



ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK  
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2021

**Meeting Location:** Zoom; 6:30 p.m.

**Chairman:** Matt Rinker, (971) 336-8663, [MattRinker@hotmail.com](mailto:MattRinker@hotmail.com)  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88968122811?pwd=b2VWd01VbEFuRE53eE1ITzBVdFRJUT0>

**Board Present:** Matt Rinker, Erin Jansen, Travis Tomlinson, Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Elvis Clark, Bryan Dorr, Abigail Brittain, Travis Holle-Bailey, Chris Holle-Bailey

**Guests Present:** Ryan Burdick, Michelle Hemer, Laura Steenson, Jacquelynn Schmitz, Pam Denham, Greg Bourget, Terri Geier-Brindell, Julie and Jack Tanz

**1. Introductions**

**2. Police Report:** Captain Burdick

- a. Storm: If you have storm debris, you can drop it off with proof you live in town
- b. Personnel: hiring! Lots of applications and very excited
- c. Listening Sessions:  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through listening sessions with BIOPIC community
- d. Equity and Policing page is now in an effort to be more transparent

**3. Grant Request Vote: One Love Milwaukie Laundry Event (Abigail Ball)**  
– Discussion regarding the amount in our bank account and being able to pay for the concerts in the summer if we send all this grant money out. We expect to get another grant in in July, per usual, our current accounts are leftover from last summer.

If we could wait to sponsor a month further out, perhaps we could volunteer and be more present in the community.

Lisa moves to approve, Erin seconds, passes!

(Request attached)

**4. Grant Request: CERT Team Backpack Upgrades (Michelle Hemer)** – Community Citizen volunteer group, to assist the fire department during a natural or manmade crisis. They are deployed by the fire department, and assisted during fall wildfires, and in distributing vaccines.

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45 CERT Members in Milwaukie, 16 in our area and 6 who live in Ardenwald Bravo group.

Most expensive item in the backpack is the radio, but there is a long list of items.

(Request attached)

5. **Grant Request: Porchfest 2021 (Laura Steenson)**– Planning on another series in Spring 2021, 3 weeks in May,

In August and September 2020, 84 mini concerts in Milwaukie area over 4 Fridays, a magician, outdoor drag show, google map view has been viewed more than 60,000 times. Asking each NDA for \$600.

Would like to start finding ways to fund it other than from grants so that it can become a more permanent mainstay even after covid.

Last year they spent \$2,500, and expect some costs to be higher next year based on past experiences. Asking for \$600 from each NDA for a total of \$4,200

(Request attached)

6. **Grant Request: Milwaukie Environmental Stewards Group (Terri Geier-Brindell)**: They had way more need than expected! Collection is right by Bob's Red Mill on international way.

(Request attached)

7. **Portland Industrial Air Pollution (Greg Bourget)** – Lead Research for Portland Clean Air. Spent the last 7 years address Portland air pollution in Portland trying to understand data and mapping, and there is information on their website of the most dangerous polluters. Portland was ranked by EPA as worst city in America for respiratory distress and continues be ranked on the very lowest end for air quality and safety. Especially for diesel particulate, and smoke stacks. Remain high concerns for diesel and wood smoke particulate.

Precision cast parts is the worst smoke stack polluter in America.

750 truck trips over Johnson Creek Blvd per day, unclear where these trucks are going.

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They are asking the community to come together and each NDA to send a liaison to the board to work with them.

- 8. PSAC Disaster Preparedness Slide Presentation – (Julie Tanz)**  
Presentation on disaster preparedness, and the need to be personally prepared for both smaller emergencies and the big earthquake. Slides attached.
  
- 9. Committee Reports –**
  - a. Chair: No report!
  
  - b. Vice-chair: Not present
  
  - c. Secretary: No Report!
  
  - d. Webmaster: Hosting and Domain renewal coming soon, 167 email subscribers.
  
  - e. Treasurer: \$4,774.17 balance.
  
  - f. Land Use: This Wednesday is the special meeting for Hillside, at 6:30 on 2/24, presentation and answers about the development, biggest development of our neighborhood that we currently know of.  
  
Monroe Street Apartments: running conversation about DEQ impacts.  
  
Providence Hospital sent slides from last meeting, attached here.
  
  - g. Southeast Uplift: Still an open position.
  
  - h. Transportation: No Report
  
  - i. Public Safety Advisory Committee: No Report – meeting is this Thursday.
  
  - j. Membership: No Report!
  
  - k. Art: Not present.

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l. Balfour Street Park: No updates! Hoping to have a plant sale in the fall!

m. Ardenwald PTO: Vacant position.

**10.** Public Comments: none

**11.** Approve January Meeting. Move to approve – Travis; Seconded – Lisa -- passes.

**12.** Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn; seconded and passed! 8:09 p.m.

**The next meeting is:  
Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021!**



**Describe the goal and the need for the proposed project or program:**

Milwaukie Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is one of three active teams and one of the largest growing teams sponsored by Clackamas Fire District (CFD). As of February 2021, we have 44 active and provisional team members. Provisional team members have taken the 12-hour on-line classroom training and are finishing the 12-to-15-hour hands-on portion of CERT Basic Training once Covid restrictions are loosened. Almost all of our team members reside or work within the City of Milwaukie. They are committed to training so they can be able to assist neighbors and the city itself following a disaster event with first aid, communications, and search and rescue.

In 2020 and 2021 Milwaukie CERT Team members assisted at the wildfire base camp and the CFD training center during the Autumn 2020 wildfires and recently volunteered 175 hours of time assisting with Covid vaccinations. Our team members were recognized and received awards from CFD for all of the support we provided over the last year. We continue to give to the community through traffic control at events, assisting in the collection of donations for needy families, and on-line training once a month.

We commit to providing every team member with a full pack of equipment, valued around \$500, relieving the economic barrier of being substantially prepared allowing anyone to join and continuing to be a member of the team. Backpacks include high quality GMRS radios, LED headlamps, tourniquets, compression bandages, trauma scissors, SAM splints, 4 in 1 tools, whistles, and so much more. We are determined that CERT members are well equipped to stay safe and perform their best to aid our neighbors.

Our team keeps growing as we anticipate adding another 5 to 10 new members in 2021. This means an on-going fundraising effort so we can maintain our cache of supplies and provide a full backpack to each new member. As previously mentioned, the cost of all equipment per member is in excess of \$500.

**Who will be involved in the project or program and how has support evolved in the neighborhood?**

Each neighborhood currently has between 5 and 8 CERT team members living in it. We would love to double that number. When we can we will go back to doing our training exercises in each neighborhood so our neighbors see us and we get to know every street.

The Beacon boxes (a storage container for communication supplies which CERT will use following a natural disaster) are located in four of our neighborhoods. They act as CERT rally points and allow us to communicate with CFD and city emergency staff conducting damage assessments throughout our neighborhoods.

During the last year the pandemic and wildfires have proven how important it is to be prepared! It reminded and taught us we must prepare to shelter in place for long periods of time, to have stocks of supplies on hand, and to be able to follow governmental guidelines for the safety of ourselves and others. This has been an emergency on the part of all of us. We should also think of preparedness in terms of not having electricity, water or sewer. This is what CERT does to help our neighborhoods and the message we bring. More of our neighbors have become aware during the past year and we continue to bring that message via presentations to our neighborhoods when invited.

**Please describe how the grant money, if approved, would be used:**

Purchase upgraded radio equipment, Stop the Bleed Kits and other equipment contained in a CERT backpack for each new member.

**Neighborhood District Association (NDA)  
Grant Program Application**

**I. Applicant Information**

Project/Program Name: Milwaukie Porchfest 2021

Project/Program Contact Person: Milwaukie Arts Committee represented by Laura Steenson

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Website Address (if any): miwaukieporchfest.com

Mailing Address: Attn. : Jordan Imlah City of Milwaukie, Oregon 10722 SE Main St Milwaukie, OR 97222

City/State: Milwaukie, OR

Amount Being Requested: \$ 600 Date: 1/25/21

Partnering Organizations (if any): Milwaukie Arts Committee

**II. Project or Program Details**

**Note:** Please attach additional pages as necessary to fully describe the proposed project or program.

Describe the goal and the need for the proposed project or program.

In fall 2020, the Milwaukie Arts Committee and Lewelling Neighborhood Association hosted the inaugural Porchfest. We plan to continue the event this spring. Porchfest encourages residents to walk or bike their neighborhoods, get to know their neighbors, and share their talents with their community while staying socially distanced on their own porches. Because traditional concerts are not possible during the pandemic, these short, informal concerts – decentralized across the city – encourage people to keep moving and enjoy an outdoor experience.

Who will be involved in the project or program and how has support evolved in the neighborhood/s?

The Arts Committee will maintain a website and map of performances, handle livestreams and book featured performers. We would love more involvement from neighborhood volunteers to solicit porch performance sign ups, help distribute and retrieve signs, and serve as “porch ushers” to make sure concerts stay within COVID safety guidelines. Response to Porchfest 2020 was overwhelmingly positive. Based on community feedback, we will offer two hours of music over three nights, giving performers the choice to play one (or both) one-hour slots.

Project Time Frame: Beginning Date 5/7/21 End Date 5/21/21

Please describe how the grant money, if approved, would be used:

We are requesting \$600 from each NDA. With that funding, our budget would be: \$2,400 for featured performers throughout Milwaukie, \$550 for signs, banners and door hangers, \$150 for advertising, including updated logo design for 2021, \$700 for live-streaming of weekly concerts via Willamette Falls Studios, \$350 to purchase T-shirts, with revenue from sales going toward future Porchfest series, and \$50 for website hosting and other incidentals.

### III. Proposal Criteria

Project meets at least one of the following applicability criteria for value to the neighborhood. Check the appropriate boxes:

**(1) Neighborhood Organizing/ Organization Development**

activities, services and materials that generate new neighborhood membership, grow the organization or educate neighborhood leadership toward the organization's development and continued operation.

**(2) Neighborhood Physical Improvements**

materials and services to be used toward playgrounds, minor park improvements, community gardens or other facilities, neighborhood markers, identity signs, banners, trash cans, benches, etc.

**(3) Neighborhood Preservation**

materials and services that sustain or enhance the health, public safety and welfare of the neighborhood such as crime watch, traffic management, or home weatherization programs; or contribute positively to the neighborhood's aesthetic quality such as design guideline development, community property maintenance programs or beautification programs.

**(4) Neighborhood Cultural, Social or Recreational Initiatives**

materials and services that promote diversity, family literacy programs, neighborhood computer labs, after school enrichment programs, youth athletic leagues, career preparation, services for the needy, disabled or elderly and cultural activities such as music, dance, or art programs.

To the best of my knowledge, the project complies with all city, county and state codes.

Please provide any additional comments and information that you would like to share with the NDA/s about this proposal.

Porchfest 2020 was very well received by performers and attendees, with 84 mini-concerts held across Milwaukie over four Fridays, including 10 performances in the Ardenwald/ Johnson Creek neighborhood.

Our Porchfest location map had more than 61,400 views, and our Facebook traffic during the four weeks of Porchfest grew exponentially. We are excited to work with our NDAs to produce the next iteration of this community-wide event.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_


Title (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 1/25/21



**Milwaukie  
Environmental  
Stewards  
Group**

Working with residents and local  
leaders to promote and inspire  
positive environmental change

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### **Purpose of Milwaukie Environmental Stewards Group**

Milwaukie Environmental Stewards Group (MESG) is committed to informing and educating Milwaukie residents and local leaders about the negative impacts from non-sustainable and environmentally hazardous material and promoting change in an effort to lessen our local detrimental impact on the environment. MESG believes that by reducing the use of environmentally hazardous material and lessening our local carbon footprint, our community can minimize litter and material ending up in our landfills and create a healthier living environment for humans and wildlife on land, in streams, and in rivers. We serve anyone in Milwaukie and its environs with meetings, education, and projects.

### **Describe the goal and the need for the proposed project or program**

In January of 2020 MESG with Exceed Enterprises (EE) opened a Styrofoam collection site located on EE property at 5285 SE Mallard Way, Milwaukie, OR. MESG would supply the container and transportation of collected Styrofoam to Agilyx (A), a Styrofoam recycling plant, while EE would supply labor for removal and space for collected Styrofoam. During this process Oki Doki (OD) provided storage bags used inside the container for Styrofoam collection.

MESG original assumption was a small PODS container costing \$75/month and a monthly trip to A costing \$100. The transportation plan was based on a U-Haul rental of a 12' to 15' truck load. The assumption was to deliver 540 cuft of Styrofoam to A once a month. EE and MESG agreed this formula was easily accomplished and MESG based their funding sources for a year-long sustainable plan.

By February of 2020 it was realized the collection site was used much more frequently than estimated. Since March of 2020 MESG and A estimate that on average 2,400 cuft or 1,580 pounds of Styrofoam was being collected each month. MESG was now accruing weekly trips to A and EE was losing storage capacity and increased costs related to removal labor. MESG realizes our original funding mechanism is not adequate to continue the program and EE is also seeking additional funding for labor removal and other unforeseen expenses. EE, MESG, and A have been in discussions trying to find solutions to this positive problem.

### **Who will be involved in the project or program and how has support evolved in the neighborhoods?**

MESG has partnered with Exceed Enterprises, Agilyx, BigFoot Northwest Construction, City of Milwaukie Sustainability Dept, Clackamas County Sustainability Dept, local businesses, the Rotary Club, Oki Doki bags and residents. The Styrofoam collection site is free to residents of Milwaukie and its environs. Exceed does ask for donations to supplement their participation, but it is not required.



**POSITIVE steps toward a more self-sustaining project include:**

1. The Milwaukie Rotary Club donated a shed to the project so we no longer have the monthly fee for a shed.
2. Exceed Enterprises has acquired a truck that they may use in the transporting of the materials to Agilyx. Because of this, they MAY be able to start picking up foam from businesses in the industrial area of Milwaukie. They MAY be able to charge a monthly fee for this service which would become the answer we have been looking for. BEFORE this can happen, as this takes time to set up and arrange and get permission for, we are again asking for support from Milwaukie NDAs to get us through this next phase of development.
3. We attempted to get grant money from a DEQ grant which was denied. We will attempt to obtain money from other grants in the future.

**Please describe how the grant money, if approved, would be used**

MESG had been sub contracting with Bigfoot Northwest Construction company to transport the foam to A which was costing us \$100 a week. As of next week, we will begin paying a client of EE for their work in transporting the foam and taking care of the storage and moving of the foam throughout the week. This will cost us \$120 a week for as many trips as it takes to A. MESG estimates that the yearly transportation costs will be \$6,240. Your grant would be spent to supplement along with additional funding, the transportation needs of the program. Another important part of this project, along with keeping the foam out of the landfill, is that it reduces the carbon emissions from individuals delivering their own Styrofoam to A. One truck vs. hundreds of cars.

**If you have any questions, concerns, or would like one of us to attend your meeting, please contact us via email or the numbers provided below.**

**Thank-you.**

Terri Geier-Brindell (President MESG) 1/25/21  
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