



LEWELLING NDA DRAFT MINUTES

July 15, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting via Zoom

Attending: Chair Stephan Lashbrook; Secretary Lisa Lashbrook; Dave Stratton; Ellen Campos; Tony Campos; Nick d'Alonzo; Ernesto Dominguez; Bryan Burgos; Laura Steenson; Jules Whisler; Amelia; Rebekka Martinez; Dan Harris; Rebecca Stavenjord; Anza Schmidt.

Guest: Jason Wachs, City Community Engagement Coordinator

Stephan welcomed everyone and introductions were completed. Stephan noted that Ernesto would be running the "Old Business" portion of the meeting, dealing with the proposed Rainbow Lane street art. No one objected to the agenda as proposed.

Minutes of July 8 meeting — ???? moved, Tony seconded, to approve the meeting minutes as distributed. Motion passed without dissent.

New Business — Virtual Concerts

Stephan said that he had been contacted by members of the City Arts Committee about the possibility of scheduling virtual concerts, in lieu of concerts in the parks this summer. Stephan said that many details have yet to be worked out but virtual concerts could include local performers with shows being streamed over the internet or broadcast on local access TV. He added that it may cost \$8,000 to \$10,000 to pay performers and technicians to put this together but he asked that the Lewelling NDA provide up to \$2,500 to help start the funding process. Stephan said that, if the Lashbrook Brothers Band perform in one of these virtual concerts, he will take no money for his part. A number of people spoke in support, noting how disappointed they were that there will

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be no concerts in Ball-Michel Park in 2020. Nick recommended that Howard Wade (who plays under the name Memphis Shorty) be invited to participate. Ernesto asked if it was a violation of NDA rules to take action on a monetary matter at a single meeting. Lisa explained that it is allowed if those present voted to suspend the rules for this one issue. Nick moved to suspend the rules and Lisa seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Laura moved and Nick seconded to provide up to \$2,500 of Lewelling NDA funding to support virtual concerts. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business — Rainbow Lane

Ernesto took over as Chair, using a PowerPoint to highlight the agenda. The conversation started with brainstorming a set of goals for this project. Ellen said that she thought one goal would be to welcome members of the LGBTQ community to Milwaukie. Bryan talked about the “intersectionality” of interests shared by members of marginalized communities. Jules suggested the uniting of marginalized groups and showing diversity in the neighborhood. Dan said he felt that this project will emphasize the value of acceptance. Rebecca said it should connect people. Ernesto said it will increase visibility. Lisa said it will combine education and opportunity. Stephan said that the common themes seem to be acceptance and inclusion. Ernesto took notes on the comments and showed them on screen. Bryan moved to accept the goals as shown and Ellen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ernesto then moved the discussion to possible designs, showing graphics for the six designs that received the most discussion at the July 8 meeting. Ernesto then called on Jules who had asked to have the opportunity to do a presentation about the symbol of a raised fist (which had received some adverse comments at the prior meeting). Jules' presentation focused on the wide range of groups that have used the raised fist — from Black Panthers to women suffragettes. Jules' main point was that the fist more often represents opposition to oppression than a call to violence. After some discussion of the six graphics a vote was held to select the top two choices for presentation to the City Arts Committee in two days. The favored designs were the raised fist and the peace symbol, both against a rainbow field. Ernesto confirmed that, although anyone attending could have voted, only two votes were cast by people from outside the Lewelling neighborhood, so the results would not have changed if those two had not taken part.

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Ernesto then turned to Lisa to help describe possible task groups to move the project forward. After some discussion, the task groups lined up as follows:

1. Flyer distribution/mailing (possible door-knocking): Nick; Bryan; Ellen; Tony; Jules; Anza
2. Finalize list of supplies and make purchases: Dan; Laura
3. Request funds from other NDAs: Jules; Anza; Ernesto
4. Arts Committee presentation: Bryan; Stephan; Ernesto
5. Writing letters seeking support (NDAs, City Council, Churches, etc.): Lisa; Stephan; Jules; Anza

Jason said that he would be able to supply the names and addresses of everyone within 400 feet of the Rainbow Lane — SE 55th Ave. intersection.

Rebekka said she would help in any way she could.

Stephan encouraged everyone to attend Friday evening's Arts Committee meeting.

The consensus was to meet again in two weeks. Stephan pointed out that subcommittees can meet at any time they choose but they cannot take any final action on any issue for the NDA.

The next special meeting of the Lewelling NDA will be Wednesday, July 29, at 6:30 pm. 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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