

Linwood NDA Meeting 10/11/18

38 people present

7:02- Zac opens meeting, greets larger than average crowd

7:05- Luke Strait- Ops Captain for Milwaukie PD, introduces himself. We come here to be a resource for you, talk about anything that's newsworthy, answer questions. K-9 unit is out of training, we think Beau and Claire are going to be a great team. They already have their first capture, with no injury to anyone. We are currently at full staffing, which is unusual for us. We're ecstatic about where we are right now, we have a retirement coming up in January, we already have the replacement in place, so we are actually +1. We have identified Jeff Rogerson as the next Detective. By Monday we should have identified Rogerson's replacement. That's all for internal business. I know there is some concern over accidents in the neighborhood.

Jan- We came on that fatal accident (SE Linwood and SE Queen) before the responders, but we didn't see anything online about it when we arrived home later.

Luke- Our dept does have a public relations bureau, a PIO Public Information Officer. In our City, we don't have a person whose only job is to do that, so they may have been working on something else, or working on that. We do have a Facebook page, we try to put that kind of thing there within a couple hours, and a Press release after a couple hours or within 48 hrs. I believe the Facebook stuff went up within a few hours.

Jan- It was on KGW too. The road was closed for a couple hours.

Regis- Was it put out on Pulse Point? It's an app that notifies local trained emergency responders.

Luke- We don't like for families to find out about accidents from a post or press release, we like to get a hold of them first.

Jerry - You've dealt with 2 right outside of my house, thanks. Is something going to be done? We've had 100 accidents there since I've been here? Something to slow people down, a Red light, why can the county do Monroe and Fuller but not that intersection?

Luke- The issue of that intersection, the city is aware of it. The accidents have gone up. I'm not sure when that intersection became all ours, but it is all City of Milwaukie now. There are some solutions being discussed but many of them cost.

Amos- On the enforcement side, is there any sort of request we as a people can do here to help?

Luke- There are two people who enforce that intersection, looking into a third to add to enforcement. They do enforcement within normal travel and within the course of their jobs. We do tell people to prioritize enforcement at that intersection. A lot of the accidents are right of way issues.

Amos- Are there any citations for distracted driving at that intersection?

Luke- I don't have that specific data, I would have to look that up. The trouble with enforcement of that is, people will hold the phone looking down, that's not a good enough reason to stop someone, unless we see you holding the phone.

Kirk- 1st time here. I live on that block, and I can guarantee you nobody does 25mph on that road. I really think that speed is the major issue. Its hard to judge the dog leg there, and people are going too fast.

Luke- Some of these decisions are above my pay grade. There are a lot of solutions there, I've heard there may be 2 stop signs with right turn only.

Robin- Is there anything else going on in our neighborhood? We had discussed the homeless populations before...

Luke- We do a pretty good job of controlling the camps. We live in the Portland Metro, so its not a problem that's ever going to fully go away. Being homeless is not a crime, so we can't just arrest them for that. We do talk to them, especially the campers. I do think the effects for your neighborhood should be minimal. If you see a problem, just call. Live dispatcher to a live person in a couple rings, we usually have someone out within a couple minutes.

Zac- You can always call the non-emergency number 503-786-7500.

Luke-Yes, those calls go to the same place as the emergency call, you are just making the conscious decision up front that your call isn't an emergency.

Rudy- Does Miilwaukie have a text 911 system?

Luke- Yes.

Luke- There are no significant crime issues in your city. I pulled burglaries since someone has said to me they thought that burglaries had gone up over the last 2 years, but no, they have actually dropped somewhat significantly.

Small discussions over data available.

Zac- If we have more data based questions we can bring those at a later time. Thanks Luke.

End of Police Report

7:33- Minutes from last month, motion to approve, seconded, adopted.

Zac- Talks about highlights from NDA Friday Update- Library is opening later than expected, the email explains that better, those of you new here who sign up for our email list will receive that every week.

Kathryn Kreiger- No Clack Parks Update/Wichita Park

Kathryn: We manage the parks in your city, although the City of Milwaukie owns all their parks, many people don't know that.

Play equipment for Wichita Park to arrive October 18th

We do have a tree issue. There's a broad leaf maple tree that's in distress because some of the roots were cut. I think that's the first part of the Monroe Greenway that has been done. Engineer coming out tomorrow to determine if they have to remove the tree or keep it.

Were going to be done in November. It's getting late to plant grass, may have to wait until Spring, or we may use sod.

Pam- The way the fencing is set up, it is encroaching on the road and making that are more...interesting. Seems like that is going to stay, are there any other improvements that will help ease that?

Jason- It's a traffic calming effect. It is intended to make you slow down.

Rudy- The main problem with that one is its location with respect to the hill and the problems it causes.

Jason- The traffic will eventually be cut down there.

Amos- The vertical partition will eventually be gone.

Graig- I live at corner of Linwood and Monroe, they don't follow the signs. Why are we building a park right near one of the most dangerous intersections in Clackamas Co?

Valerie- Do we have an estimate for the park open?

Kathryn- mid Novemeber. We are going to do a ribbon cutting.

Robin- Have we solved the Lynn Sharp Memorial stone problem yet?

Zac- I have some info on that, it's happening now.

Kathryn- That will be one of the last things to go in.

Robin- Will the park be open even if there is no grass?

Kathryn- Yeah, we're hoping it doesn't go that way.

Greg H- When would you like our \$10,000?

Zac- To catch people up, Linwood NDA had a good chunk of money saved, and we used our commitment of \$10,000 to incentivize the \$265,000 grant from the county.

Elijah- I'm new to the neighborhood. Why are we putting a lawn on this park? Isn't it more environmentally friendly to be moving away from that?

Zac- It's an old plan, created years ago. We had to stay within 80% of the original plan in order to lock in the grant funding, so we were limited in how much we could change.

Dean- Why is the fence wood and not chain link? Chain link lasts a lot longer.

Kathryn- It's more neighbor friendly. It looks nicer, isn't see through...

Valerie- Are we getting an ADA accessible swing?

Zac- We have talked about it, but not at this park. There were a number of designs, unfortunately this didn't happen here, the city is aware of it.

Valerie- Well, I'm new to the neighborhood, with a 1 year old, and I'll be complaining.

Kathryn wraps up her time.

CERT Update

Linda Blue- CERT update- Community Emergency Response Team- Community members that assist emergency crews during disasters. Floods, earthquakes, whatever. Milwaukie had 4 quadrants, we're in the Delta quadrant. (hands out flyers) It would be nice to have more members, there's not that many of us in Delta quadrant. I have some CERT swag here...(table set up with helpful information and goodies) When a huge disaster happens, we go out and check on our neighborhood. Its important to have one of these signs. If you're ok, you put this out and we know you are. If not, you put out the help side so we know to come help you. This is a handy little thing, it's a checklist of what you should have in case of emergency. Any questions? All this stuff is for the taking.

Zac- Thank you for the update, it would be good to have more people in the neighborhood involved in that.

GRANT REQUEST- Dave Hedges, Milwaukie Police Foundation, Officer and Cadet of the Year Dinner. Asking for our help funding it, we did this last year I beleilve. I'm going to pass this request around, we won't vote tonight, our practice is to wait a month before considering new grant requests.

ADOPT A ROAD- November 3rd is the event, at 9am, we meet in front of the school. We usually break into teams and walk Linwood to help pick up, this will be right after Halloween so it's timely. We also go through the school grounds. This is one of those things that is easy to do and makes a difference. We just need to address the budget.

Greg- Motion for Zac to spend up to \$150 on snacks and things for the event.

Jesse- Second that.

Vote- Ayes have it.

Zac authorized up to \$150 for next Adopt-a-Road event.

Greg- Before we get into the Linwood/Monroe talk, I would like to ask the NDA to give \$100 to the Police Benevolent Society for the Shop with a Cop, they take underprivileged kids to Walmart with an officer, it helps give them a different interaction with the police than many of them have had.

Zac- Can we go through the standard process or are we needing to do this? Wilda, is it timely? If we vote second week in Novemeber?

Wilda- It could be? The event is in December.

Zac- I'd like to go through the normal process, then.

Jan- Let's accept that as a grant and work on it next month.

Katherine Hyzy- My name is Katherine Hyzy. I'm here, running for city council, and just wanted to say hi, I didn't have a chance to introduce myself earlier as you had already started.

Wilda- She is running unopposed, but she still needs votes.

8:05 Zac- Hands out Safe Routes to school flyer.

SE Linwood/SE Monroe intersection

Zac- As we talk about this intersection as a neighborhood, we have also been asked for our support for this letter...(unfortunately I don't have a copy and wasn't able to view it during the meeting)

Jerry- Is it just on one side of the street or both?

Regis- I believe it is supposed to be both, but there is no final plan yet, still in engineering.

Pam- asks about 60th and Monroe, describes the traffic problems she faces there.

Regis- No plans for SE 60th.

Zac- 2021 is not far away, and it is supposed to be finished by then.

Andrew Nortby-My family owned the house on the corner from 1965 until 1990. This topic of discussion has been going on for 50 years! Why are we still having this conversation? 50 years. I've had cars in my front yard, boats through my fence. Why are we not solving this? Simple. 4 way stop sign. It is going to stop 95% of the accidents at that intersection. The lady at the NE corner has twice had cars in her driveway. My dad tried to get flashing lights at that intersection for years. Why are we still having this conversation?

Jason- Can I address that from a Greenway perspective. Monroe Greenway is multi-modal calm greenway from Downtown to I-205. The only way that that objective could happen is traffic calming. Monroe has evolved over the last 50 years as an arterial. It has become a cutthrough. They are choosing not to go on King, or Railroad. Certainly that was a key intersection in the Monroe Greenway. The unavoidable conclusion was that the only way to both calm traffic and solve this issue is to put a traffic diverter. Why not a stop sign? Because it doesn't help calm traffic. It is a right turn only with aggressive crosswalk section. Here is the problem, I sat in those meetings. People freaked out. Clackamas Co people thought that Milwaukie were discriminating against them by diverting traffic. My opinion, is the reason it hasn't got by City Council is that people don't want the diverter, they don't want to be inconvenienced 3 minutes by the traffic calming improvement.

Regis- Things are going to happen, things are approved. I did bring it up at PSAC.

Barbara- I lived right next door to Nortby's for 15 years. We moved one block down to Queen because of that intersection. They said go look at the diverter in Moreland, I did...what they are going to do is just go through our little neighborhood.

Jesse- Was a 4 way stop sign ever seriously considered? Andrew said its been 50 years.

Jason- Yes, It was. But it doesn't calm traffic.

Andrew Nortby- How much does it cost to put up a flashing red light?

Greg- This is the one thing I want everyone to understand. What Jason says is not 100% accurate. They say engineering still needs to be done. What has happened over time, the improvements on 82nd. The reason you have to do the calming on Linwood is it is a major arterial, Linwood/Railroad intersection is also failing. You can't just put up a stop sign because that's not the way government works. It's too close to SE King.

Zac- I got an email from Chuck Eaton, he has a low cost suggestion, but not yet approved by his boss, he will tell us next week. There is something about the engineering that creates problems.

Jerry- I live at that intersection- why can't they reduce the speed?

Barbara- Why can't they put up dangerous intersection sign?

Amos- Would any of the homeowners there like me to create a sign for them and allow it to be placed on their property? If so talk to me after the meeting.

Pam- There is a sign that says cross traffic does not stop. I would dispute Jason, we have a lot of errands where we want to go straight, or left. There aren't a lot of other alternatives.

Graig- All these people that are complaining about their commute, I just want you to understand one thing. The bottom line is there are two dead people, and it is about speed.

Jason- I think everyone here wants to solve that problem.

Zac- These are things that I want to keep building. Obviously this is a big concern. It's something that this group will continue to talk about. Its' going to take this whole group to solve this problem.

Kirk- Any diversion we do, any lights, anyone who is worried about traffic through their neighborhood, the idea is that we are going to reduce the amount of traffic in the whole neighborhood.

Alice-I spoke about this in front of City Council the other night.

Zac- Thank You!

Alice -Is this something we will talk about at the next meeting?

Zac- Yes, but we are out of time tonight. Thanks for coming, the neighborhood needs this kind of engagement. We're all trying to make this neighborhood better. I hope to see you all next month.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: This meeting was twice the size of our normal 15-20 people, with attendant increases in difficulty hearing and recording everything that was said. I hope to have captured the

majority of what was said and by whom. If anyone feels either left out or misquoted please reach out to me (Jesse) by phone at 503-707-9439, prior to adopting the minutes at our November meeting, so I can fix it and present any changes or additions for adoption at that time.