

Historic Milwaukie NDA
July 11, 2022 Zoom Meeting Minutes
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Present:

Officers: Vice Chair and Land Use Rep, Val Hubbard; Secretary, Debbie Liptan; Treasurer, Michele Bertaux-Zabaglio

Participants: Ceci Denovi, Ross Lehman, Ryan Burdick, Rachel Graves, Carla Pletka, Samantha Swindler, Lenny Bennett, Gary Klein, Peter Passarelli

Presentations & Discussions

- In response to a request, **Police** Captain Ryan Burdick gave us a report on Milwaukie's houselessness issues. In response to the question 'why is someone sleeping on the sidewalk in a tent?', he cited a 9th Circuit court ruling in 2018 that prohibits criminalizing houselessness if the government isn't providing enough shelter for every homeless person. Capt. Burdick filled us in on various efforts the department makes to offer resources, including short term cash and other efforts to help those experiencing houselessness. He also let us know about two new positions that will, hopefully, help provide more resources in the near future: a County Houseless Coordinator that will be shared 50/50 with the county and a new City Social Services position. Questions/concerns can be conveyed to the police department non-emergency number (503.786.7500) or email address police@milwaukieoregon.gov
- **Milwaukie Arts Committee** Chair, Samantha Swindler, joined us to share some of the ways the Arts Committee is contributing to the City of Milwaukie. Currently, they are in the process of producing PorchFest, for the third year in a row, starting in the midst of the pandemic. This year, the festival is supported by business sponsors. Check out this link for more info about where/when to enjoy these performances: <http://milwaukieporchfest.com>

Also, Samantha filled us in on the committee's Mural Project, which is the committee's only budgeted item from the city. They work together with any combination of public and private partners to beautify our city with stunning works of art in various places. We are excited to support the committee's efforts in our neighborhood and will be discussing and looking for ideas in the months ahead.

- **Public Works Director**, Peter Passarelli, joined us to discuss the recent decision by City Council to dissolve the Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee. Included in these minutes is the presentation Peter gave to Council prior to this decision in September 2021. Also included are the minutes of the August 21, 2021 final Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee, at which the committee voted to recommend dissolution to the City Council. Peter fielded numerous questions, many having to do with the disposition of the Kellogg Good Neighbor Fund (current balance \$380,000 as of June 30), the bond that established it and the current balance of

the bond payout (Peter will get back to us on that). Also, there were questions about changes to the boundary affected by the agreements with WES. We may need to have Peter back for another discussion, as we ran out of time to fully understand all of the issues involved.

- **Public Safety Advisory Committee** (PSAC) - Lenny Bennett, our neighborhood's new PSAC rep, will begin attending committee meeting on our behalf later this month. He is looking for input, feedback and concerns he can bring to the meeting.
- Next **Main St. Cleanup** - Debbie Liptan announced the next Main St. cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, July 30.

HMNDA Formal Business Meeting

- Grant Decisions - Sojourner School was awarded \$850 from their request
- Current Business -
 - *Land-use Updates - delayed till next meeting*
 - *City Hall Repurposing*
 - *Waldorf School*
- Minutes of June '22 NDA meeting were approved.
- **New Business** -
 - No official NDA meeting in August. We are investigating a potential in-person social gathering at Gary Klein's home. Stay tuned.
 - September meeting - Looking into possible in-person plan. Possibly at the Ledding Library, switching to the 3rd Monday because of venue availability.

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