



LEWELLING NDA MEETING  
November 13, 2013 7:00PM

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chair Bryon Trotter

**Police Report:** Steve Bartol standing in for Chief Jordan reminded us again that this is the season when car prowls increase and with all the gift purchases there are people on the look out for clues. Burglaries also increase 2-3 weeks later related to this. Watch for suspicious persons in the neighborhood. He reported that the department is down a records person. Oral boards are next week and they also have candidates to consider for one officer position. 3 positions are coming open related to 2 retirements and 1 officer move to another city. Dave Rash and Steve Bartol will be involved in the interview for the new chief when this posting and process begins. The position is not yet posted. The funeral for the Oregon City Officer killed in action will be 11/14/13 with a planned processional. Milwaukie and Clackamas County have been covering shifts, escorts and crime scene assistance for the Oregon City Department. Mikes Drive Ins locations will be doing a fund raiser for the family also on 11/14/13 with 25% of proceeds, tips and 33% of purchases of vouchers/gift purchased during the fund raiser. Milwaukie currently has 34.5 sworn officers. Chief Jordan's retirement is November 30<sup>th</sup> and there will be an open house gathering for him on November 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm at the Public Safety Building/Police Station. A question was asked about the continuing bike give-away program. This was developed by Officer Billy Wells and will continue.

**City Liaison:** Grady Wheeler gave updates regarding city activities Reporting on the following:

- **Moving Forward Milwaukie:** Three public events have been held since last NDA meetings – project advisory committee met 10/21 and opportunity site workshops on 10/28-29 –about 40 participants at the workshops. Will post results on the web site in the first week or two of November. Concept plan public event has been rescheduled from December 5 to January 15, 2014. See City Website for further information.
- **Road Closure tied to Quiet Zone Improvements:** The last phase of improvements for the Union Pacific Mainline Quiet Zone is underway. Notice to proceed was to be issued to the contractor in late October, with the project expected to be finished within 60 days. Once this last work has been completed, the City will notify the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and ask for the establishment of a Quiet Zone. During the week of November 11-15 a detour will be set up to avoid a road closure on Railroad near the at the intersection of SE 37<sup>th</sup> and Railroad Ave. (See the attached documents for more information)
- **Transportation System Plan Update:** At its next meeting on November 19, City Council will finalize the adoption process for the proposed amendments to the TSP. The amendments include the various changes discussed at public meetings in June and September, as well as final

adjustments proposed by the Planning Commission and reviewed by Council. The comments and discussion provided by the NDAs and other members of the community have played a key role in improving the TSP during this update process. Thanks to everyone who participated!

- **May 2014 Bond Measure:** At the Nov. 5 City Council meeting Council decided to place bond measure on the May 2014 that refinances the City's obligation for the capital improvements its received as part of the Light Rail project. Council had been considering placing other capital projects on the bond, but after a public poll and a series of stakeholder interviews, it decided just to focus on the one issue. By taking advantage of today's low interest rates, the City would save City tax payers \$850,000 over 20 years by paying its share of the light rail construction costs through a general obligation bond. As a general measure, a Milwaukie home with a taxable value of \$200,000 would be taxed \$34 more a year, for 20 years. Refinancing the light rail obligation would relieve pressure on the City's general fund, where previous payments have come from, and will help maintain current City service levels and avoid further cuts
- **ADA Ramp Enhancement 2013 Project:** This project will upgrade 42 pedestrian curb ramps throughout the City. This project is funded by Clackamas County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The County's Community Development Department advertised the project Monday Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, with bid opening on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. Construction is scheduled to begin mid to late November, with a contract length of 60 days.
- **Royalton Place** (5555 SE King Road) is converting an additional 16 senior apartments to Assisted Living.
- **Free Leaf Drop:** The City encourages its residents to participate in Milwaukie's 10th Annual Leaf Drop Program. While dropping off leaves, please consider donating non-perishable foods and new unwrapped toys to benefit local families--to be distributed in local schools and the Annie Ross House. The drop site, located at 6101 SE Johnson Creek Boulevard, will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following Saturdays: November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>. The program is FREE to all residents who live within the City of Milwaukie Utility Billing area. All participants will be required to provide is a copy of their utility bill as proof of residency each time they visit the City's site to dispose of leaves. The leaves can be loose or bagged in paper or plastic. Residents will need to be prepared to empty plastic bags and/or loose loads. If you have any questions, please contact Kenny Hill, Storm water Division Supervisor at 503-786-7687 or [hillk@MilwaukieOregon.gov](mailto:hillk@MilwaukieOregon.gov)
- **Milwaukie Umbrella Parade/Tree Lighting and Winter Solstice Bonfire/Christmas Ships** dates are set. Umbrella Parade/Tree Lighting is Saturday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Winter Solstice Bonfire & Christmas Ships is Saturday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Further details on the City website.

A question was asked by Dave Stratton about the construction site on Hazel Street where construction has stopped. Ryan will check on this.

**Councilor Dave Hedges** joined us for our meeting. The Road Home Project proposal has not yet been presented to the City Council. The light rail was the dominant approval found during the survey so it has been decided that this will be the only thing included in the bond measure. The waterfront came in low at 32% and the library was about 50%. The library expansion will be revisited at a later date. The

waterfront park remains on the council goals per citizen request. Dave mentioned he had received 4 calls from citizens about the Clackamas Review Article in the edition received this week that these folks felt the article was an attack on our police force. He questions the need for police department review. He states that NDA leaders are concerned. Pepi commented that she had read the article and did not believe that it was offensive, merely a statement of a broader review with all the changes that are occurring right now within the city. The city is looking for a consultant to do an independent review but the cost is significant, \$3500 for the current bid. They are looking for less expensive options as it is a worthwhile review to make. This review would also include the councils approach to staff. He mentioned that the salary paid for the Milwaukie Chief of Police is lower than that of sergeants' in the Lake Oswego Police Force, noting that income levels are also higher in general in Lake Oswego accounting for this to some degree.

**Adopt a Road Project** will be placed on the December Agenda. We were reminded that to participate in this project one must be at least 12 years of age which would exclude Lewelling students.

**Winter Solstice Plan:** Pepi went through the basic setup and staff needs and volunteers were recruited for the event.

#### **Winter Solstice Detail Draft**

**Set up:** Start at Waterfront Park Gravel area  
2:30pm Lewelling NDA Volunteers  
Fire Build/Straw-City Arranges  
3:30pm Starbucks Volunteers-Traci Mitchell & Bryan have set the plans  
4:00pm Arrival of Scheduled Entertainment-City Arranges  
5:45pm Christmas Ships

**Security/Parking:** MPD/Cadets-Arranged through Beth and MPD  
Encourage Parking on East Side of McLoughlin

**Promotion:** Pilot Newsletter  
Flyers to schools for back packs  
Papers

**Prep Lewelling:** Arrange for Trailer with Beth Ragel  
Food Bank Donation Bin/Collection Container or other donation project-Check with Beth  
Pay Station/Box-Art Ball/Treasurer-Pepi will handle the box this year  
Pie Donations-NDA:  
Purchase Dogs, Buns, Condiments, napkins, forks, plates, etc.-Art will do this  
Signs for Concession Prices-Bryan  
Pie Donors: Ray (2), Lisa (2), Kelli (2), Scott (2), Art (3), Shari's (neighbor contacted and will donate a couple), Pepi (3)

**Stage/Layout:**

Beth Ragel:

Arranges stage, porta-potties

Straw for mud prevention

Fire Pit: Wood Donated

Tree & Lights

Entertainment: Dickinson Singers, High School Band

**Lewelling Setup:**

Volunteers: Bryan, Paul, Ray, Art, Pepi

Equipment from City NDA Trailer: Tent, Tables. Chairs

Set up Extension Cords

Lights

Hot Dog Cooker- Ray Harris &

Supplies for prep-Serving utensils (NDA Box)-Art Ball

Lewelling sign-Art Ball

**Wichita Center:** As a result of our last meeting discussion and Pepi's attendance at the PTO meeting it was recommended that we contact the Center regarding what the NDA can do particularly in support of children in our school area who are in need. Bryan met with Kristin Kinney and gave a review of the center's programs, including the food pantry & food boxes distributed; Clothing room and need for boys and girls pants and new or slightly used shoes, new underwear, hygiene supplies. They also need school supplies, backpacks, and always volunteers. There is a computer lab with mentors to assist with homework and in some cases job searches. They also have a head start program and do get funding, but it is never enough. Bryan recommended a proposal for the NDA to make a onetime grant of \$600 to the center as part of our desire to provide for this kids as mentioned in our last meeting. We will discuss this further at the next meeting and a decision will be made. It would also be important to find a way to encourage ongoing volunteerism and support to the center.

**Land Use Review:** At the request of Ann Wilson, a concerned neighbor, Bryan did some research with the city related to a proposal by a land owner to develop 2 properties located South of Logus behind residences already established. The owner has already removed significant tree cover on his property and is doing work preparing for this. The request is still in review by the city. Once it is reviewed, the neighboring NDAs, land use committee and neighbors will be notified of the hearing and ongoing review that will occur. The proposal currently is for construction of 3 single family units, 1 on the narrower lot and 2 on the other lot. There will be a 14 day comment period as this moves through the process. Included in the plan was the replacement of some of the trees that were removed by similar trees. Charlie Clark is the petitioner/landowner and resides in the Lewelling NDA area. Several issues of concern were discussed briefly, access to the lots being a major one and also possible traffic impacts especially on Logus and subsequently issues with ease of access for emergency vehicles. Another consideration from the property owner was to have the access be temporary until consideration of opening Mullen Road might occur. Ryan will be the contact on the City Planning side.

**Treasurer's Report:** Art Ball We have \$7,682.92 in our NDA Funds Our expenses this year for Music in the Park were \$5225.57 which requires us to find resources and fund raisers to continue to support our activities.

**Milwaukie Police Officer Recognition Dinner** will be held February 27, 2014.

**Community Gardens:** Lisa Lashbrook reported that the 2 gardens (Campbell and Linwood sites) have been very prolific and going strong. 2000 pounds of produce have been donated to Annie Ross House and other sites. A master plan is being worked on for a 3<sup>rd</sup> garden at the Balfour Park site.

The next meeting will be held **December 11, 2013** at 7:00pm in the Lewelling Library

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm