

Milwaukie Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2024

5:30-7:00 pm

Bing Cherry Room Milwaukie City Hall

Attendees:

PARB members: Ali Feuerstein (Chair), Heather Baskerville (Vice Chair), Gary Klein, Virginia Pai, Sella Stastny, Laura Jenks, Max Penneck

City Council: Robert Massey (Council President)

Milwaukie Staff: Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator

City Manager Introduction:

City Manager Emma Sagor introduced herself and shared her priorities, which include strategic planning for Milwaukie Momentum, employee support, enhancing efficiency through technology, park revitalization, and supporting residents most in need. She is also reviewing the organizational structure, focusing on improved communication, and supporting the council in identifying goals. Upcoming community events were highlighted, such as Arbor Day, Drug Take Back, Trick or Treat on Main Street, and December's Umbrella Parade.

Park Updates:

Discussion covered the Milwaukie Bay Park project, emphasizing the importance of focusing on ongoing park development and advocacy efforts while balancing attention to other park projects.

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Review Minutes:

The meeting began with a welcome, land acknowledgment, and a review of prior meeting minutes.

Public Comment:

No public comments were submitted.

DAC & City Update:

The board approved consulting for the final stages of the systems plan and discussed selling kindergarten school property to Clackamas County for a rehab center. Council President Massey emphasized transparency in NCPRD budget discussions and acknowledged PARB's representation

at DAC meetings. Chair Feuerstein requested NCPRD provide clearer statements on funding allocations for parks inside and outside Milwaukie.

November & December Meetings:

The board agreed to move the November meeting to 11/20 and cancel December's meeting.

Items, Announcements, or Proposals for New Business:

The board reviewed several new business items, including:

- Pai presented the Milwaukie Parks Foundation Postcard and proposed a joint event with PARB and the Parks Foundation.
- Baskerville and Feuerstein will get a card for PARB to sign for Martin who has resigned from the board.
- Penneck was appointed to the Planning Commission. Looking into if this has any conflict with their appointment on PARB.
- Plans to invite the Linwood Neighborhood Association to discuss improvements for Furnberg Park were proposed, including adding a shelter with electricity. To be put on November agenda to plan further.
- January discussion will cover renaming Balfour and Bowman parks.

Parks Development Project Update (Including Public Art):

Moore shared updates on park development, noting accessible public art installations and some remaining funds for enhancements. Project milestones include play equipment installation and completion goals for Bowman Brae and Scott parks by Thanksgiving and Balfour by the new year. The board can track progress via the Parks and Rec Board Playlist and are encouraged to share this on social media.