



July 15, 2021

To: Gary Schmidt, County Administrator
From: Sarah Eckman, BCS Interim Director

RE: Request to put Milwaukie Center name change discussion item on July 20, 2021 Administrator's Issues

Dear Administrator Schmidt:

Summary: I respectfully request that a Milwaukie Center name change discussion item be placed on the July 20, 2021 Administrator's Issues agenda. The intent of the item is to brief the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District Board on the planned name change of the Milwaukie Center and to ask for their approval of the name change moving forward.

Background: The Milwaukie Center Community Advisory Board (C/CAB) applied for a name change from the current name of the Milwaukie Center to the desired name of the Milwaukie Community Center.

The Milwaukie Center was built in 1980 as a senior center on land within North Clackamas Park, however; the Milwaukie Center and the North Clackamas Park remain under the ownership of the City of Milwaukie. In 1992 the City of Milwaukie transferred operations to the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District. The North Clackamas Park offers four softball/baseball fields, new playground equipment and a dog park that brings people of all ages to the park. The Milwaukie Center's core mission has been and will remain to provide needed services to seniors. These services include social services, transportation, meals on wheels, on site dining, recreation, learning opportunities and special events.

While the senior programs have grown so have the needs of the community; therefore, the Milwaukie Center has added classes and special events for children and families, and additionally provides affordable rental opportunity for our community.

The C/CAB and Milwaukie Center is committed to all ages in our community; therefore, the C/CAB recommended to change the name to the Milwaukie **Community** Center to reinforce commitment to the entire community.

The NCPRD Advisory Board approved this name change in February 2020 and our District Advisory Committee affirmed their approval of this name change at their July 14, 2021 meeting. NCPRD staff intend to take the name change to the City of Milwaukie later this month.