

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Amendments to Milwaukie Comprehensive Plan

The **Milwaukie Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing **at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2018**, at Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street, to consider a proposal for recommendation on Amendments to the Milwaukie Comprehensive Plan (File #CPA-2018-001).

Summary of Proposed Changes

The proposed amendment is to repeal the *Scott Park Master Plan*, a Comprehensive Plan Ancillary Document that was adopted in 1990, is out of date, and has not been implemented.

In May 2016, the citizens of Milwaukie passed a bond to fund improvements and expand the Ledding Library. After two city-wide community meetings seeking feedback on different elements on library design and on the evolution of preliminary designs, the City is moving forward with a 20,000-sq ft one-story library on the site of the existing library. The library site includes Scott Park.

The Scott Park/Ledding Library site is located in the downtown just north of City Hall on a 2.3-acre site. In 1990, the City embarked on a process to create a master plan for the site. The goal of the proposed improvements was to address the issues of poor visibility and unsafe pedestrian and vehicular access by preserving and enhancing the site's natural resources, improving pedestrian and vehicular access, and improving site identity. In November 1990, the City Council adopted the master plan, which includes detailed estimated construction costs and proposed phasing of improvements, as an ancillary document of the Milwaukie Comprehensive Plan.

To date, none of the proposed improvements have been completed and some minor site improvements have been made that do not match the master plan. Further, the adopted plan did not anticipate any changes or improvements to the Ledding Library building, which is the primary reason for this proposed plan amendment.

While the library project conflicts with some specific elements of the Scott Park Master Plan diagram, it does not conflict with (and in some cases directly addresses) the stated goals, including: improve pedestrian and vehicular access, improve visibility of the park, and library facility, provide viewing opportunities along Spring Creek Pond, enhance the role of Scott Park as a habitat area, and restore park improvements.

To learn more about a proposal: Call the staff contact assigned to the proposal. The staff report on the proposal will also be available for public viewing after 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at the following locations:

- Planning Department, Johnson Creek Facility, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd (open weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st St (call 503-786-7580 for current hours)
- City Hall, 10722 SE Main St (open weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- City website, <u>http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/meetings</u>

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The draft amendments are available online at <u>http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/planning/cpa-2018-001.</u> Copies of information in the file can be obtained for a reasonable fee. Copies of applicable City ordinances and the Comprehensive Plan are also available for review at the locations listed above.

To comment on a proposal: You are invited to attend this hearing or submit comments in writing before the meeting time. You may send written comments in advance to the staff contact listed above, or you may submit your comments in person at the hearing. If you want to present verbal testimony, either pro, con, or to raise questions, you will be invited to speak following the applicant's testimony. Testimony and comments at this hearing must be directed towards the criteria identified.

If you submit a written comment or comment in person at the hearing, you will be sent a copy of the decision or recommendation. All written and verbal comments become part of the permanent record.

Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity, and accompanied by statements or evidence sufficient to afford the responsible parties an opportunity to respond to the issue, will preclude any appeal on that issue to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA).

If you have any questions, please contact Vera Kolias, Associate Planner, in the Planning Department at 503-786-7653 or koliasv@milwaukieoregon.gov.

The City of Milwaukie is committed to providing equal access to information and public meetings per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you need special accommodations, please call 503-786-7600 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.