



LEWELLING NDA DRAFT MINUTES

July 29, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting via Zoom

Attending: Stephan Lashbrook; Secretary Lisa Lashbrook; ; Ellen Campos; Tony Campos; Nick d'Alonzo; Ernesto Dominguez (Subcommittee Chair); Bryan Izquierdo Burgos; Laura Steenson; Rebekka Martinez; and Amanda Leonard.

Guest: Jason Wachs, Community Engagement Program Coordinator

Ernesto opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were completed. No one objected to the agenda as proposed.

Minutes of July 15 meeting — Ellen moved, Stephan seconded, to approve the meeting minutes as distributed. Motion passed without dissent.

Rainbow Lane Street Mural

Ernesto used a PowerPoint to walk through the agenda.

Bryan gave a report on the recent City Arts Committee meeting, attended by Ernesto, Stephan and Bryan. The Arts Committee supported the use of either of the proposed designs, and appeared to favor the design with the fist.

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Lisa gave a report on her recent contacts with local churches, seeking support. Ellen noted that the Kairos United Church of Christ on Logus Street had an openly gay minister as far back as 1972 and is an inclusive congregation. Lisa said she would reach out to them.

Stephan said that he would contact the members of the City Council, seeking their support.

Ernesto reviewed the goals approved at the prior meeting and then opened a discussion about the letter to be sent to neighbors. Considerable discussion followed: Nick suggested moving pictures of the designs to the first page; Ellen said that we should state clearly that this is to be a mural on the street; Stephan said he had left messages for the City Engineer about where and how the mural might be placed and that he is awaiting a response.

Ernesto then directed the group back to the proposed designs. Laura suggested a change to the "peace symbol" design and the group supported her suggestion.

Next up was a discussion about alternatives for placement of the mural. Stephan pointed out that the City may have recommendations to help with traffic control while the mural is being painted. Ernesto said that there is not very much traffic on either street and that there is no pattern of sidewalks at the corners. Jason said that engineers do not like something that looks like a crosswalk because that can imply that it is a safe crossing point, when it may not be. Nick liked the placement of the mural in the middle of the intersection, rather than emulating a crosswalk. Lisa and Amanda both agreed. Ernesto said that he thought it might help to slow traffic to have it in the middle of the intersection. Laura pointed out that, if the mural faces Rainbow Lane it will not be upside down for travelers in any direction. Stephan moved to place the mural as suggested by Laura. Laura seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion followed about how to interpret the City's requirement that the design receive the support of 80% of "residents." Jason suggested that we assume one vote per household. Stephan suggested that commercial and industrial

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properties not count as having residents unless someone actually lives on the premises.

Discussion then returned to the letter being sent to the neighbors. Numerous edits were offered by Nick, Laura, Rebecca, and Jason. Ernesto said he would incorporate the changes and circulate for a final review. Jason reported that the person in the City's GIS shop who will prepare the map of properties within 400 feet has been out of the office but will return next week.

Ernesto then reminded everyone of the group tasks that had been agreed upon, including: signature gathering; shopping/budget; Arts Committee presentations; support/sponsorship.

Ernesto concluded with a PowerPoint slide showing what was still needed.

The consensus was to meet again shortly before the regular NDA meeting in two weeks.

The next special meeting of the Lewelling NDA will be Wednesday, August 12, at 5:30 p.m. The regular NDA meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. Zoom meeting info will be shared in advance and posted on the City's website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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