



LEWELLING NDA *Draft* MINUTES

September 14, 2022

Hybrid Meeting at Kairos Church of Christ and via Zoom

Attending: Chair Rebecca Stavenjord; Vice-Chair Mark Pavlicek; Secretary Lisa Lashbrook; Treasurer Howie Oakes; Dave Stratton; Nick D'Alonzo; Philip Stose; Virginia Seitz; Hillary Borrud

Attending via Zoom: Stephan Lashbrook; Tony & Ellen Campos

Guest: Police Chief Luke Strait

Rebecca opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were completed. Nick moved, Howie seconded to approve the minutes of the June meeting as distributed and accept the evening's agenda. Motion passed without dissent.

Chief Strait said he was glad to be attending an "in person" meeting again, rather than via Zoom. He reported on recent recruitment and training in the Department and explained why, even when fully staffed, the Department does not necessarily have every possible officer available for duty. Currently, the Department has four officers in training and two out on leave. The Chief said that the second group of six body cameras will be deployed this week, as the Department is being very deliberate about the process. Chief Strait then talked about the ways in which the Milwaukie Police use drones, with a focus on serious public safety issues.

Chief Strait added that Milwaukie hopes to add a staff person with special expertise and experience dealing with mental health issues. Other police departments are doing the same. Chief Strait then talked about MPD's relationships with Project Hope (assisting people with addiction issues) and



Safety Compass (a non-profit assisting people who have been victimized by human trafficking). He also noted that the department has been meeting with schools and churches regarding active shooter situations.

The Chief went on to commend the female members of the Department and noting some of their accomplishments. He specifically called out Officer Heather Heisel who arrested suspects in multiple robberies who were driving a stolen car.

In response to questions, the Chief said that the recent downtown shooting involved a dispute between two people who knew each other. The victim was transported to the hospital and the shooter was lodged in the County jail. In regards to downtown camping, the Chief said that the Department is researching ordinances that have been employed elsewhere, specifying when, where and how people will be allowed to camp. He added that his department frequently puts homeless individuals in touch with County staff trained to assist with housing.

Stephan talked about the August PSAC meeting, and the range of items discussed there. It now appears that the Transportation Systems Planning (TSP) process will be further delayed. Stephan reported that the City has selected the consultant for that project but continues to work through the bureaucratic processes tied to state and federal grants. The City has now decided that the TSP advisory committee will not necessarily include someone from every NDA — in spite of the earlier message to the contrary. New recruitment for committee members will be done online, with a deadline in late September.

In response to a question about the completion of work on SE 42nd and 43rd Avenues Stephan said that the City has had to work through issues with two different property owners on SE 43rd: one that wanted to have wider driveways than are typically allowed and one that did not want to dedicate right-of-way to complete the bike lane at the south end. Stephan said that he has been told that both of those issues will be resolved, although the bike lane issue may take longer as the adjoining property is about to undergo redevelopment.



Lisa reported on the work of the Milwaukie Parks Foundation (MPF), fund-raising for a Nature Play feature in Milwaukie Bay Park. She suggested that people go to milwaukieparksfoundation.org, for more info. In August, three Open Houses were held in Balfour, Scott and Bowman-Brae parks to take public comment on the designs for the parks. All of the information from the Open Houses will be coalesced to further inform the designs, which will be presented on 3 different dates in October. See milwaukieoregon.gov for details. On September 22nd the City is hosting a Zoom presentation on playground design and safety with a focus on nature based play, inclusive play and sensory based play.

She also noted that the City Council voted to have City staff begin the process of leaving the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD). Because of differing opinions on whether or not this is possible, the process has moved to litigation. Council also voted to place a levy on the spring ballot which will move the funding that taxpayers already pay for parks from NCPRD to the City of Milwaukie.

Howie reported that the NDA currently has \$4,129.61 in the bank. Given that \$4,000 of that was recently received from the City, the NDA checking account was extremely close to being drawn down to zero.

Stephan offered to write up a list of alternative ways that the NDA can assure that we have adequate funds for summer concerts in Ball-Michel Park in 2023, noting that next August will again have five Wednesdays (and Ardenwald-Johnson Creek will have five Thursdays).

Rebecca opened the subject of this year's Winter Solstice event, scheduled for December 17. Lisa gave a brief report on the history of the event and how it became a fund-raiser for the Lewelling NDA. Lisa stressed that the Oakes family has been the driving force behind the success of Winter Solstice in past years. A



committee was formed to make preparations: Howie; Lisa; Stephan; Mark; Rebecca. Mark said he would help to organize the committee.

Rebecca asked for announcements. Ellen reminded everyone that the Sustainability Fair is scheduled for September 17. Rebecca said that the City is seeking input on NDA functions, encouraging people to use "Engage Milwaukie" on the City website to respond. She added that the City has scheduled an NDA leadership meeting on September 29 and a joint Planning Commission/NDA leadership meeting in October.

October 8 was selected as the date of the next "adopt-a-road" neighborhood clean up. Stephan said he would provide the pick up truck and get supplies from the City. Clean up begins at 10 a.m. at Ball-Michel Park.

The next regular NDA meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2022, at Kairos United Church of Christ.

Nick moved and Philip seconded to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no opposition, Rebecca adjourned the meeting.