



## **LEWELLING NDA *Draft* MINUTES**

**May 8, 2024**

### **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; Tony Campos; Ellen Campos; Virginia Seitz; Maitri Dirmeyer; Philip Stose; Nick D'Alonzo; Mattie Dulka; Alaina ?????

Guest: Police Captain Tony Cereghino

Camden opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were completed. Tony moved, Ellen seconded, to accept the April minutes without correction. Motion passed without dissent.

Captain Cereghino said that recent police recruitment and training is working out well, with the department almost fully staffed. There are now two officers working traffic most of the time.

Captain Cereghino said that Milwaukie's PD had received roughly 14,000 calls last year. The Milwaukie PD website is getting updated to show numbers for transparency. He talked about the special circumstances under which the department uses drones, emphasizing that they are only used in specific situations (such as seeking someone who is running from the police) and not just trolling. Nick asked for more specifics and the Captain provided an explanation. Lisa asked if the Police Department would be willing to bring a drone to one of our summer concerts and demonstrate it. It was agreed that that would be a good way to make people familiar with the use of drones for police work. Lisa said she will coordinate this, probably to happen before the start of a concert.

Stephan gave a brief report on the April PSAC meeting, where the focus was on the numerous street projects that are about to begin.

The following issues were raised for PSAC review:

Dave brought up a vision clearance obstruction caused by vegetation at the corner of SE Stanley and Hill Street. He also mentioned potholes in the 5900 block of SE Hill.



Mattie brought up a large pothole in front of 4641 SE White Lake Road.

Maitri complained about the lack of maintenance of bike lanes, especially in terms of sweeping and striping (noting King Road and the portion of Johnson Creek Road inside the Milwaukie City Limits).

Stephan said he would bring up all of those issues at the next PSAC meeting.

Tony asked again about the striping on SE 43rd. Several people joined in this complaint that the striping is hard to see at night, especially in wet weather. Stephan said that the Public Works Department had responded by saying that all striping in Milwaukie is done by Clackamas County and they concluded that the striping on SE 43rd met their standards.

Howie reported that the NDA checking account now has \$8,450, which should put the NDA in a good position to fund our summer concerts. Lisa reported that her grant request to Celebrate Milwaukie, Inc. (CMI) had been approved and a check for \$1,000 had been received for our summer concerts. Lisa said she would send CMI a "thank you" card.

Maitri suggested that a bike rack be installed at Ball-Michel Park. Camden said he would discuss it with Peter Passarelli. It was noted that the City is considering having the Juneteenth Celebration at Ball-Michel Park and bike racks could be important for that event. Stephan pointed out that the park sign is also in disrepair. Howie said he would research sign repair.

Stephan reported that all four bands for our summer concerts are now under contract. Lisa added that Hearth & Soul Pizza will again be providing food.

Nick and Philip gave an update on the Safe Routes grant process, noting that our application was 42nd among 88 applicants after the first round. Stephan joined Nick and Philip in committing to complete the grant process, including getting letters of support from more entities to submit to ODOT in the second phase of the application.

Maitri reported on the City's on-going work to update the Transportation System



Plan (TSP). She said that work on “Goals” is continuing and plans for streets will be starting soon.

Maitri then invited everyone to join Bike Milwaukie for a group ride on May 18, starting at the ground-level water tank (SE 40th and Harvey). The next ride is scheduled to coincide with Juneteenth, which may be held at Ball-Michel Park. Maitri concluded by reporting that she had received only one minor land use application.

Stephan, Camden and Maitri talked about SE Mullen Street and the potential for future connecting roadways to be small and have a focus on bicycle and pedestrian safety, while retaining trees. That issue will be brought up in the TSP.

Camden opened a discussion about NDA officers for the coming year. This led to the following elections:

Stephan moved, second by Ellen to retain Camden as Chair. No dissent.

Virginia moved, second by Tony to retain Stephan as vice-chair. No dissent.

Stephan moved, second by Phil to retain Lisa as secretary. No dissent.

Philip moved, second by Tony to retain Howie as treasurer. No dissent.

Stephan moved, second by Philip to retain Maitri as land use chair. No dissent.

After brief discussion, Mattie volunteered to handle social media and other communications. Camden thanked her profusely.

Alaina let everyone know that the Eco Schools group would be leading an after school of the grounds of Seth Lewelling elementary. Interested people will meet at the mural May 21st at 5:30.

Stephan moved, Howie seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Camden adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.



The next regular NDA meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2024, at Kairos United Church of Christ.