

## Historic Milwaukie

### Neighborhood District Association

Monday, December 9, 2024

In person at Milwaukie City Hall, 10501 SE Main St. and on Zoom

#### Present:

**NDA Team:** Co-Chair, Debbie Liptan; Land Use Rep & Co-Chair, Val Hubbard; Treasurer, Linda Thomas; PSAC Rep, Andy Fisher; TSP Rep, Chad Tucker; Secretary, Jennifer Murphy; Land Use Rep, Gary Klein

#### In Person Participants:

Milo Denham, Tony Cereghino, Craig Billings, Ray Bryan, Joann Macey

David Aasland, Garrett Rotter, Ryan Harris, Jean Wynn, Will Anderson, Karyl Craner

#### Zoom Participants: None

#### Presentations & Discussions

- Fire Captain - Captain David Aasland gave us an update and winter pep talk. The approved levy allows for better staffing, better fire coverage, and has made a huge impact on our community. As of January, we are funding a two-person Quick Response Vehicle (QRV) to respond to smaller calls. Captain Aasland recommends these safety tips.
  - Check your smoke detector battery monthly.
  - Place smoke detectors in each bedroom, at the top of stairs, and on each floor, away from kitchens and bathrooms.
  - If you have natural gas, install a carbon monoxide detector on each level.
  - Inspect and clean your heat system annually, changing filters twice per year.
  - Have your chimney swept twice per year.
  - Attend to portable heaters and keep them away from flammables.
  - Do not use your oven to heat your home.
  - Do not drink and drive, save lives; have a back up plan in advance: Uber, Lift, a point person to call for a ride.
  - Find more info at [clackamasfire.com](http://clackamasfire.com).
- City Councilor Visit - Will Anderson came to discuss community goals. We agreed it will be helpful for a City Councilor to attend our meetings every other month and email us discussion topics in advance. With goal setting and Neighborhood Hubs phase 3, the three main goals presented by the city are: economic development in downtown and building Milwaukie Bay Park (MBP), living and affordability within our control, and transportation safety. We talked about options for how to proceed with MBP. We discussed the desire for neighborhood hubs that contain a corner store with mixed density buildings.
- Milwaukie Police Department - Captain Tony Cereghino updated us on local happenings. We now have a new lateral police officer in field training on staff. Shop with a Cop was a successful event. The Officer Benevolent Fund donated \$17K for many low income children to buy gifts. Captain Cereghino says it is very touching that these kids consistently buy for family members before themselves. Call

non-emergency if you see a suspicious vehicle following delivery trucks. Glen Suchanek, MPD's behavioral health specialist, has greatly supported our community members with mental health needs. In a six month period, Glen engaged in 55 scenes with officers, followed up on 63 police reports, participated in outreach 62 times, connected with those in need by telephone 127 times, and connected with 20 people in need without officers. In addition to this work, Don Holden of LoveOne has been assigned to Milwaukie full time to support MPD and Glen with behavioral health support.

### **Neighborhood Opportunities for Engagement**

Bing in the New Year Booth - Val Hubbard talked about Milwaukie's great Bing in the NY event. HMNDA will host a "selfie" booth and we are asking for volunteers to help us set up, run, and clean up at our selfie booth. Contact Val to learn more: [valhubbard4@gmail.com](mailto:valhubbard4@gmail.com).

### **HMNDA Current Business**

- Milwaukie High School Grant - Karyl Cranor shared details about this substance-free, chaperoned graduation party plan. There are 256 seniors this year. Last year 50% of seniors attended the party, at cost of \$40 each. The students fundraise in a variety of ways to keep costs down. This grant, if approved, is one way to cut down on student costs.
- Vote on Milwaukie Museum \$100 Membership - Debbie Liptan made a motion to approve the \$100 annual membership fee for the Museum, which was approved unanimously.
- Milwaukie Historical Society Grant Request - Milo Denham explained the Historical Museum has been in its current building since 1974 and needs funds for repairs, replacements, and a database cataloging system. We are checking with the city to see if this is an applicable way to designate our funds.
- Land-use Updates - No update.
- PSAC Report - If you have any comments or questions for the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), you can reach out to our NDA rep, Andy Fisher, at [andy@fisherandjanisse.com](mailto:andy@fisherandjanisse.com).
- TSP Update - Chad Tucker says the TSP is looking at the infrastructure of bike lanes and sidewalk gaps. Understanding the bicycle and pedestrian gaps in the transportation system allows for better auto traffic flow as well. TSP will meet again in two months.
- Minutes for November 2024 were approved unanimously.