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July 23, 2026

Mayor Lisa Batey
Councilors Adam Khosroabadi
Robert Massey
Will Anderson
Rebecca Stavenjord

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RE: Response to July 6, 2026, City Staff Report Misstatements

Dear Mayor Batey and Councilors Khosroabadi, Massey, Anderson, and Stevenjord:

As we continue negotiations for the amendment to the 2008 Cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement, and the IGA to provide funding for phase 3 of Milwaukie Bay Park improvements, this board finds it necessary to correct the following assertions made in the recent July 6, 2026, City Staff Report regarding these negotiations:

1. The Board did not delay a decision for three months to allow for review by the District Advisory Committee. The Board requested input by September 2026 at the June 24, 2026, meeting.
2. If approved the IGAs result in the transfer of funds and operational financial responsibility in certain circumstances. It is not one or the other.
3. The Staff Report omitted the new obligation for the City to reimburse the District the depreciated value of District capital investments in City properties should the City withdraw from the District.
4. The Staff Report omitted two additional "gives" by the district, NCPRD will create an administrative fee waiver for special use permits for free and public events at parks and natural areas, and the District will amend the 2025 System Plan to list Milwaukie Bay Park phase 3 as a near term (0-5 yr.) priority and swap it with the North Clackamas Park improvements to a mid-term (5-10 yr.) priority.
5. NCPRD estimates capital repair and replacement costs of approximately \$1 million over the next ten years not five years.
6. The Staff Report mischaracterizes NCPRD utility payments. NCPRD was paying for stormwater and wastewater to WES. Suggesting that NCPRD created a \$1M liability for Milwaukie ratepayers is unfair as NCPRD just paid bills as they were sent. If there is a liability here, it is the responsibility of the City to properly manage utility bills. Further, NCPRD contests whether a government provider should pay fees that fund other municipal services.

7. NCPRD was not notified of the utility billing changes by WES or by the city of Milwaukie. The City took over billing and sent the higher rate bills to NCPRD without other communication.
8. NCPRD did not refuse to pay utility bills. The Assistant City Manager, Joseph Briglio, and the NCPRD Director, Kia Selley, agreed that NCPRD should hold off on paying invoices until the situation could be sorted as utility costs for two locations alone (NCP and MCC) increased by \$24K for a six-month period in 2025.
9. The assertion that NCPRD will save \$10MM through Milwaukie's acceptance of responsibility to fund the remaining need for Milwaukie Bay Park is inconsistent with Section 1(b)2 of the current Cooperative IGA, which clearly states that Milwaukie is responsible for funding capital improvements at Milwaukie parks. The proposed amendments also would require a separate agreement and no guaranteed financial support from NCPRD for improvements to City property.
10. During the negotiations, the parties agreed to joint communications on this issue, to ensure consistent messaging. Since then, Milwaukie has unilaterally approved a version of the IGAs that has not been accepted by the NCPRD Board, and has messaged to the community that the only action remaining is acceptance by the District's Board of Directors, while there are still unsettled deal points.

The Board has responsibility to all district residents whether they live in the City of Milwaukie or unincorporated Clackamas County. As you are aware, public budgets are tight and the District has faced significant funding cuts and will continue to do so. It is in all of our interests to spend less time publicly competing for attention and work together to resolve these issues.

The Board has been working diligently during these negotiations, and needs to hear from the public, so that we may move forward together in providing recreational opportunities to our community that meets their needs.

Sincerely,

North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District Board of Directors



Craig Roberts, Chair



Director Diana Helm



Director Paul Savas



Director Martha Schrader



Director Ben West