



LEWELLING NDA APPROVED MINUTES

November 8, 2023

Hybrid Meeting at Kairos Church of Christ and via Zoom

Attending: Chair Camden McKone; Vice-Chair Stephan Lashbrook; Secretary Lisa Lashbrook; Treasurer Howie Oakes; Dave Stratton; Nick D'Alonzo; Tony Campos; Philip Stose; Virginia Seitz; Maitri Dirmeyer; Mattie Dulka; Val Moreno; Nicole Senesi; Heather ???? , Mary Barteaux

Attending via Zoom: Ellen Campos

Guest: Police Captain Tony Cereghino

Camden opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were completed. Tony moved, Howie seconded to accept the October minutes, noting the correction that Virginia had not been in attendance at that meeting. Motion passed without dissent.

Captain Cereghino briefly reported on recent recruitment activity by the Department, with three recent academy grads now riding with more experienced officers and two new recruits about to start at the academy.

In response to a question about traffic enforcement, he said that more officers will be doing traffic work in the near future, with one of the experienced new hires dedicated to traffic. He added that citations are now being issued to people who disregard the new traffic controls at SE 42nd and King Road.

The Captain explained that the Department has been unusually busy over the last month. The most newsworthy arrest came after someone made a bomb threat at City Hall (apparently unhappy about the treatment that his friend received in Municipal Court).

The Captain reported on recent retail theft enforcement, noting a robbery at the neighborhood store on SE Monroe.

In response to another question, he said that the police are actively working a suspected drug house near Lewelling Elementary School.



Stephan reported on the October PSAC meeting, noting that Philip had joined him and emphasized the importance of the Safe Routes Plan for Lewelling. City Engineer Garbely indicated that her staff will be working to amend the Capital Improvements Plan if the SRTS grant application is successful. That will move traffic safety projects near the school into the list of things to be completed over the next few years.

Ellen said that she feels that the new centerlines on SE 43rd are not visible enough on rainy nights. Stephan said he would bring that up at the next PSAC meeting.

Howie reported that the NDA checking account now has \$3,491, which should put us in a good position to make purchases for Winter Solstice.

Nick and Philip gave an update on transportation issues, with a focus on the recent meeting with Jen Garbely and Ann Ober (attended by Camden, Philip, Nick and Stephan) to discuss how to implement the SRTS plan. Three issues stood out at that meeting:

- * Clackamas County has indicated that they will provide Urban Renewal funds to the City for improvements along SE Stanley. Details will not be available until Jen Garbely receives an inter-governmental agreement (IGA) from the County;
- * City staff is willing to support up to \$4,000,000 in grant funding, if that much should become available. Engineering staff will amend the Capital Improvement Plan; and
- * The City is unwilling to support traffic safety improvements on SE Wichita because of the number of properties on Wichita that are still outside the City limits. In response to that, Philip pointed out to the NDA membership that the percentage of lots along SE Wichita that are outside the City is not much different than the percentage along SE Stanley. Philip provided numbers based on City maps, making it clear that he is angry about the City's response regarding Wichita.



Stephan suggested that the NDA focus on a political solution with members of the City Council, if funding becomes available for traffic safety projects along SE Wichita.

Camden, Maitri and Stephan reported on the first meeting of the Transportation System Plan Advisory Committee. Given that the first meeting was mostly introductory, there was not much to report. Philip attended that first meeting as a guest and he said he was disappointed by what he saw as a lack of involvement by the school district.

Lisa reported on the recent meeting of the Solstice Subcommittee, attended by Howie and Sheila Oakes, Camden, Stephan and Lisa. Lisa reminded everyone that more volunteers will be needed and that people can work on distinct tasks at distinct times. She noted that people are needed for set-up before the event starts, multiple tasks during the event, take down at the end of the evening and and final clean up the next day.

Howie said that Great American Video had agreed to provide 30 gallons of hot chocolate for the Solstice event, obviating the need for the new equipment authorized for purchase at the September NDA meeting. After some discussion it was agreed that Howie should still have the flexibility to acquire whatever is needed for the event. He said he would do more research and report back.

Stephan moved, Tony seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.
Camden adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

The next regular NDA meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2023, at Kairos United Church of Christ.