

HECTOR CAMPBELL NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 6-8pm

Attendees (in person and via Zoom): Charity Lechuga, Janna Cronk (Milwaukie High School grad party), Greg Hemer (Milwaukie Museum), Robbie Graves (Milwaukie Police), Shanda Bogue, Corinn deTorres, Samantha Schneller, Sharon Hayes, Roger Caulk, Joseph Taylor, Jessica Peterson

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. with welcomes and introductions. Corinn also read the Land Acknowledgement.

Minutes:

Shanda moved to accept the September 2022 minutes and Samantha Schneller seconded; approved without objections.

Milwaukie Police report:

Captain Graves shared that an arrest was made in the case of the postal worker shot on his route. He said the PD is also emailing NDA chairs when press releases about crime events go out to media. He said the department has been understaffed after a string of retirements, and there are new hires heading to the academy.

Grant requests:

Greg Hemer, on behalf of the Milwaukie Museum, asked the NDA to approve a \$100 corporate annual museum membership. He talked about various activities that have happened at the museum, including a kid-friendly performance series and the Ledding Library Lecture Series – the next one is Feb. 1. Admission to the museum and museum events is always free.

Janna Cronk requested \$500 toward the Milwaukie High School Grad Night Party, which is an after-graduation safe, drug-free event for students. Money would go toward the venue rental, food and activities for the students.

We told both presenters we would vote on the grant requests after hearing the financial report.

Financial report:

Treasurer Samantha Schneller said we had about \$9,000 in the bank at the beginning of the fiscal year. We're now halfway through the fiscal year and have spent approximately \$3,200 (most of that was on the neighborhood picnic.) We have budgeted \$2,300 to distribute in grants and haven't allocated any of it yet. We also have \$300 in the marketing budget and \$900 earmarked for upgrades at the Campbell School park grounds.

After some discussion on whether we should fund the grant requests at the full amounts, Joe Taylor made a motion to fund both at the requested amounts (\$100 to the museum and \$500 to the grad party.) Sharon seconded. The motion passed with 8 votes in support and one vote opposed.

Committee Reports:

Events Committee: Emily was unable to attend but sent an update by email: “The Haunted Forest event was a success, despite the rain! My best estimate was that we had about 300 people come through. We have lots of ideas about how to improve next year, but all-in-all, are pleased with how it went and feedback has been good. We had a lot of volunteer help from our amazing neighbors, which was a success in and of itself. If you see this tonight and are able, I would like to suggest that we should vote on a date for the Annual Picnic so that certain things for that event can start getting lined out asap. I would also like to put forward a motion that we reach out to Glitterfox again and see if we can book them. I have a feeling their rates are going to go up, but they were such a good fit for our event.”

Shanda motioned, and Samantha Schneller seconded, that we hold the picnic on Aug. 13, 2023, pending that there are no other competing City of Milwaukie events that day. The motion passed.

Land Use: No report.

Public Safety: There was some discussion about the danger of the intersection at Harrison and 40th for pedestrians.

Park update (trees, benches, swings): Corinn shared that we had hoped to get free trees to plant in Campbell School park from the city, but the school district only allows certain trees to be planted, and they weren't the trees the city had available. Instead, we'll work with Friends of Trees this summer to select trees that we can plant in October. The benches we had looked at ended up being very expensive with shipping. She had another conversation with the school district, who said their staff carpenters could potentially build a bench if we paid for their time and materials. She is still waiting on a quote for that cost. We are also planning to purchase two baby swings from Amazon, which the district will install.

Arts Committee: Samantha Swindler shared that the committee received a \$2,500 grant toward the construction of a cherry sculpture for downtown. The hope is to have a metal cherry that can be raised and lowered on New Year's Eve for an event called Bing in the New Year. She also shared the 2023 dates for Porchfest: July 14, 21 and 28.

Equity & Inclusion: Mary Zellhaire and Corinn met with Jon Hennington, the equity program manager for the city. He suggested a listening session or survey to get more members of our community engaged in the NDA. Mary is moving from the neighborhood and Corinn asked for volunteers to help continue this effort. Joe said he was interested.

Community Garden: No report.

Mural proposal:

The NDA put out an RFP for mural concepts at the Campbell School and received one submission from Brian Crabaugh. His design features several raptor birds which can be found in Milwaukie. The plan is to seek mural funding from the Arts Committee for the project. Jessica made a motion, and Roger seconded, that we move forward with the concept Brian submitted. The motion passed without objection (Samantha Swindler abstained.) Corinn will take next steps to seek mural funding from the Arts Committee.

New business: Our next meeting is 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 19 at the Chapel (with Zoom option.)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.