

Hector Campbell NDA

March 13, 2024 meeting

Present: Emily Waugh (via Zoom), Samantha Schneller, Bernie Stout, Cory Conners and Kristin Macy (Cascade Heights Public Charter School), Cindy Detchon (North Clackamas School District), Tony Cereghino (Milwaukie PD), Mary Zellharie, Jessica Peterson, Sarah Smith, Evan Yard, Corinn deTorres, Samantha Swindler

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Corinn read the land acknowledgment, and we took turns introducing ourselves.

January Minutes

Sarah Smith motioned, and Jessica Peterson seconded, approval of the minutes from January 2024. They were approved with no one opposed.

Campbell School updates

Cindy Detchon with NCSD announced that a public charter school, Cascade Heights, is entering into a five-year lease of the lower portion of the former Campbell school building next fall. Campbell School hasn't been a full-time elementary school since 2011, though the district has continued to use it for professional development and services for students with developmental delays.

Cascade Heights is a K-8 public charter school. Cascade Heights Principal Kristin Macy said the school serves 225 students and offers a multi-sensory learning experience. Students learn Mandarin or Spanish. They generally do not have class on Fridays, but occasionally do Friday field trips.

Community members will still be able to access the community garden, but the lower field (often used by dog walkers) will be closed to the public during school hours. The lease will not affect the NDA's improvements to the upper field, including the community garden.

There was a request for improved maintenance at the building, including increased garbage can pick up. A question was asked about car drop-off and pick-up lines, and Macy said the school will work to make sure car lines move quickly and that the school "is a good neighbor."

She also said the charter school was interested in fundraising for a new playground at Campbell School.

Milwaukie Police report

Tony Cereghino shared that Chief Luke Strait is retiring April 5, and Ryan Burdick will be the new chief. Brian Johnson was voted the 2023 Officer of the Year by other members of the department. A Portland man was sentenced to 30 years in federal prison for a 2016 murder on 42nd Avenue near Water Tower Park. Milwaukie Police are getting an electronics-sniffing dog that will also serve as a therapy dog. Cereghino also shared that community members can request to be part of the panels that interview police officer candidates. Those interested can contact Milwaukie PD.

Upcoming elections

NDA leadership elections are in May, and there was discussion about whether anyone would like to run for any of the positions. We are potentially looking for a new vice chair. Emily said she would like to step down as events chair, but would like to continue to work on events with help. Corinn said she was

interested in stepping down as chair. Samantha Swindler said she might be interested seeking the role, but not until 2025.

We discussed ways to do better outreach to get more people interested in volunteering with the NDA, including signs around the neighborhood and NDA happy hours or coffee hours.

Communications/Marketing

This led into the communications discussion, with Corinn sharing some mockups for flyers and a social media campaign inviting people to the NDA. We also have a mockup for some yard signs, which we had previously budgeted for. Emily has a quote for 20 yard signs at a cost of \$223.

Committee Reports

- Events: Emily got 25 responses to a survey asking neighbors what they thought about other days for the neighborhood picnic. The most popular choice was early June, followed by late June. A majority of people wanted to keep the picnic on a Sunday. There was discussion about moving the picnic to June 9, but concerns about budget since we won't get the annual \$4,000 contribution from the city until July. Samantha Schneller said we should have enough budget for the picnic and the mass mailer announcing it, but we should hold off other project expenses until July.
- Land Use: No updates.
- Safety: Jessica said she has suggested a walking path to Milwaukie Marketplace for areas where there are no sidewalks for pedestrians.
- Garden: Sarah Smith said the garden received a grant from Celebrate Milwaukie that will go toward purchasing lumber and mulch to replace and repair the garden beds. She requested \$1,000 and believes the grant will be for that amount. A kickoff event for the gardening season will be held April 27 at the garden. She said 15 new gardeners have signed up for plots. Two workdays for weeding will be held March 24 and April 13.
- Campbell school projects: Corinn shared a sketch of blacktop games we could paint at Campbell School. It would require about \$180 in blacktop paint. This is one of the expenses we discussed holding off on until July. She also shared ideas for new banners and decorative flowers for along the chain-link fence around the community garden. Again, these projects may need to wait until July.

New and old business

Mary Zellharie shared that Wichita Family Services is in danger of losing its lease from the North Clackamas Parks & Rec District (which is managed by the County Commission) and urged people to pay attention to county elections.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

— Submitted by Samantha Swindler, secretary