

Hector Campbell NDA

May 8, 2024 meeting

PRESENT: Emily Waugh, Corinn deTorres, Sarah Smith, Evan Yand, Will Anderson (Lake Road NDA), Samantha Schneller, Samantha Swindler, Sara Busicko, Valerie Malcolm, Tony Cereghino (Milwaukie PD)

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. with the reading of the land acknowledgement and introductions.

Review and approve March 2024 Minutes

Sarah motioned to approve, and Corinn seconded, approval of the March minutes. They were approved unanimously.

Milwaukie Police report

Capt. Cereghino shared that a newly hired officer started the police academy last week and another recently graduated. He invited everyone to the Corporal Diffie Veterans Fund breakfast on May 18th at the American Legion. The event raises money to help veterans in the community. Two motorcycle cops are now assigned to traffic control. He also shared that in 2023, Milwaukie PD had about 14,000 dispatched calls, 5,000 traffic stops, and made 786 arrests.

New City Councilor

Will Anderson, who is running unopposed for an unexpired seat on the Milwaukie City Council (vacated when former councilor Desi Nicodemus resigned) introduced himself to the group. We had a wide-ranging conversation about keeping Milwaukie affordable for families, supporting the city's Hubs planning, and the future of Milwaukie parks.

Picnic updates and to-dos

We shared updates on planning for the Neighborhood Picnic on June 9. The stage has been reserved and bluegrass band Fire & Stone is set to perform. Emily shared a sample postcard, and we made small edits before it is printed and mailed. We discussed items left to do, including securing electricity from one of the neighbors, promoting the event in the Pilot newsletter and on Facebook, and possibly hiring a face painter for the event.

Financials

We received a \$1,000 grant from Celebrate Milwaukie for the community garden. Sarah will put those funds toward mulch and purchasing lumber to replace the edges of the raised beds. We have planned to spend \$1,800 for the picnic and are within budget.

Committee Reports

Garden: Sarah shared several upcoming work parties at the garden: May 9, May 14, May 18, May 23 and June 1. She will host a garden talk on June 4.

Elections

With no one else raising their hand for the position, Corinn said she would continue as chair for one more year. Samantha Swindler expressed interest in seeking the position next year, unless other were interested. Sara Busicko declined to see the vice chair position again. The following roles were uncontested and approved unanimously:

- Chair - Corinn deTorres
- Vice Chair - Samantha Swindler
- Treasurer - Samantha Schneller
- Secretary - Samantha Swindler
- Land Use - Vacant
- Safety - Jessica Peterson (voted in, in absentia, if she accepts)
- Garden - Sarah Smith
- Events Chair - Emily Waugh
- Marketing/ Communications - Evan Yard

New and old business

Valerie requested a block party permit for July 6, which was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

-- Submitted by Samantha Swindler, secretary