



LEWELLING NDA MINUTES

May 8, 2023

Hybrid Meeting at Kairos Church of Christ and via Zoom

Attending: Chair Camden McKone; Vice-Chair Stephan Lashbrook; Secretary Lisa Lashbrook; Treasurer Howie Oakes; Dave Stratton; Nick D'Alonzo; Tony Campos; Philip Stose; Mary Barteaux; Virginia Seitz; Maitri Dirmeyer; Jessica Matcham; Zuriel van Belle; Jonathan van Belle; Kezia Rasmussen; Nicole ???; Val ???

Guests via Zoom: Ellen Campos and Mattie Dulka

Guests: Police Sergeant Jeff Rogerson and Planning Manager Laura Weigel

Camden opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were completed. Howie moved, Tony seconded, to approve the minutes of the April meeting as distributed and accept the evening's agenda. Motion passed without dissent.

Sergeant Rogerson briefly reported on recent recruitment activity by the Department. He then reported on the Department's recent enforcement actions on human trafficking. Val asked about Police Department record keeping for traffic stops. The Sergeant said that, although the Department keeps extensive records, "profiling" by police is completely unacceptable.

Camden then introduced Laura Weigel who made presentations on the City's Land Use decision processes and on neighborhood hubs. After answering several questions about Type I through Type V land use applications, most of the following discussion focused on neighborhood hubs — an idea that has been talked about since 2015 and was included in the City's official vision, adopted in 2017. Ms. Weigel said two different sites in, or adjacent to, the Lewelling Neighborhood have been mapped as potential neighborhood hub locations. She said that the City will be reaching out to property owners in those locations to see what development plans they have and to encourage them to develop neighborhood hubs. She expects to have more information by this fall. Ideas



that have been suggested for hubs have included coffee shops, bakeries, cafes, pubs and even public gathering spaces. They might become places where emergency response supplies could be stored.

Ms. Weigel reminded everyone that the City does not have the budget to buy prospective development sites, so we all must wait to see what the property owners and developers wish to do with them.

Stephan reported that the last PSAC meeting included presentations by City Engineer Steve Adams on the King Road project and planned temporary changes at the SE 42nd and King Road intersection, intended to mitigate safety concerns. He added that more information on the actual improvements to King Road will not be known until the design engineers have had a chance to prepare their plans.

Howie gave the Treasurer's report, saying that the NDA checking account contains \$5,903, less the amount spent on pizza and soft drinks that night. Howie is currently working on the annual report to the City. Stephan reported that performers for all five nights of this summer's concerts have been booked and we will be slightly under the \$7,000 budget set for this series.

Lisa said that Celebrate Milwaukie, Inc. (CMI) approved our request for \$1,000, to help support our concerts. It was noted that CMI used to contribute annually. Howie reminded everyone that we expect to receive a \$4,000 grant from the City and that money will assure that we have enough money for this summer, but does not guarantee money for the winter solstice event. Howie added that he is working on the annual financial report that must be filed with the City.

Camden said that we have not heard back from the Linwood or Lake Road NDAs about our grant requests. Philip said that Linwood members questioned our need for funds given our sponsorship of the solstice event. He said that they asked for an accounting showing what we actually made in December, 2022. Howie said that he would provide that information but he doubted that we made more than about \$1,000 when all expenses were deducted.



Returning to the subject of grant requests, Lisa reminded everyone of plans to limit our grant spending to assure that we have funds available for next year. Lisa made a motion, Mary seconded, to cap grant funding annually at \$1000 and to cap any individual grant at \$250. Motion passed without dissent.

Nick moved, Maitri seconded, to approve \$100 for the Juneteenth Committee. Motion passed without dissent. Stephan encouraged others to make individual donations for the Juneteenth event.

Nick and Philip gave a brief update on the Safe Routes project for Lewelling Elementary School. Nick reported on the gathering at the school on April 13 and said that about 20 people took part. They looked at nearby streets and bike/ped corridors for possible project selection. Philip said that City Engineering staff has not been very supportive, given that none of the SRTS projects are yet listed in the City's Capital Improvement Plan. Philip urged people to go on line and fill out the SRTS survey (link posted in the Milwaukie Pilot).

Lisa reminded everyone about the Duck Race fundraiser for the Milwaukie Parks Foundation to be held at Milwaukie Bay Park on July 8th in conjunction with North Clackamas Parks and Recreation Departments concert in the park.

Camden opened the floor for nominations for the positions of chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, land use coordinator or public information person. No one immediately spoke up. Stephan suggested that, if the four main officers (Camden, Stephan, Lisa, Howie) are willing to continue to serve, we should re-elect them and move forward. Stephan moved, Val seconded, to re-elect those officers. Motion passed without dissent. Maitri said she was willing to take on the land use position and Jonathan van Belle said he would take on public info responsibilities.

Stephan moved, Howie seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no opposition, Camden adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.



The next regular NDA meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2023, at Kairos United Church of Christ. That will be our last scheduled meeting until September.