



**ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK  
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 28, 2022**

**Meeting Location:** Milwaukie Café and Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88968122811?pwd=b2VWd01VbEFuRE53eE1ITzBVdFRJUT0>

**Chairman:** Matt Rinker, (971) 336-8663, [MattRinker@hotmail.com](mailto:MattRinker@hotmail.com)

**Board Present:** Matt Rinker, Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Erin Jansen, Travis Tomlinson, Elvis Clark, Travis and Chris Holle-Bailey

**Guests Present:** Steve, Luke Straight, Josie Moberg, Liz

**1. Introductions**

**2. Police Report:** (Luke Strait, Milwaukie Chief of Police)

- They have seen an increase in thefts, it has been manageable but they have patterned with the sheriff's office to work through the Clackamas Town Center and it was a very productive day
- There was a walk-away from the residential treatment center and the press release was sent to all city leadership, but will start including NDA leadership in the list of who gets a press release, but there can be some lag time in distributing information
- New employee hired today – Behavioral health specialist, will work within the police department, new position in the city. He is a licensed clinician and wants to help increase positive outcomes. Previously we had to rely on Clackamas County for this position. He works closely with LovedOne and is often around at community events.
- Incident at Milwaukie HS lockdown due to a report from a student who believed they saw someone enter the school with a gun. (This was last month – there was no gun)
- New Drone program when it creates a safer option or to help find a missing person (children, elderly, medical issue), they have proved very useful and have been used to find an elusive subject who has a violent history
- Body Worn Cameras are up and running, entire department is using them for all enforcement actions and anything that becomes adversarial. Video won't always answer all the questions or be perfect but expect to be helpful. The officer has to press a button to record and then let the

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person know there is a recording happening, and there is a 15 second audio delay once the button is pressed.

- They expect to hire about 4 additional people in next 6-12 months. Due to expected retirements and needing to be fully staffed. Once hired, can't get anyone into the police academy until June.
- There was an incident at the Safeway with a gun where an individual was threatening suicide but others felt threatened and the police temporarily apprehended a suspect who was dressed similarly but was not the suspect

**3. Public Comments:**

Neighbor – The situation with the smoke from the fire has not improved but there are people working with him toward resolutions.

4. **Clean Homes & Building in Milwaukie (Josie Moberg)** – Breach Collective Non-Profit, want to get community involved in what is going on in the city and help get grassroots movement involved in the profit. Chapel Theater December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 with food and drinks to have a discussion about climate movement and policy in Milwaukie.

On a public safety note – just a reminder that gas stoves create dangerous indoor air quality. Using one in the home with an infant increases their risk of Asthma by 42% and having one on inside for an hour creates an air quality that would be illegal were it outside.

5. **Balfour Park Plans Update (Adam Moore)** – There are some challenges with digging in the center killing the root systems of multiple trees. Splash pad was written in in July 2022 and has been substituted with water table (Splash pad not possible), the community garden was also very popular, but some of the plans required cutting down trees and people were very against that. In October survey, the priority was ranked by what was most important (top three: picnic shelter, swing, and community garden). After this, discovered that where the plan was to put the community garden would potentially harm the red oak. The final plan is on its way to city council on December 6<sup>th</sup> – can send an email to city council about our comments or call Adam and ask him any questions we have.

**Questions:**

- Why are there two entrances on the path? Lots of request disabled population for two exits, especially for events
- Is there a plan once some of the cherry trees die (they are invasive) --can we add a community garden in the

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back corner when they die/we decide to remove them?  
Maybe, would certainly need to look into shade and  
grading, but park ideas are not static

6. AJC NDA Yuletide Event: At the Ardenwald Park under the shelter. December 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 and Shae (wonderful person) will cater the event numbers TBD. Vegetarian/Vegan main and main and sides.

Things we need to bring:

Tarps, Propane heater, crock pots, cider, children's craft, lights, decorations, Christmas music, some kind of cookies.

Erin can send a spreadsheet out and the board can sign up for things.

Some kind of flyer that explains what the board positions are that we know are open and get their information written down.

7. **Committee Reports** – Remaining reports happen online as we have run out of time in person

- a. Chair: No report other than Matt would like to step down as chair in May 2023
- b. Vice-chair: Vacant position
- c. Secretary: No report
- d. Webmaster: No report
- e. Treasurer: \$6,251.53 in account
- f. Land Use: November 8<sup>th</sup>, 4185 SE Filbert, Land use approved to split a lot, one with a house and one with a garage and small shed (which will be a home and an ADU). November 16<sup>th</sup> 3405 SE JCB homeowner will be adding 338 sq ft to create a guest suite and a basement. EV charging stations will be included in all new buildings with at least 20% of parking allotments.

Portland camping/shelter rules. Six sites, 1000-foot buffer starting with 100 persons and increasing to 250. Each site has to be 4-5 acres, unknown what the sites will be

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Big changes to zoning laws in city council – discussing condensing zones which would change zones in our neighborhood from 35 feet to 45 feet, and can increase to 55 feet if they add vegetation. This is going to council on December 6th

- g. Southeast Uplift: No position
  - h. Transportation/PSAC:
  - i. Portland Clean Air Update:
  - j. Membership:
  - k. Art: Vacant Position –
  - l. Balfour Street Park:
  - m. Ardenwald PTO: Vacant position.
8. Approve October meeting minutes:
9. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn; seconded and passed! 8:02 p.m.

**The next meeting is:  
Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

**Come to the Yuletide event on December 11<sup>th</sup> at  
the Ardenwald Park!**