# Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood District Association Monday, January 13, 2025 In person at Milwaukie City Hall, 10501 SE Main St. and on Zoom

### **Present:**

**NDA Team:** Co-Chair, Debbie Liptan; Treasurer, Linda Thomas; Land Use Chair, Zachary Pacholl; Land Use Rep, Gary Klein; Secretary, Jennifer Murphy

## **In Person Participants:**

Parking Enforcement Officer Kari Foteff, MPD Captain Tony Cereghino, Lisa Bolander, Shelby Besan, Rebecca Curton, Mykle Curton, Ray Bryan, Joann Macey, Jean Wynn

## **Zoom Participants:**

Jill Briney, Scott Davis, Brian

## **Presentations & Discussions**

- Parking Updates Parking Enforcement Officer Kari Foteff is happy to answer questions about downtown parking. For questions about areas outside downtown, she suggests calling non-emergency or code enforcement for parking issues. On the third floor of City Hall, people can buy a \$7 pass for all-day parking in 2 hour parking lot spaces. Businesses can buy these passes for their customers' use. Also, 3 month passes are available for purchase for \$150 (\$50/mo). Kari suggests business employees park away from storefronts to increase available parking spaces and customer traffic.
- Milwaukie Police Department Visit Captain Tony Cereghino gave us an update on all things MPD.
  - Milwaukie has nine certified drone operators. Drones decrease person-to-person combat and having to traverse through people's yards in pursuits.
  - K9 Flora is a dual trained-Electronic Storage Device (ESD)
     Detection and emotional support canine. Flora and handler
     Catherine Meier are Milwaukie PD officers and work all around
     the Pacific NW. They recently received an award from Oregon
     Justice Department called "Above and Beyond". As a trained
     emotional support dog and service animal, Flora attends

- community events and provides demonstrations. Follow Detective Flora on Instagram at "@k9flora".
- Luke Strait (Milwaukie PD retired Chief) will be returning to help train detectives for a couple years to help strengthen our young staff.
- Glen Suchanek of MPD and Don of LoveOne run a resource gathering at the Ledding Library every Tuesday. With a probation officer there, check ins are more accessible, which has reduced probation violations by 50% in the last year.
- Sargent Mark Inman will be receiving a weeklong intensive of de-escalation training and then more regularly train Milwaukie PD officers. The MPD is investing in bias training and how to minimize force beyond state protocols.
- Regarding wildfires, MPD, MFD and the City meet routinely to ensure clear plans and cohesive care in preparation of various emergencies.

## **Neighborhood Opportunities for Engagement**

- Announcements Debbie Liptan shared that next month we will spotlight two new businesses: Sewcial Studies (a sewing shop) and Moving Forward Staying Present Counseling & Therapeutic Yoga. We will also have a visit with City Councilor Will Anderson. Debbie detailed the upcoming year's calendar for anticipated NDA events.
- Bing in the New Year Recap Jennifer Murphy shared that our NDA's selfie booth was a hit at the second annual Bing in the New Year event, despite rain and cold. It was a great turnout, our booth had wonderful volunteers, and people thoroughly enjoyed this evening of music, food, and free family fun.

#### **HMNDA Current Business**

- Milwaukie Historical Society Grant Request We discussed and unanimously approved a grant of \$500 for the Historical Society for future building repairs. The Society will give us an annual report on the progress of their fundraising.
- MHS Grad Party Grant Request We discussed and unanimously approved a grant of \$500 for the MHS Grad Party.
- <u>Treasurer's Report</u> Linda Thomas gave us details on what we have financially invested in this last year: Earth Day clean up, autumn clean up, Scott Park bench, Pollinator Pathway, Bing sponsorship and booth, and snacks for our meetings.

- <u>Open Forum</u> In this space, we opened space to invite community discussion.
  - With Waste Management services, make sure your bin lids are closed all the way to avoid extra charges.
  - The group suggested looking further into easing parking challenges, such as making parking permits more accessible to downtown patrons and encouraging businesses to sell allday parking passes to customers. Mykle Curton, Lisa Bolander, and others want to continue this conversation with the focus of making parking easy and protecting walkability.
  - The Chase building on Monroe has been sold and designated for a four-story apartment building.
- Approval of Minutes Minutes for December 2024 were approved.

# **Adjournment**

#### Attached:

Kari Foteff's Parking Presentation



