



## **LEWELLING NDA MINUTES**

**June 14, 2023**

### **Hybrid Meeting at Kairos Church of Christ and via Zoom**

Attending: Chair Camden McKone; Dave Stratton; Nick D'Alonzo; Tony Campos; Philip Stose; Mary Barteaux; Virginia Seitz; Maitri Dirmeyer; Mattie Dulka; Jessica Matcham; Zuriel van Belle; Jonathan van Belle; Kezia Rasmussen; Nicole ???; Val ???

Attending via Zoom: Ellen Campos and Vice-Chair Stephan Lashbrook

Guest: Police Sergeant Jeff Rogerson

Camden opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were completed. Stephan said he would be taking notes in Lisa's absence. Tony moved, Maitri seconded, to approve the minutes of the May meeting as distributed and accept the evening's agenda. Motion passed without dissent.

Sergeant Rogerson briefly reported on recent recruitment activity by the Department, saying that two new officers had been sworn in. Given that one of the new officers was a lateral transfer from Dallas, Oregon, Camden asked why that officer wanted to come here. The response was that he has friends in the Department and he wanted to be closer to the Portland area. The other new officer will be attending the police academy, beginning in November.

Sergeant Rogerson then reported on the recent high speed chase that ended with a crashed car and fire near the food cart pods by the downtown light rail station. A number of questions followed. The sergeant was asked about the correct procedure someone should follow when witnessing someone having some sort of mental health episode. His response was that people should call 911 in an emergency, or call the non-emergency line (503 -786 - 7500), if that seems like the best approach to get an officer to the scene. He added that Glen Suchanek, the Department's Behavioral Health Specialist, has been a major asset to the Officers and has been very busy.

Stephan reported that the last PSAC meeting was entirely focused on preparing new by-laws which that committee is recommending to the City Council.



Howie was absent but Camden reported that the NDA checking account had not changed in the last month. He added that Howie had completed the annual financial report to the City, so the NDA will soon be receiving our 2023 allotment of funds (\$4,000). Camden added that the Lake Road NDA had approved our grant request for \$300 and the Linwood NDA had denied our request. Historic Milwaukie and Island Station have not yet responded.

Nick and Philip gave an update on the Safe Routes project for Lewelling Elementary School. Nick reported that the draft report of the committee working on this plan will soon be available for public review. He recommended that everyone get involved and help support this project, by adding comments on the draft plan. That will help to assure that grant funding becomes available for recommended projects, as soon as possible. Philip talked about the range of options being considered in the plan, including better crosswalks, improved signage, flashing beacons at critical crossings, and better parking lot flow at the school. Steve Adams apparently favors switching the “greenway” designation from SE Stanley to SE Wichita. He added that the City’s Engineering Department does not like “speed cushions” or speed bumps.

Stephan said that Lisa wanted everyone to know that the City is almost through working on the playground designs for three city parks (Scott, Balfour, and Bowman-Brae) and will be taking public comments at the Juneteenth event on June 17th and the Pride event on June 24th

Nick moved, Mary seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Camden adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

The next regular NDA meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2023, at Kairos United Church of Christ.