



## **Metzger Park Local Improvement District Advisory Board Minutes**

Date: October 27, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Zoom

### **Item 1: Call to Order, Introductions, Sign-in**

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Carl Fisher, Tom McGowan, Jordan Silk

Absent: Michael Meadows, Timothy Anderson, Wilton Cloud,

Public: None

Staff: Carl Switzer, Peyton Ellis, Karine Kadyan

### **Item 2: Public Comments**

- None

### **Item 3: Approval of Minutes**

- July 2025 minutes not approved (lack of quorum)

### **Item 4: Operations Report**

- Staff updated the MPLIDAB on routine maintenance updates at Metzger Park and the planting project by Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District.

### **Item 5: Old Business**

- Discussed the annual MPLID mailer sent in September. Highlights included a celebration the path project completion and an invitation to the Metzger community to the MPLIDAB's October 2025 meeting to learn about the proposed increase to the maximum annual assessment.
- MPLIDAB expressed concern that some members of the Board weren't regularly attending and wanted to refer to the MPLIDAB bylaws as to possible actions. The Board and staff worked on a draft of revisions to the original bylaws during the pandemic but those were not formally adopted

by the Board of County Commissioners. MPLIDAB members expressed an interest in renewing that conversation. This will be a central point of discussion at one of their upcoming meetings.

#### Item 6: New business

- Planning the future of the LID Maximum Annual Assessment

Staff presented the MPLIDAB with a plan to maintain and operate the park for the next five fiscal years and laid out a fiscal plan to replace the playground. The MPLIDAB voiced support for the plan at its July 2025 meeting and again at this meeting.

Operations, maintenance and capital projects at Metzger Park are funded solely by the Metzger Park Local Improvement District (MPLID). No general fund dollars are utilized for these purposes. The Board of County Commissioners (Board) approves the maximum annual assessment for the MPLID each year.

**Need for Increase:** There are two fundamental reasons that an increase is needed:

- 1) **Operations and Maintenance Costs-** Based on a five-year look back at the parks budget, current market trends and rising administrative costs, parks staff project an average annual increase of 7% over each of the next five years.
- 2) **Capital Replacement-** The playground equipment at Metzger Park has reached the end of its useful life. While currently safe and passing annual inspections, the parts and pieces required to maintain it are no longer produced. The play equipment for the youngest children is 50 years old and the main play structure, with an expected useful life of 20 to 25 years is now 23 years old. A strategy to produce replacement funds now is critical. The estimated replacement cost for all playground equipment is between \$700,000 and \$1,000,000. Parks anticipates the need to seek grant funding which requires a cash match. An increase to the maximum assessment will allow for annual contributions to the Metzger Park fund balance over the next five years and provide matching funds for a playground replacement project.

An on-line Metzger community survey in 2023 asked residents to prioritize future capital projects. The top priority was path improvements, which were completed in 2025, followed closely by replacing the playground equipment. There is demonstrated support from both the MPLIDAB and Metzger community for playground equipment replacement.

**Proposed increase to the FY 2026-2027 MPLID maximum annual assessment:** Staff have begun the process of initiating an increase to the maximum annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Staff analysis projects that an increase from \$318,000 to \$639,000 will, for the next five years, produce sufficient revenue to absorb the annual cost increases for managing the park and allow sufficient funds to accumulate in the fund balance to replace the playground equipment. It is anticipated that the increase would happen for FY 2026-2027 and be held at that rate for five years with no additional increase to the maximum annual increase during that time. The Board will still approve the annual maximum assessment every year.



This was discussed with the MPLIDAB at their July 2025 meeting and at this meeting. A postcard was sent to all residents of the LID in September 2025 advising them that this would be discussed at the October 2025 MPLIDAB meeting.

- The MPLIDAB adopted their 2026 meeting schedule.

#### Item 7: MPLIDAB Issues/Discussion

- MPLIDAB members expressed appreciation for the new plant identification signs around the park.
- Mr. Fischer shared with the MPLIDAB that a movie called "Dr. Giggles" was filmed at Metzger Park in the 1990's and expressed interest in seeing what documentation of that Parks had. That was shared with him after the meeting with the intention that he could share it with the MPLIDAB and others in the future.

#### Item 8: Next Meeting: January 26, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.