

**ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
JAN 27, 2025**



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

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

Chair: Chris Holle-Bailey

Board Present: Travis Tomlinson, Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Matt Rinker, Lane Rollins, Elvis Smith

Guests Present: Brian (police chief), Rodney King, Rob Campbell, Ryan Burow, Radel Tomasek, Bill Aguilar

AGENDA & NOTES

1. Introductions: 6:30

2. Police Report: 6:35-6:45

- Great event at the New Years Cherry Drop
 - Chased a burglary suspect from the event to the roadhouse
- Officers shifted to 12-hour shifts
 - Little short staffed right now
 - Long timeframe from hire to deployable resource
- Every Tuesday at Letting library community event for individuals who are houseless
 - Added the Clackmas County probation program to this broader program
 - Other cities are looking at this model given the success in Milwaukie
- 23000k calls for service, up from the previous year
- Doing a lot of training including train-the-trainer programs
 - Most recent was one for de-escalation
- Retail theft Program in Clackamas
 - Made 25 arrests (22 active arrest)
 - Same group of individuals who flow into Milwaukie business therefore its beneficial to cooperate with retail partners across the region
 - Police will evaluate the cause of shoplifting e.g someone is steal food due to food scarcity and do a resource connection
 - Washington and Clackmas county have better prosecution rates than Milwaukie
- Question, how can Milwaukie respond to an emergency
 - Good resources and sharing resources across the county
- Citizen police academy again?

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- It would be great to have it again but balancing against realities of staffing

3. Public Comments: 6:45-6:55

- Made in Milwaukie encourages people to volunteer with Milwaukie charitable organizations
 - Proposal to start a campaign to reward people who volunteers
 - Send a photo to Made in Milwaukie and get a free T-shirt if you complete
 - Email Madeinmilwaukie@gmail.com with your photo
 - Spotlight on 'Hands on Greater Portland'
- Table Opportunities
 - Bing Cherry Drop
 - Milwaukiefest on July 11, 12, 13 – Likely have neighborhood table opportunities
 - Big day is going to be Saturday
 - Check out Milwaukie.org (link to website) for more information

New Business

4. Grant requests

-Officer of the year at the Milwaukie public safety foundation dinner

- Have received this request in the past
- Start in Psac in 1990s
- Officer of the year receives a model police car
- Does technically fall within the terms of our grant funding level
- Public can buy a sponsoring ticket (~\$20) but the grants cover the costs of all officers not on duty that night to attend
- Asking for \$200 sponsorship and will vote at the February monthly meeting

-Milwaukie High Grad night - technically this doesn't qualify for funding. How do we want to proceed?

- Milwaukie Academy of the Arts (MAA) Have asked for money in the past but it does not meet the requirements of the grant program
- An alternative is to offer a scholarship to a needy student in the neighborhood – the ticket is about \$130
- Requested \$500 which is over our \$250 threshold
- Vote next month on the option

- All the previous grant requests have been paid

5. Flag swag purchases - Steve

- Incorrect pricing quoted on the previous flag
- Correct price is 209 dollars for 10 flags
- Sell 11 of these to make a profit
- Travis makes a motion and lane seconds

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- Ayes have the vote

6. Portland side district 4:

- Background
 - Ardenwald's Neighborhood has been moved to District 4 Coalition as part of the recent Portland government re-organization
 - Previously were part of SE Uplift
 - Upcoming training board member training Feb 6 in-person, Feb 12th zoom 6-8 pm
 - Portland Neighborhood Organization can provide Fiscal sponsorship
 - Se Uplift wants to transfer funds held for us to them. We need a "Principal Coordinator" willing to help manage this set up process
 - Alternative would be to become a 501(c3)
 - Travis filled all the paperwork back in November but they lost it; Refilled last week
 - Decision is to stick with the Fiscal sponsorship through Portland for now and evaluate 501(c3) as a future solution
 - This is mainly needed for our concert series
 - Topic for an upcoming meeting is to set up a sub-committee for the concert series

7. Balfour Park opening March 8th - How do we want to participate?

- March 8 is the celebration, but the actual Balfour park may soft open sooner once all the permits come through
 - Part of larger 3 park grand opening
- On target for beginning of February for the soft launch
- The city of Milwaukie has invited us to participate
- Ardenwald neighborhood was heavily involved in fundraising for the effort – years and years of community effort
- City of Milwaukie will have covered tents and brands etc.
 - At minimum we will have a table and fundraising event
 - We could sponsor a relatively low-cost, family friendly activity
 - Bring games and corn-hole
 - Button Maker
 - Bubbles
 - Sack race
 - Bring Flyers and Pamphlets
 - Time is TBD but we've requested the afternoon slot
 - Outreach
 - Printing out newsletter sample and QR code
 - Pamphlets
 - Print flyers and advertise at the school, New Season, Apartments etc.
 - Reach out to Jason on if the city will cover budget for printing

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8. Other committees (Webmaster, Southeast Uplift, Portland Clean Air Liaison, Art, PTO etc.)

9. Upcoming calendar events:

- Spring Terrace clean up
 - Recently hit by a car and being rebuilt
 - Option is March 22nd or April 26th or April 27th
 - Selected April 27th from 10-12pm
 - Budget for Starbucks and treats

10. Vote to approve Nov Meeting Minutes – 7:55
Chris motion to approve and Travis seconds

- Ayes have the vote

The next regular meeting is 2/24 at 6:30pm
at the Café!