

Historic Milwaukie NDA Minutes

March 14, 2022 Zoom Meeting

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Present:

Officers: Chair, Rich Recker; Vice Chair and Land Use Rep, Val Hubbard; Secretary, Debbie Liptan; Treasurer, Michele Bertaux-Zabaglio

Participants: Ryan Burdick, Ceci Denovi, Gary Klein, Molly Stein, Robert Massey, Siri Bernard, Margaret Branson, Rebecca Hollenbeck, Debra Enright, Dan Harris, Ross Lehman

Presentation & Discussion

- Public Safety Notices
Captain Burdick reported on two recent separate, multi-agency incidents in which the Milwaukie PD participated in the arrest of armed suspects. In response to a question about traffic issues, Capt Burdick let us know that Milwaukie has only one motorcycle officer although they do occasional work cooperatively with other agencies for certain circumstances. In response to several comments regarding continuing issues of unhoused individuals, Capt Burdick said there are currently discussions with the County to create a position which would be staffed by someone with training in working directly with issues of homelessness.
- Adopt Main Street Report & AdoptOneBlock Updates - Debbie Liptan reported about the most recent Main St cleanup on March 5; 16 participants, including 6 children! Participants cleaned up, not only Main St, but also 21st from Lake Rd to Harrison and the side streets in between. Also, Carmen from ChaChaCha gave burritos to all the participants. This was the second cleanup event that we expanded our “cleanup coverage”, so we have now officially adopted 21st St as well. One more thing, all of the AdoptOneBlock brochures were “adopted”... lots of folks took home info about how to adopt their own block.
Debbie also mentioned that an Earth Day event was in the works and a grant proposal for this event will be submitted for approval at our April meeting.
- Community Gathering in 2022: Dan Harris, City of Milwaukie Events and Public Safety Manager, introduced himself in his new role and talked to us about the City’s calendar of events. The City hosted community events are
 - Earth Day
 - CareFree Sunday
 - Arbor Day
 - Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting
 - Winter Solstice

Dan also talked about other events hosted by individual departments, NDA’s or committees. The City maintains a calendar of events for all items on the calendar, based on Event Permits submitted. See this link for more info:

*****[.milwaukieoregon.gov/events](https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/events)

In response to a question about events organized for spaces inside Historic Milwaukie, Dan agreed to ask organizers to notify our NDA.

HMNDA Formal Business Meeting

- Current Business -
 - Treasurer's Report - Our Treasurer, Michele Bertaux-Zabaglio, gave her report, a copy of which is attached.
 - Land-use Updates - There have been a lot of questions about what's happening with the Old City Hall. Here's an excerpt from the City's website:

In August 2019, the City Council authorized the purchase of the Advantis Credit Union building (10501 Main Street) to serve as the next Milwaukie city hall. The city outgrew the current city hall building (10722 Main Street) several decades ago and has purchased and built other facilities to accommodate staff and provide essential services. Purchasing the Advantis building will allow the city to consolidate staff and services and create a "one-stop-shop" for Milwaukie residents and businesses, as well as provide room for the city to continue to grow into the future.

Writing City Hall's Next Chapter

In March 2020, the City Council appointed the [City Hall Blue Ribbon Committee](#)

([External link](#))

(CHBRC). From September 2020 to March 2021, the committee held public meetings to learn about the site's history, associated building costs, construction limitations, and developed a set of project goals using feedback from the community.

In Spring 2021, the CHBRC recommended its project goals for city hall to the City Council. The goals include:

- **Historic Preservation.** *A project that maintains the historic character-defining features of the exterior of the building façade. Character-defining features include visual aspects and physical features that contribute to the uniqueness of the historic resource. Character-defining features of the exterior of the building could include the overall shape of the building, its materials, craftsmanship, as well as decorative details, among other features.*
- **Creates a destination.** *A project that is an anchor for Downtown Milwaukie, a destination that attracts both local residents and regional visitors.*
- **Maintains open space.** *A project that maintains green spaces and/or trees on the property.*
- **Sustainable practices.** *A project uses sustainable and energy efficient design and construction methods.*
- **Minority / Women Business Enterprise Contracting.** *Project team that will make a good faith effort to utilize Minority / Women Business Enterprises (MWESB) in contracting.*

Building on the online open houses and the work of the CHBRC, community feedback and surveys helped guide the vision and goals for the future project. In October 2021, a final draft of the goals was presented to the City Council for approval as part of a public hearing process. The final goals were adopted and will be incorporated in the request for proposal (RFP) process that the city will launch later this year.

Prior to releasing an RFP, the City Council must conduct a Surplus Property Hearing and designate City Hall as surplus (i.e. no longer needed) for city operations. This hearing is tentatively scheduled for the April 19, 2022 City Council Regular Session.

We are discussing setting up an informal City Hall Citizens Committee to stay up-to-date with the progress.

- Minutes from February '22 NDA meeting - approved

- New Business -
 - Chair Rich Recker mentioned that voting for Officer Candidates '22/'23 takes place in May.
 - Notice of HMNDA Strategic Planning Meeting on March 28
 - Plans for In-Person HMNDA Meetings - for now our monthly meetings will remain virtual and we'll keep everyone posted with updates on that.

Adjournment