



LEWELLING NDA MINUTES

September 13, 2023

Hybrid Meeting at Kairos Church of Christ and via Zoom

Attending: Chair Camden McKone; Stephan Lashbrook; Dave Stratton; Nick D'Alonzo; Tony Campos; Ellen Campos; Philip Stose; Virginia Seitz; Maitri Dirmeyer; Mattie Dulka

Attending via Zoom: Lisa Lashbrook; County road engineer Jonathan Hangartner

Guests: Police Captain Tony Cereghino; School Superintendent Dr. Shay James and Assistant Superintendent Yvonne Dibblee; Will Anderson (State Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee)

Camden opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were completed. Stephan said he would be taking notes in Lisa's absence.

Captain Cereghino briefly reported on recent recruitment activity by the Department, with one new officer having been sworn in. Another new officer will be attending the police academy beginning in November. The Captain went on to talk about recent theft activity by groups of criminals working together. Even stores like Safeway are being victimized.

Stephan reported on PSAC activities, noting that Chair Jay Panagos recently presented the PSAC work plan to the City Council. Jay also reminded the Council that it will need to act promptly on the Safe Routes to Lewelling School plan, in anticipation of filing a grant application in early 2024. Stephan said that the same set of officers will continue to serve PSAC for another year. Jen Garbely, previously Assistant City Engineer, has been promoted to the City Engineer position following the retirement of Steve Adams.

Howie reported that the NDA checking account now has \$3,586.22, after all concert expenses were covered.



Howie discussed the equipment needed to be purchased for the NDA to make hot chocolate to be sold at Winter Solstice. After explaining that Starbucks no longer donates hot chocolate as they used to, Stephan moved, Philip seconded, to authorize Howie to spend up to \$500 for hot chocolate equipment. Motion passed without dissent.

Howie asked if someone would volunteer to pick up the pizzas for NDA meetings. Tony Campos offered to do it.

Nick talked about the outreach accomplished for the Safe Routes project for Lewelling Elementary School, noting that a number of people came to the NDA table during the summer concerts. Nick said that the draft plan will soon be available for City Council review. Camden read aloud the letter that had been crafted as a “heads up” for the City Council. Stephan moved, Philip seconded, to send the letter to the Council with signatures by Camden and Nick. Motion passed without dissent.

Stephan pointed out that, by waiting for the October 3 City Council meeting, people from the NDA could have a dialogue with Council members about the Safe Routes Plan, with a definite spot on the agenda. Nick emphasized that Mayor Batey is expecting to hear from the NDA at the Council meeting on September 19, and having limited time as a “non-agenda item” was not a concern. Nick pointed out that this plan culminates more than two years of work by the NDA and time is critical because the City Council will need to approve the plan and direct staff to file an application for grant funding by March, 2024. If that deadline is missed, the community will have to wait two years for the next round of funding (if it is available). The consensus was to have Nick attend the Council meeting on the 19th and convey the letter.

School Superintendent Dr. Shay James and Assistant Superintendent Yvonne Dibblee spoke about the tax levy on the November ballot which is intended to enable the North Clackamas School District to retain the 180 teaching positions that were created when the District received voter approval in 2018. This would also allow the district to retain class sizes at approximately their current levels. They explained that the tax rate would remain the same, so property owners will not see an increase in their taxes if the measure is approved. If approved, the



proposed tax would take effect at the end of June, 2024. Numerous questions were asked and answered. An informational flyer was handed out.

County civil engineer Jonathan Hangartner (attending via zoom) explained the County's planned improvement project along Johnson Creek Road, east of the city limits. Design for the project is just beginning, but it seems to have already been scaled back to make it work within a \$6 million budget. The project will primarily involve rebuilding the pavement section, without much in the way of bicycle or pedestrian improvements. Several issues were raised by NDA members. One of which involved the left-turn refuge for people hoping to turn onto SE Stanley when approaching from the east. It was noted that, although it is used as a left-turn refuge, it is not designed to be one and could promote head-on collisions. Mr. Hangartner said he was not aware of that issue, but he would look into it.

Philip suggested two edits to the "draft" June minutes. Stephan said he would make those changes. Howie moved, Tony seconded, to approve the minutes of the June meeting as amended. Motion passed without dissent.

Tony moved, Philip seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.
Camden adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

As people were leaving, Ellen reminded everyone about the sustainability fair, scheduled for September 23.

The next regular NDA meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2023, at Kairos United Church of Christ.