



LEWELLING NDA MINUTES

August 12, 2020, 5:30 pm SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting via Zoom

Attending: Stephan Lashbrook; Secretary Lisa Lashbrook; ; Ellen Campos; Tony Campos; Nick d'Alonzo; Ernesto Dominguez (Subcommittee Chair); Bryan Izquierdo Burgos; Philip Stose; Rebecca Stavenjord; Jules; Dmitri Dosamantes

Guest: Mark Gamba, Mayor

Ernesto opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were completed. No one objected to the agenda as proposed.

Minutes of July 29 meeting — Nick moved, Tony seconded, to approve the meeting minutes as distributed. Motion passed without dissent.

Rainbow Lane Street Mural

Ernesto gave a report on the two NDA meetings (Historic Milwaukie and Hector Campbell) where members of the committee presented our grant requests. He said that presentations were made by Jules and Anza. Historic Milwaukie immediately approved the request and sent a response complimenting the Lewelling presentation. Hector Campbell responded by saying that they would await the neighbor reaction, including which design might be favored, before deciding on our request.

Ernesto said that the City of Corvallis has an excellent website dealing with all aspects of street murals, including the type of paint to use. Although a special

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type of paint is required, it is available through Miller Paint stores. Milwaukie City Engineer Adams recommended the Corvallis info to our group. Ernesto said he would provide the Corvallis info to Laura and Dan so they can handle the acquisitions. Stephan reminded everyone of the need for receipts so the NDA can reimburse people for purchases.

Stephan said that the City's Public Works Department will sweep and pressure wash the street before painting. They asked for a few days prior notice.

Acknowledging that a number of people in the 400 foot radius of the project site had yet to respond to our letter, a plan was agreed upon for door-to-door visits by volunteers. The following Sunday at 11 a.m. was selected. Ernesto reminded everyone to bring masks and water and meet at the intersection before starting.

In response to a question, Stephan said that he would recommend requesting a fee waiver for the street permit after we are ready to move forward. Rebecca talked about the girls in her troop and explained their interest in social justice issues. She added that one of the proposed designs was actually drafted by Jules, from the troop. Rebecca added that the girls decided that donating \$200 to this project showed their commitment. Jules talked about the experience of making presentations to other NDAs and said it was scary because of their fear of rejection. Jules said that they know of lots of LGBTQ people who will feel welcome in Milwaukie when the mural is done.

Dmitri introduced himself, saying that he learned about the meeting on "Milwaukie ChitChat." He said that his household includes people of color and at least one trans person, making the proposed mural design feel very welcoming to them. Stephan urged Dmitri to stay involved in neighborhood activities.

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Mayor Gamba talked about the resolution recently passed by the City Council as a welcoming statement to people of color. He talked about the “listening sessions” scheduled by the City Council in meeting with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). He said that the City has lots of work to do but will wait until completing these listening sessions and hiring a new Equity Manager. The Mayor talked about the involvement of Police Chief Strait and various social service agencies. Dmitri asked if the training included consideration of sexual orientation. The Mayor said that that has not been included yet. He added that the current focus has really been in response to the Black Lives Matter movement and the fact that people are energized about that right now.

6:25 Meeting adjourned – The regular NDA meeting started at 6:30 p.m.

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Guest: Luke Strait, Police Chief

Stephan opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were completed.

Review of agenda — It was agreed by consensus that funding for the Rainbow Lane project should be discussed when Ernesto gave his update.

Stephan asked Chief Strait to provide a Police Department update. The Chief gave a detailed explanation of the Department's handling of a recent call that led to an officer shooting a man who was armed with a knife. The man was not seriously hurt and he was lodged in the County jail after being released from the hospital. The Chief reported that the investigation by a team from the District Attorney's office is continuing. A Grand Jury hearing will follow. Chief Strait responded to a number of questions about recent police activity.

PSAC Report — Beth gave an update. She said that the SE 42nd and 43rd projects are going forward. The virtual open house for the SE 43rd project is scheduled to go live on August 20.

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SE Wichita Avenue Safety Concerns — Philip Stose discussed the letter he submitted and talked about why he feels that speed bumps are needed on Wichita Avenue and probably on nearby north-south streets. He noted that the City had posted the street for 20 mph speeds and had done both traffic and speed counts on Wichita Avenue after a toddler was killed on the street. Chief Strait talked about having had a traffic officer as well as himself spending time on the street with radar guns. Speeds were not found to be excessive during those time windows.

Considerable discussion followed about traffic issues in that part of the neighborhood. Beth noted that placing speed bumps, as well as making greenway improvements, on one street tends to move traffic onto parallel streets. Nick said that he favors the use of speed bumps. He added that, if concrete sidewalks are too expensive to install, the City should consider using asphalt in some locations. Stephan pointed out that, along Wichita Avenue, quite a few of the properties remain outside the City limits, which complicates any sort of comprehensive improvement plan. Phillip said that the City's Engineering Department is now generating quite a bit of data on neighborhood traffic that should soon be available to the NDA. Stephan reminded everyone that the City will begin work on a new Transportation System(s) Plan in 2021, and the Lewelling NDA will be most effective in that process if we have a set of things we can advocate for — including preferences about a greenway street between King Road and Johnson Creek Road. Stephan also said that he would continue to have a place on future agendas for SE Wichita Avenue safety concerns.

Parks & Rec Report — Lisa reported that Elk Rock Yoga obtained a Special Use Permit to hold yoga classes in Milwaukie Bay Park. The Milwaukie Center is adding some Zoom classes in Spanish, writing and yoga. Summer camps in

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North Clackamas Park have been going well. The final design for Dogwood Park is going to council on August 18th for approval. Fires in Milwaukie Bay Park have been problematic. Although there is signage stating fires aren't allowed, it is confusing to have an open fire pit in the park. NCPRD staff will be taking the pit out and reinstalling it for the Solstice event (whenever we can have one again).

Treasurer's report — Howie Oakes was absent. No report was presented.

Rainbow Lane Street Mural Project — Ernesto gave a brief update, including a summary of the subcommittee meeting that was held immediately before the regular meeting.

After brief discussion, Nick moved and Beth seconded that the rules be suspended to allow the NDA to vote on funding for the Rainbow Lane Street Mural project. Motion passed without dissent.

Ellen moved and Lisa seconded that up to \$1,000 be provided for the Rainbow Lane project. Motion passed without dissent.

Virtual Concerts — Stephan gave a brief report on plans for Milwaukie PorchFest 2020, which will be conducted on four consecutive Friday evenings, beginning on August 21. He added that the City Arts Committee had filed grant requests with all of the other NDAs asking them to reimburse Lewelling for the money it had provided as seed money for PorchFest. The Hector Campbell NDA has already approved a \$400 reimbursement to Lewelling. Several questions were

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asked how PorchFest would be handled and discussion followed. Lisa pointed out that this event will be the first of its kind for Milwaukie, so a lot will be learned.

Ellen reminded the group that the styrofoam recycling program is operating again at 5285 SE Mallard Way (across from Bob's Red Mill) on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Lewelling NDA will be Wednesday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m.

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