Island Station Neighborhood District Association

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Island Station NDA Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Charles Bird, Co-Chair (6:30)

Attendees gave their names and addresses and how they've been coping with the smoke.

16 in attendance: 14 Island Station neighbors, Captain Robbie Graves (Milwaukie Police Department), and Gary Klein (guest).

Alicia Hamilton	Carolyn Tomei	Jo Anne Bird	Pam Denham
Anna Dennis	Charles Bird	Mike Gronholm	Rebecca Banyas
April Gracz	Clare Marshall	Milo Denham	
Calvin ?	Daniel Wood	Natalie Strunka	

Proposed Additional Items from the Membership

An item to discuss Preparedness Month was added by Pam Denham.

Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee representation at ISNDA meetings was brought up by Jo Anne Bird, and we agreed that we would cover it during the KGNC report.

Prior Meeting Minutes Approval

Anna Dennis moved to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2020 meeting as amended. Natalie Strunka seconded. Motion passed unanimously by virtual show of hands.

Police report (Captain Graves)

Captain Graves discussed the unprecedented smoke and fire threat. Six officers have had to

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evacuate for varying periods of time. Those officers still came in for shifts and worked overtime.

Milwaukie PD was also supporting other areas, including Molalla. The Elk Rock Island fire is in the hands of detectives and it is still being investigated. Robbie noted the rumors about people starting fires. He confirmed some fires have been started by individuals but no ties to any organized movement. Many fires around Oregon are still being investigated as to their origin, but many are assumed to be due to negligence. It continues to be unsafe on Elk Rock Island. An arborist has been hired to assess and support with the danger assessment/mitigation. ATF has been consulted and did come out as well.

Last week the command staff all went through implicit bias training. As of last Wednesday all the patrol staff has been put through the training and it is completed.

Activity has been slow with the exception of supporting other districts. A search warrant was served by the FBI today in North Milwaukie. It was suggested that it may have been related to protests in Portland, perhaps related to the lasers pointed into the officer's eyes. The events in Milwaukie have all been peaceful.

Treasurer's report

Balance of $14,758.95. $12,108.95 is available for use with $2,650 in committed funds. The full report was sent out to the neighborhood email list.

New Business

ISNDA Survey Update (Clare Marshall)

The survey will be published in the next upcoming Milwaukie Pilot. We feel the delay in action on the items is worth the additional reach to residents who do not attend the meetings. Clare will send out the survey in the ISNDA email distribution list this weekend. We anticipate gathering final results within 2-3 weeks of the Pilot being distributed.

2020 ISNDA Picnic (Clare Marshall)

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Clare proposed using the funds committed to the 2020 picnic to host a picnic as soon as we're allowed. Everyone agreed they'd like to do two picnics in 2021 if possible. It was agreed that we would keep the funds committed (no motion needed) to a picnic. Once the governor announces we are able to come together in groups, we will begin planning the picnic. If we are able to do a second picnic in 2021 we will need to vote to commit funds. We will take action on committing additional funds if/when the next picnic has been confirmed.

Elk Rock Island (Charles Bird)

Neighbors discussed the fire that happened on the island on 9/9/20. Neighbors thanked Hamid in his absence for his contributions towards photography and video of the island, both before and after the fire. Residents are hoping the ivy and poison oak were victims of the fire.

Rebecca Banyas encouraged neighbors to join the upcoming FERISPARK meeting on Monday. She will be discussing the management of the island, both short and long term. She stated concerns about overuse and the challenges related to that. She hopes neighbors will join and get involved.

Gary Klein shared his openness to work with FERISPARK and the Park and Rec Board in Milwaukie, of which he is a member. The challenges of managing the park were discussed at length by multiple neighbors and it was suggested that neighbors contact the city and join FERISPARK meetings. A neighbor noted there may be an opening on the NCPRD board. Gary suggested neighbors also join the Park and Rec Board Meetings and bring up these topics.

The master plans of both the Spring Park and Elk Rock Island were discussed at length, including their current status. It was noted the plans have been sent out previously to the neighbors and can also be accessed on the City of Milwaukie webpage.

Preparedness Month (Pam Denham)

Mary Weick has been the emergency preparedness person in the neighborhood for years and Pam has been helping her for the past few years as well. Pam shared a wealth of information and prepared a document to share. See attached document for the statement she read and the many links and resources she discussed.

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Old Business

ISNDA & City Committee, City Board, and City Association Reports

Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee

Jo Anne Bird noted that KGNC has a new representative appointed from ISNDA. Carolyn Tomei will bring it up in the committee to ask that person to join our ISNDA meetings. Carolyn missed the last meeting that was a tour of the plant, and was unable to join the tour. Charles Bird was invited to the meeting to give a transition of the members. There were 3 committee members that departed all at once. Charles attended and shared their vision and philosophy. Carolyn saluted Charles' contributions to the committee and thanked him for his years of service.

Blue Ribbon Committee

Alicia Hamilton and April Gracz are both members. April reported that they are putting together a web based open house. We should receive more information next month.

Arts Committee

Alicia Hamilton let us know that there was a great response to Porchfest. The last scheduled night had to be postponed due to the fires. Chalk art was done in the North Clackamas parks. There are rock arts available at City Hall. The big mural at Chan's Stakery is close to finished. Jeremy Davis was the artist who made art for the Ledding LIbrary. He is also working on a mural near the water tower. They are reviewing sculpture garden proposals as well as other mural proposals.

Milwaukie Historical Society

Milo Denham reported that they are working on another history walk in Ardenwald that will be

able to accessed on the app as a self guided walk. “Ardenwald Adventures” hopes to release next month.

Announcements (Charles Bird)

The SAFE Project is starting in November, and residents should be aware of the upcoming construction to add sidewalks on 22nd and River.

Candidates running for city council will be having an online forum event to introduce themselves. They are asking for discussion topics/questions to be asked of the candidates. Neighbors can email Charles and he will submit them. The forum will be held on October 10th via zoom. This is not a city event. It is being put on by the neighborhood associations.

We haven’t gotten more information on inclusion training yet. Charles feels that in lieu of other information neighbors can look into the training individually. We hope to have more information by the next meeting.

Porchfest Funding: Second Vote

A neighbor noted their disagreement with ArtMob asking for funding from the NDAs. They felt that the money should come from the city. Other neighbors said that it was very important to support the arts; that Porchfest was developed rapidly and was necessarily a grassroots effort; and that disagreements with items controlled by the city can be brought directly to the city. A neighbor agreed that money should come from the city, but noted that the Lewelling NDA had already committed funds to support Porchfest and that our contribution would go toward supporting Lewelling.

April Gracz moved to finalize our donation of $400 to the Milwaukie Arts Committee for Porchfest. Pam Denham seconded. The motion passed by visual show of hands with one against and one abstention.

Motion to adjourn

April Gracz moved to adjourn. Alicia Hamilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously by virtual

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show of hands.

September is National Preparedness Month – ISNDA September 16, 2020

September is national preparedness month. The best thing you can do for yourself and your family is be prepared. As we know from recent wildfires here in Clackamas county, many people had to leave on a moment's notice – could you?

Public alerts https://www.clackamas.us/dm/publicalerts they can be a recorded voice calling, a text message and/or email and it will leave you a voice mail if you do not pick up the phone.

What would you take? Who would you call? Where would you go?
https://www.ready.gov/plan

We as a neighborhood do have a buried box of emergency supplies that many have collected over the years – this is NOT food and/or water for the neighbors but a tent, record keeping supplies and forms and it is stored on SE Eagle Street in the street ROW. Charles has the key.

CERT – in case of a disaster our neighborhood meeting spot is on SE Eagle Street; the CERT box contains mostly radio supplies but no food or water.

Gathering supplies takes time. As we know from the pandemic, people rush the stores and panic buy (TP and hand sanitizer). This leaves many people without basic health and safety needs. Adding a few more cans of food and a sealed gallon jug of water every time that you shop stocks up your emergency supplies relatively painlessly. Have some cash ready in *small bills* just in case. What if there were no access to banks, ATM's or credit card apps? If you only had a $20 bill and you wanted to buy a bottle of water, no one would have change so it could cost you $20!!!

I like to think as a CERT member I'd be ready but as far as important papers go, but during the wildfires I was not. I am still working on it but we do have a small fireproof safe and I've put in my passport, pet vaccine records, our wills, birth certificate and a cherished necklace from my grandfather. We are still working on gathering insurance policies, house title, car titles and that type of thing. Important paper information are on the ready.gov web site.

Please check on your neighbors – we have many age groups in our neighborhood

When making your list of what to take just think if you only had 15 minutes before you had to evacuate, what then?

Printable grab and go checklists:

https://harriscountyares.org/training/KNW/KNW-141.pdf

https://www.kcsheriff.com/DocumentCenter/View/227/Emergency-Evacuation-Grab-Go-List-?bidId=

https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hemophilia/documents/FamilyEmergencyKitChecklist.pdf?s_cid=cs_766

https://cdhd.idaho.gov/pdfs/php/checklistfordisasterpreparedness_final_12-07.pdf