

**Historic Milwaukie NDA Minutes**  
**April 10, 2023**  
**In person at Milwaukie Floral, 3306 SE Lake Rd, Milwaukie**  
**and via Zoom:**

**Present:**

**NDA Team:** Vice Chair and Land Use Rep, Val Hubbard; Secretary, Debbie Liptan; PSAC Rep, Lenny Bennett; Land Use Rep, Gary Klein (on Zoom); and Land Use Chair and Communications Rep, Zackary Pacholl

**In Person Participants:** Ray Bryan, Jackie Jackson, Shalena Havens, Teresa Bresan

**Zoom Participants:** Ceci Denovo, Brianna Worthy, Joseph Broglio

**Presentations & Discussions**

- Kellogg Dam removal project - Neil Schulman, North Clackamas Watersheds Council joined us to bring us up to date on this most important project. We started by watching the “un-dam it!” video from a number of years ago, to provide historical context. You can view it by clicking on this link. <https://vimeo.com/87846042>

Neil shared with us how much work has been done in the time since the video was made and how many organizations and governments are working together to prepare for the dam removal. He also shared some of the many reasons for the value of removing the dam, in addition to those included in the video, for example: the bridge on McLoughlin that spans over the dam is not earthquake safe; the lake itself is not used recreationally or industrially and there are many acres of land beneath it that could be returned to the public good; freeing up 15 miles of fish passage; the lake is becoming more and more on an algae problem as the climate warms.

We currently have a \$15 million grant from the Infrastructure Bill to pay for the work on the next phase of the project, including various testing, permitting, engineering, and so on. Questions can be directed to Neil Schulman at [neil@ncwatersheds.org](mailto:neil@ncwatersheds.org) or 503-929-4028. Or you can check out this link. <https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/kellogg>

- Update on City Hall Project - Joseph Briglio, Community Development Director, joined us to talk about the Historic City Hall Project. Currently, the contractors who were awarded the bid are in the process of various kinds of inspections on the property to ensure a complete understanding of the buildings various issues. They have a total of 120 days to complete that process, so we should have more info on that in about 3 months. Joseph told us they are hoping to get the building placed on the National Historic Registry, which would ensure that it would be protected in the future.

In the meantime, the old Advantis/new City Hall building is on track for City employees to move into this coming September.

- Public Safety Advisory Committee - Lenny Bennett reported on the City's response to our residents' concerns about traffic/pedestrian safety in the neighborhood, specifically in this response, on Harrison. The document he received is shared at the end of these minutes. He will continue to follow up on this issue for us. Please continue to send questions/concerns to him via email at [lennyb@me.com](mailto:lennyb@me.com) or text at (503) 310-3296.

### Neighborhood Opportunities for Engagement

- Update on Earth Day event - Zackary Pacholl reported on preparations for our Earth Day event coming up on April 22. We hope everyone can join us for cleanup and planting/weeding downtown on **Sat., April 22 (9:45 AM – 12 PM)**. We are planning another beautification project, focusing on native plants/pollinators and litter cleanup. **Meet at City Hall at 9:45 AM.** Litter cleanup gear (and refreshments) will be provided for volunteers. Bring your own water. Please bring planting and weeding tools, shovels and brooms if you have them. The event will finish at 12 PM. Everyone is welcome. This will be a very **Family Friendly event**, including a contest on how fast (or not!) various items break down in the environment—**there will be prizes!**
- First Friday returning to Downtown Milwaukie! - Shalena Havens announced that First Fridays are getting started up again this May, a bit low-key to start and looking for more partners as time goes by. They have set up an email for anyone to use to contact them for information or to get involved. [info@FirstFridayMilwaukie.com](mailto:info@FirstFridayMilwaukie.com)
- May Elections - Val Hubbard reminded everyone that May is election month in the NDA's. Anyone with interest can let us know in advance or at the May meeting. We will be voting for the following:
  - Chair - currently vacant
  - Vice Chair - Val Hubbard, incumbent
  - Treasurer - Michele Bertaux, incumbent
  - Secretary - Debbie Liptan
  - Communications - Zackary Pacholl
  - Land Use Chair - Zackary Pacholl
  - Land Use Rep - Gary Klein
  - Land Use Rep - Val Hubbard

### HMNDA Current Business

- Land-use Updates - Zackary Pacholl
- Vote on Grant App from Llewelling NDA - APPROVED
- Approval of Minutes [Mar '23] - Debbie Liptan - APPROVED

### Adjournment

In December 2022, I had staff set up our speed counters on Harrison in this area; the summary of that is attached (note: this is the recount after the November study which had inconsistencies). With average speeds of 22 to 26 MPH, and 85th percentile speeds of 25 to 30 MPH, it indicates that the vast majority of drivers are safely maneuvering through this area.

When I look through the individual data near the 24th Ave location (the highest speeds of the three) I see:

17,471 total vehicles  
17,267 vehicles at less than 35 MPH,  
205 vehicles (or 1.2%) over 35 MPG

When I look at the 21\* Ave location:

14,066 total vehicles  
14,048 vehicles at less than 35 MPH,  
18 vehicles (or 0.13%) over 35 MPG

Seeing the reduction from 1.2% to 0.13% of people driving over 35 MPH, as well as the average speed dropping from 26 MPH to 22 MPH, indicates that the vast majority of drivers slow down for these curves.

I've also reached out to MPD to provide their records on crashes in this area, and if they feel there is a speed issue here.

Once I get the crash data from MPD I'll share that with the group. I will also discuss with public works to see if there are certain things we can do to improve the safety here. Adding signage is not always a cure-all; there are numerous studies that indicate that many signs are either not noticed or ignored by many drivers (try Googling "effectiveness of roadway signage"). I know at 22nd/Sparrow, and on River Road (north of Lark), we're looking into adding LED signage to make drivers there better aware of the roadways curving, especially during evening hours.

At various locations around Milwaukie, we are looking into installing more Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB'S) at certain crosswalks. These are not cheap, running over \$100,000 per install, and our funding is spread over many upgrades and improvements to our roadways, sidewalks, bikeways and signals. And all neighborhoods have expressed an interest in the city adding these RRFB's.

Thanks, Steve

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