to be the new PSAC representative for the NDA as Pam was stepping down after 8 years on the committee. Charles moved to nominate, Pam seconded, motion passed and Pam will forward Jeffs



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information to Jason Wachs.

### **Spring Park work parties**

The monthly work parties with Milwaukie Parks Foundation at Spring Park and Elk Rock Island continue with the next one Sat May 18, 9:00 am. Micah and Dave T have offered weed whackers if needed for the poison oak.

### **Picnic update**

Charles will put in the permit with WES for the annual NDA picnic. We will invite CERT, MPF, MESH and others to table at our picnic again. Micah will invite PFriem brewing to our picnic as well.

The local band, Roadside Attraction (who is comprised of 2 of our NDA members) will send us an invoice for the cost of their services for the picnic and we will have Johnson Creek Brass as well. Charles will contact the bounce house people we used last year.

Jo Anne will talk with the manager of New Seasons Market, Joe, about a possible discount for our picnic. We will plan on 80 people at the picnic including the people that are tabling. Some food ideas are fried chicken, vegan options, popsicles, a fruit and veg tray, mac & cheese and gluten free options such as chickpea salad and kiwi fruit.

Pam will send Hamid prior picnic postcards to help him design this year's postcard.

### **Neighborhood Yard Sale**

Will Grant @ 12106 SE 21<sup>st</sup> Ave is putting on his annual neighborhood yard sale on Sat and Sun June 8 & 9 from 9am to 6pm. No charge for local vendors, they need to put up their own tables, awnings, etc. and set their own prices. Will will email information to the Secretary to put on the NDA Facebook page.

Jeff noted a dangerous area on northbound River Rd where the sidewalk ramp at River and Lark lead down to the drain and a wheelchair can become tangled. Also, the wayfinding sign on River Rd is knocked over. Pam will take these concerns to PSAC.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:54