



Work Session

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Milwaukie City Council

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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AGENDA

DECEMBER 7, 2021

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- 1. Downtown Milwaukie Business Association – Quarterly Update** (4:00 p.m.)
Staff: Kelly Brooks, Assistant City Manager, and
Joseph Briglio, Community Development Director
- 2. Municipal Court – Update** (4:15 p.m.)
Staff: Kimberly Graves, Municipal Court Judge, and
Scott Stauffer, City Recorder
- 3. Park and Recreation Board (PARB) – Annual Update** (5:00 p.m.) **1**
Staff: Natalie Rogers, Climate and Natural Resources Manager
- 4. Adjourn** (5:30 p.m.)

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MINUTES

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Council Present: Councilors Lisa Batey, Angel Falconer, Desi Nicodemus,
Council President Kathy Hyzy, and Mayor Mark Gamba

Staff Present:	Joseph Briglio, Community Development Director	Ann Ober, City Manager
	Kelly Brooks, Assistant City Manager	Mary Quinn, Court Clerk
	Justin Gericke, City Attorney	Natalie Rogers, Climate & Natural
	Kimberly Graves, Municipal Court Judge	Resources Manager
	Adam Moore, Parks Development Coordinator	Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

Mayor Mark Gamba called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Downtown Milwaukie Business Association (DMBA) – Quarterly Update

Brooks shared a photo of the lit-up tree at city hall and reported that the city's annual Umbrella Parade and Tree Lighting event had been a success.

Rory Dunnaback, DMBA President, discussed efforts to increase business participation in the community and thanked the city for hiring Dan Harris as events coordinator. **Council President Hyzy** thanked Dunnaback for their work.

Councilor Batey noted previous efforts to start a downtown main street program in Milwaukie and suggested the DMBA consider using that model. **Dunnaback** said the association would investigate a main street program.

Council President Hyzy and **Dunnaback** remarked on how the DMBA and Milwaukie Redevelopment Commission (MRC) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) could collaborate as downtown urban renewal projects were considered.

Dunnaback noted the DMBA's 2022 plans and thanked Council for their support.

Mayor Gamba and **Briglio** discussed challenges of forming a business association and what programs could help build a successful association. **Dunnaback** expressed interest in meeting with Briglio to discuss ways to grow the association.

Councilor Batey believed that bringing back the First Friday event would help engage businesses. **Ober** remarked on city staff's increased capacity to support downtown projects and activities in the coming year.

2. Municipal Court – Update

Graves provided an update on the municipal court, noting the adoption of paperless practices and the impacts of Oregon Senate Bill (SB) 817 which resulted in the elimination of truancy courts across the state, including Milwaukie's and the write-off of truancy-related fines. **Councilor Batey** and **Graves** commented on whether the legislature would address truancy court again in the future. **Mayor Gamba** and **Graves** remarked on the effectiveness of truancy court programs and **Councilor Nicodemus**, **Graves**, and **Councilor Batey** commented on whether the elimination of the truancy program was good or bad in terms of helping students and families be successful.

Council President Hyzy and **Graves** noted that before the COVID-19 pandemic the city's truancy court saw about 60 cases a year and the program had been paused by the North Clackamas School District (NCSd) due to concerns about federal immigration enforcement issues.

Councilor Nicodemus remarked on how truancy programs have had a harmful effect on student and family success and expressed support for such programs ending. **Graves** agreed that the elimination of the program would be a good thing for communities where it hadn't been used like Milwaukie and NCSd had.

Graves observed that it was unlikely that the legislature would address truancy courts again and that research had shown that courts overall have a negative impact on families in various issues including truancy. **Councilor Batey** and **Graves** commented on the possibility that schools would seek new programs to address truancy.

Councilor Batey and **Graves** noted that the court had returned to in-person operations and had seen a consistently full docket on court days.

3. Park and Recreation Board (PARB) – Annual Update

Rogers introduced Ben Johnson, PARB Chair, and provided an update on PARB, noting the board's staff liaison change, online Earth Day event, and work to update its bylaws and advocate for the city's park development projects. **Johnson** commented on staff and board member transitions in recent years and the board's ongoing work to support the city's park projects.

Rogers reviewed the board's plans for 2022, which included continued support for the park projects, filling board vacancies, focusing on recreation opportunities and developing food forests, conducting educational events, and working with the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) District Advisory Committee (DAC).

Rogers discussed city staff's efforts to improve the Pennywood Retention Pond area as a public greenspace and asked for Council feedback on PARB advocating for areas outside of parks, such as greenspaces. **Council President Hyzy** and **Mayor Gamba** cautioned about the amount of extra staff time such work could require and expressed support for PARB looking at how to activate greenspace. **Councilor Batey** supported PARB looking at greenspaces and suggested there were park and privately owned spaces that PARB could advocate for. **Rogers** commented on the city and PARB's ability to organize work projects for greenspaces and parks in coordination with other parks-oriented community groups.

Rogers explained that as part of the work to update its bylaws PARB had discussed whether its member residency requirement should be changed to allow non-city residents to serve on the board. **Rogers** asked for Council feedback on changing the board's residency requirement and **Council President Hyzy**, **Councilors Falconer and Batey**, and **Mayor Gamba** supported changing the requirement if most board members were residents. The group remarked on whether non-resident members should be required to have certain content expertise and noted staff would provide Council a comparison of the residency requirements are for all boards and committees.

Rogers, **Council President Hyzy**, and **Stauffer** noted that several non-residents had recently applied to serve on PARB and that those applications could be kept on file in case Council revises the residency requirement soon.

Rogers and **Stauffer** commented that a code change to revise PARB's residency requirement could be brought for Council consideration soon.

Rogers thanked PARB's members and noted how the public could contact the board, city staff, the parks district, and apply to serve on the board.

Mayor Gamba expressed support for PARB's advocacy for food forests. **Rogers** and **Councilor Batey** remarked on where such forests could be placed and noted there were partner groups in the area that the city could work with on such programs.

Board and Committee (BC) Term End Dates – Update

Stauffer noted previous discussions about the move to an annual BC recruitment process which would include changing BC term end dates to June 30 and asked for Council input on the staff recommendation that Council change the term end date soon so the city could focus on a single late spring BC recruitment campaign instead of the previously proposed two recruitment campaigns. Council expressed support for changing the term end dates and running a single recruitment campaign in the spring.

Stauffer noted that staff would prepare an ordinance to change the code and a resolution to adjust current BC terms to end in June.

Green Tariff Program – Update

Ober and **Rogers** provided an update on the city's ongoing work with Portland General Electric (PGE) to support a green tariff program, noting that the effort had run into a delay caused by an Oregon Public Utilities Commission (PUC) process. They asked for Council support to send a letter to the PUC asking for the city's program application pieces to be combined for quicker consideration.

The group noted that the City of Beaverton was working on the same request and there was Council consensus that Milwaukie should send a letter to the PUC and approach Beaverton about sending a joint letter to the PUC. The group also remarked on the need to continue to advocate for state green tariff legislation in the coming years.

4. Adjourn

Mayor Gamba adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

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16:38:00 From Ben Johnson to Everyone: Im here

17:07:39 From Lisa Lashbrook to Everyone: One of the reasons we chose Ali as a PARB member was because of her strong focus on diversity.

COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and City Council
Ann Ober, City Manager

Reviewed: Jennifer Lee (as to form), Administrative Specialist

From: Natalie Rogers, Climate and Natural Resources Manager

Subject: **Parks and Recreation Board (PARB) Annual Update**

Date Written: Nov. 22, 2021

ACTION REQUESTED

Informational and discussion only.

HISTORY OF PRIOR ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

[February 12, 2019](#): The PARB provided its annual update to Council.

[November 17, 2020](#): The PARB provided its annual update to Council.

ANALYSIS

PARB is an appointed advisory board to Council that advises Council on parks and recreation issues in the city. The city's climate and natural resources manager will present and discuss PARB's work in 2021 and upcoming projects in 2022. Staff will also bring Council questions from PARB's ongoing bylaws update process, including:

- What are Council's opinions on current PARB residency requirements that require all members to live within the city?
- What are Council's opinions on PARB serving as an advisory body for public greenspaces outside of designated parks, or larger outdoor and greenspace advocacy?

PARB officers are Chair Ben Johnson and Vice Chair Ali Feuerstein.

BUDGET, WORKLOAD, & CLIMATE IMPACTS

Not applicable.

COORDINATION, CONCURRENCE, OR DISSENT

Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

Parks and Recreation Board (PARB)

12/7/2021 Council Update

Natalie Rogers, Climate and Natural Resources Manager
Ben Johnson, PARB Chair



2021 - Accomplishments



Virtual Parks Tour
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- 2021 Earth Day Online Event
 - Virtual Parks Tour video
- Advocated for Milwaukie Bay Park
- Welcomed new youth member
- Began bylaw update process
- Received funding for Bowman Brae, Balfour and Scott Park
- Selected member for RFP review committee
- Advocated for Milwaukie interests through the district advisory board for North Clackamas Parks and Recreation

2022 PARB Actions



- Recreation – Identify two or three opportunities for innovative programming.
- Bowman Brae, Scott, and Balfour Parks – advocate and provide input on the planning and development process
- Milwaukie Bay Park – Continue to advocate for Milwaukie Bay Park Phase II.
- Education and outreach – Host 2022 Earth Day and other community learning opportunities
- NCPRD DAB – Work with PARB and Council rep to advocate for Milwaukie parks.
- Fill PARB vacancies

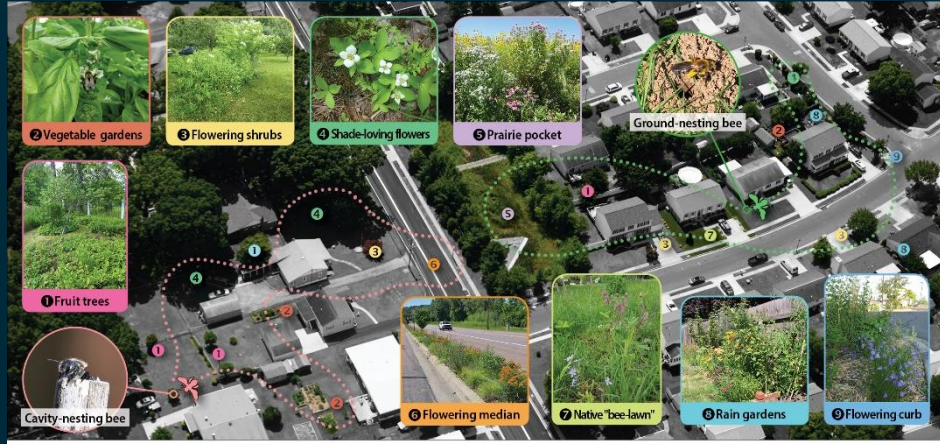
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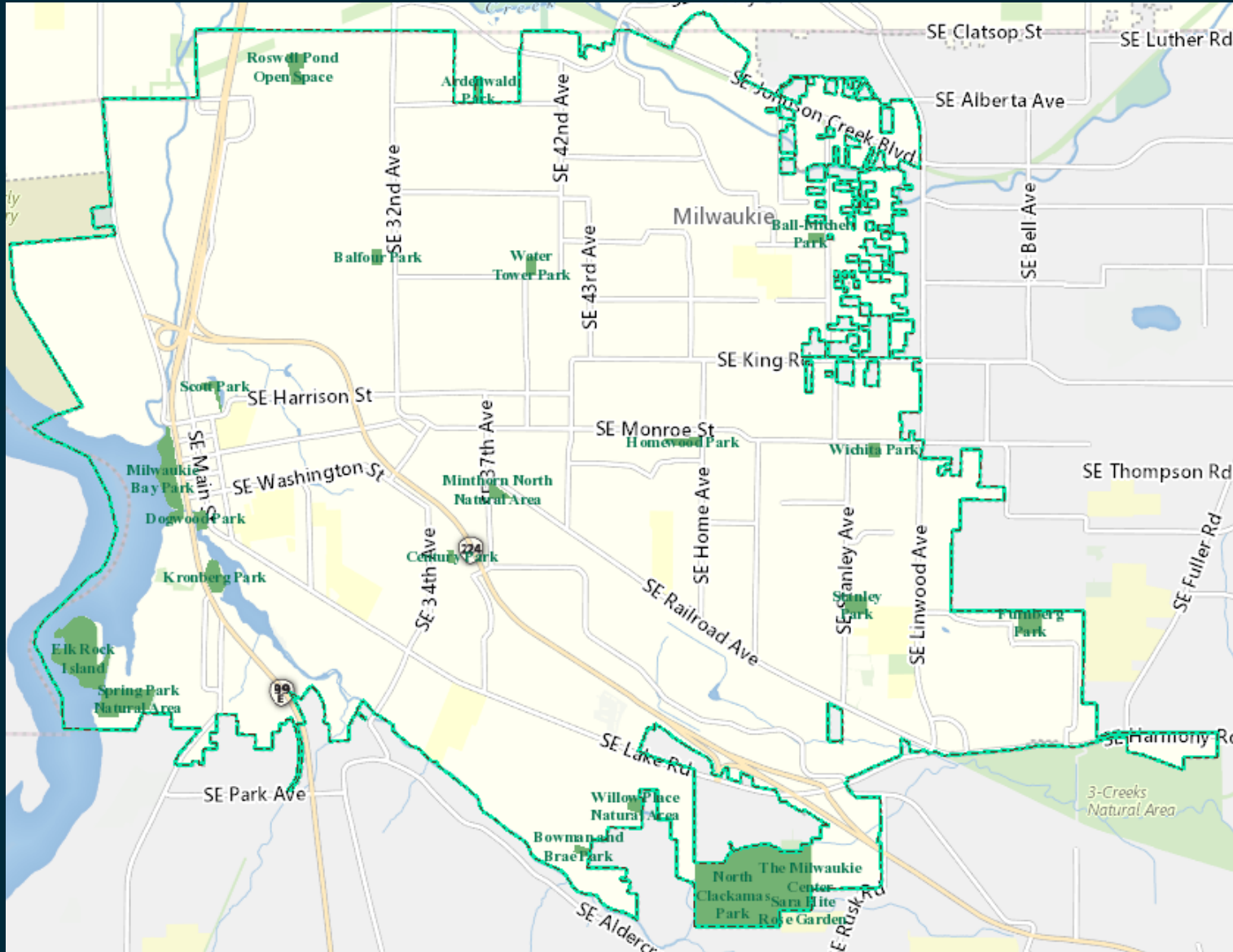
PARB and Greenspaces



What are council's thoughts on PARB becoming involved or advocating for activities outside of parks?

- Community garden (coordination)
- Right of way play space
- City-wide greenspaces
- Restoration opportunities
- Backyard habitats

PARB Residency Requirements



What are council's thoughts on PARB's residency requirements?

- Currently, all members of PARB must reside within Milwaukie city limits

Thank you!

Ben Johnson, PARB Chair
Ali Feuerstein, PARB Vice-Chair
Martha Germany
Gary Klein
Jackson Calhoun

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Parks facility concern?
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PARB Questions?
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