



LEWELLING NDA MINUTES

October 12, 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; Tony Campos; Mary Barteaux; Camden McKone

Attending via Zoom: Stephan Lashbrook; Kaitlin ???

Guests: Police Captain Robbie Graves; City Councilor Kathy Hyzy

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

Captain Graves reported that the Police Department currently has four officers in training and five who are out on leave. He said that 30% of the force is now wearing body cameras, as the Department continues to gradually roll out that technology. Captain Graves explained the types of circumstances where the Department can use drones. He described a recent situation where a drone was used to capture a fleeing suspect, in the interest of public safety.

In response to a concern about drivers ignoring street crossings where flashing beacons are used, Captain Graves said that pedestrians have the right-of-way in any crosswalk, but they still need to use caution because not all drivers will stop. The police cannot possibly be at every crosswalk all the time.

Councilor Hyzy made a presentation about Milwaukie's Park system, noting that, although the City owns all of the parks within Milwaukie, including the Community Center, it doesn't control the funding for its parks. The City has contracted with the North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District (NCPRD) for maintenance and programming since 1990. Although the City has enjoyed a



good working relationship with NCPRD staff, the same cannot be said for the City's relationship with the Board of County Commissioners, who oversee NCPRD. A prime example involves Milwaukie Bay Park, where funding was committed to complete the next phase of the park and the County Commissioners have refused to release the funds. Councilor Hyzy also noted that, with a substantial amount of new housing coming on line in Milwaukie, the Systems Development Charges (SDC funds) from those projects will go to the County and won't necessarily be used in the City for local park improvements.

Lisa added that from the perspective of someone who served 8 years on the Parks and Recreation Board and as a member of the Milwaukie Parks Foundation, it can be confusing and/or time consuming with 2 separate governmental entities to work with.

Councilor Hyzy said that the City Council is planning to put a property tax levy before Milwaukie voters in spring, 2023, requesting 54 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. She noted that this is the same tax rate that is currently charged by the County, so the City proposal would replace the County tax without increasing the amount of the tax. Lisa added that this rate is on the low end for a city of Milwaukie's size.

Councilor Hyzy answered a number of questions about the Milwaukie Parks system and how future operations will be handled if the City elects to leave the district, just as Happy Valley did about two years ago. Discussion followed about parks as neighborhood hubs and dog parks, among other things.

To keep up to date on information regarding the possibility of the City leaving NCPRD, go to ourmilwaukieparks.com.

Rebecca asked for brief committee reports, given the time remaining on the agenda.

Stephan talked about the September 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 on line, with a deadline in late September.

Howie reported that the funds in the NDA checking account had not changed in the last month.

Stephan provided 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 August 2023 will again have five Wednesdays (and Ardenwald-Johnson Creek will also have five concerts on 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 reported that the City has asked the NDA to designate a land use representative. In recent years, the officers of the Lewelling NDA have shared that responsibility.

Our NDA also needs a Communication Rep. to handle Facebook, etc.

October 8 was selected as the date of the next "adopt-a-road" neighborhood clean up. Participants will meet at 10 a.m. at Ball-Michel Park. It was agreed that more effort is needed to get the word out about these clean-ups. Stephan said he would provide the pick up truck and get supplies from the City.

Nick moved, Philip seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no opposition, Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.