

Hector Campbell NDA meeting

Sept. 18, 2022

Chapel Theatre courtyard

Present (both in person and online): Corinn deTorres (chair), Sara Kay Buskio (vice chair), Samantha Swindler (secretary), Jessica Peterson (PSAC), Susan McCarty (land use), Emily Waugh (events), Shanda Bogue, Mary Zellharie, Kayla Nestor, Sandra Ultreras, Beth Lacey-Snow, Bonnie Rand

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. and we all introduced ourselves and read the land acknowledgement.

Review and approve July 2022 Minutes

Shanda motioned and Jessica seconded approval of the minutes. It was approved unanimously.

Milwaukie Police report

No representative was available, and we skipped this agenda item.

Wildly Kind nonprofit

Kayla Nestor, who lives in our neighborhood, shared about the nonprofit she started. Kayla moved here from Colorado in 2017. She worked as an adolescent addiction counselor and had her own battle with alcohol addiction. To aid her recovery and cope with depression, she started performing random acts of kindness such as paying for people's groceries, giving people flowers, and handing out self-care packages. That concept evolved into a 501c3 called Wildly Kind, which can be found at wildlykind.org. They'll be hosting a fundraiser and community talent show on Dec. 9.

Corinn suggested there could be ways for the NDA and Wildly Kind to collaborate and work on community building. We discussed ideas for "kindness pop-ups" at parks or along neighborhood streets and talked about teaming up for the street cleanup on Nov. 12.

Committee Reports

Events: Emily said about 150 people attended the neighborhood picnic and we came in slightly under budget at \$1,421.01. The band GlitterFox was a big hit. From 33 survey responses, all but one person gave very positive feedback. Her takeaways: We should have gotten a porta-potty, we didn't need to rent the generator, and we probably don't need to pay for a food truck subsidy next year – though Corinn raised some concern that eliminating the \$2 we offered off all food truck orders could be an equity concern.

Next year we'll consider adding more lawn games and possibly a cornhole tournament (which could also serve as a fundraiser) to provide more opportunities for people to talk to each other.

If we stick to the second Sunday in August, the next picnic will be Aug. 13.

The Haunted Forest event will be 4:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31 and we need volunteers. Emily will ask the neighbors with yards along the park if we can access their power to provide lighting and fog for the event. She is also looking to purchase decorations and rent items like lights and a popcorn maker. She requested a budget of around \$500 to expand the event.

Land Use: No updates.

Public Safety: Jessica reported that Milwaukie Police are starting to wear body cameras. Contractors are pouring concrete in October along driveways on Home Avenue, and that is one of the final pieces of the project. We discussed asking the city if the heavy equipment along Home could be moved from the entrance to Homewood Park before the Halloween event. The city is taking applications for the Transportation System Plan Advisory Committee if anyone is interested. She also reported that the sidewalk around the Monroe Street apartments will be extra wide with an off-street bike lane, but exactly what the intersection of 37th and Washington will look like is TBD.

Parks: No updates.

Arts Committee: Sam said the Arts Committee has an upcoming mural dedication event at the Post Office. The Arts Committee is still looking for projects to fund with its mural dollars.

Survey and park improvement update

The survey we put out about improvements at the Campbell school park showed people want picnic tables or benches and trees. Folks were also interested in equipment improvements and having games repainted on the blacktop.

We think we can get trees from either Friends of Trees or the city. The school wants us to only plant evergreens.

Corinn spoke to the school district about what we could do at the park. If we want to install picnic tables, the district will require we put in either a cement pad or wood chips below it. If we want to do a mural, the district will require that it be put on panels. The district said they would replace broken swings and repaint four-square games on the blacktop, but we would have to pay for any new playground equipment, which is likely out of our price range.

We talked about paying to replace one or two of the regular swings with baby swings, which shouldn't be too expensive.

We have about \$1,500 remaining in our budget for "neighborhood projects" and we talked about the best ways to spend that in the park and with Emily's request for Halloween funding.

Shanda motioned and Susan seconded budgeting up to \$600 for the Halloween event and up to \$900 to purchase baby swings and a park bench for the Campbell school park. It was unanimously approved.

Website discussion

We still have a website that no one involved in the NDA knows how to fully use. Meanwhile, the city will update the NDA's page regularly when we send them info. There was some discussion about what to do: some folks like having ownership over our own website, but it's too much work to figure out how to regularly update hectorcampbellnda.org and it's not good to have a stale site. Additionally, the web designer is no longer interested in hosting the site for free so that would be an additional expense.

Susan made a motion to disband the hectorcampbellnda.org website and use the city website as our primary website. Sara seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 9 to 3.

Financial report

We had \$7,150 in our account and have spent \$2,583 so far (the bulk of that on the picnic). We have about \$4,500 remaining in the budget.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.