



**ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2025**

Meeting Location: Milwaukie Café and Zoom: 6:30 p.m.

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

Chair: Matt Rinkor

Board Present: Lane Rollins, Elvis Clark, Lila Bronson, Lisa Gunion-Rinkor, Steve Smith, Travis Tomlinson, Keira MacMillan, Jeff Loudan, Radek Tomasek

Guests Present: Sargent Garrett, Clackmas Fire Department, Vanessa Perez, Brett Levin, Jamie Carter

AGENDA & NOTES

1. Introductions
2. Police Report
 - a. April 22nd Officer of the Year banquet hosted by the Public Safety Commission
 - i. Largest turnout and successful event, thanks to everyone who participated
 - b. Shred Event last week
 - i. Happens quarterly
 - c. April 14th the Milwaukie PD swore in 2 new officers
 - i. They are going to the academy and will be out on patrol in the coming months
 - ii. This move helps alleviate ongoing staffing shortages
 - d. K9 Flora
 - i. Continues to help local police, FBI and other federal organizations crack down on digital crime
 - e. Recent retail theft case has been solved
 - i. Stolen goods were being resold, but the Milwaukie PD seized over 20k in illegal merchandising
 - f. Police responded to a suicide attempt with a hostile individual, but it was successfully de-escalated by the authorities and the suspect was taken in for psychiatric and medical treatment
3. Clackmas Fire Department report
 - a. 2023 Levy is being leveraged to improve fire service within the country and upstaff
 - i. Averaging 21 calls a week
 - ii. Staffing stations across the county continue to be up staffed
 - iii. Goal is a 4 person staff station here in Milwaukie eventually
 - b. Biggest incident was the Blue Heron fire earlier this year
 - c. On Saturdays the heavy rescue and squad from Damascus doing rope drills at Water Tower Park
4. Public Comments

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- a. 5 People at the April Terrace Clean up event
 - i. Able to make a lot of progress but we need to schedule another follow up session
- b. Invasive species are falling back
- 5. Rowe Middle School PTO Grant Request - \$250
 - a. Working to rebuild the PTA after Covid
 - b. Recreational Enhancement Project
 - i. In response to school mandate to prohibit cell phone usage during school area requests to administration to extend hours and spaces for recreational programs as an alternative for students
 - ii. Gaga ball initiative – requires infrastructure to build the gaga ball courts
 - 1. Need to put this structure out in the field which requires paving - ~29k for the project
 - 2. The PTA needs to raise the gap between school funds and the total cost of the project
 - 3. PTA raises funds via the Bottledrop program
 - a. Seeking community partners to put a Bottledrop container in their breakrooms for example Dave Killers Bread
 - b. Asking for a grant from local NDAs to help close where they are still short from the fundraising efforts – about 4,000K short
 - c. In addition, the PTA continues to fund other needs
 - d. The grant funds would go along a way, despite the current success of fundraising efforts
 - 4. Ground breaking ceremony on May 20 during Rowe Spring Festival
 - iii. NDA will vote on the proposal during the May monthly meeting
- 6. Upcoming May Elections
 - a. We have several open positions which we will vote on in May
 - b. If you are interested in joining a position, please attend in May
- 7. Milwaukie Transportation System Plan (TSP)
 - a. Milwaukie City Gov has released its list of potential priority Pedestrian and Bicycle Projects – reference the TSP plan on the City Website for more information
 - b. Several are in the JC-Ardenwald District area
 - i. King Road from 30th to 40th
 - 1. Current road is in bad condition e.g potholes
 - 2. Proposed enhancement to improve the street
 - ii. Olsen Street improvement project to sidewalks
 - c. Competing with other projects across Milwaukie but many of our projects are weighted with more severity
 - d. TPS Townhall coming up in mid-June (date TBC) which is an opportunity for the community to voice their support for priorities
 - i. We should plan to consolidate and organize our POV to present to the community
 - ii. Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting May 22 which will also go into some detail on the TPS proposed project list and is another opportunity to learn more information and voice our opinion

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- e. We will provide visibility in the newsletter and ask community to share their comments to Elvis Clark to share back
 - f. Public comments on the TPS
 - i. Complaints raised about the traffic situation on the Olsen Street by the Milwaukie Café & Bottle Shop
 - 1. Traffic backs up including trucks which block sides, drives etc. it is a safety issue and puts kids, dogs and bicycles at risk
 - 2. Potential to leverage the Spot program to put up No Parking Signs
 - ii. Balfour Park is another situation where people are misunderstanding the parking options and are blocking the parking lot incorrectly
 - iii. Question, how do we advocate for projects that are not on the list
 - 1. Request to contact our transportation liaison to attend an upcoming meeting
 - 2. Harvey Street an example of a problem street
 - a. Bid for a new street upgrade this summer
 - b. Impacted by the high-density housing cottage cluster (15 homes), going in which will make the traffic patterns even worse
 - i. It was supposed to have a courtyard and parking, but the latest design does not include it
 - ii. We can raise concerns to the city planners (Laura)
 - iv. Visit the Website
8. Public Comments
- a. Question on Best Bike Path option to get to downtown from JC-Ardenwald
 - i. Johnson Creek Bike Path will get you to downtown Milwaukie via Springwater corridor and Trolly Trail
 - b. Committee Updates
 - i. Treasury
 - 1. 10k in available funds after we've funded 500 in grant requests
 - 2. Completed District Coalition and State Secretary paperwork
 - ii. Webmaster
 - 1. Website renewed for another year
 - 2. Check it out here – Feedback on the website and newsletter is always welcome
 - iii. Land Use
 - 1. Planning commission meeting on April 22 to share update on house code resolving trees. The code would lessen protections on trees in the service of more housing
 - a. We have an opportunity to provide comments before the code goes for a formal vote
 - b. Cottage cluster on 29th still in pre-application status – We presented our concerns at the last city council meeting around the lack of parking and traffic patterns

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- iv. Balfour Park
 - 1. The country and city do not have a new intergovernmental agree to maintain the land
 - 2. JC Ardenwald has adopted the park
 - 3. Ask to sign-up to support Lisa with park and weed clean-up – check on the website to sign up and we will include it in the next newsletter
 - a. Requires a quick training on the process for park clean up
- v. Concerts in the Park
 - 1. Planning has been slow while working through roadblocks
 - a. 3 of the 4 weekends have been tentatively booked
 - b. Rental costs for the park have doubled since last year and additional fees added
 - c. We do not have a food vendor lined up at this point, vetting the Smoking Jay as an option or Pfriem
 - d. Luna's ice cream confirmed
 - e. Open call for support on the Concert Series advertising this summer
- vi. Travis to cover meeting notes while Secretary is out in May
- c. Motion made to approve March meetings
 - i. ayes have the vote

The next regular meeting is 5/19 at 6:30pm
at the Café!