

OLD TOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Old Town Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

Thursday, November 10th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by the Chair, Betsy Wosko, via Zoom.

-Participants were Betsy Wosko, Chair; Corina Laws, Vice Chair; Craig Stephens, Secretary; Derrith Lambka, Jeannie McGuire, Director; and neighbors Doug and Liane Thomas.

-Motions were heard to approve the call to order and the minutes from the previous board meeting (in September) by Jeannie McGuire and Craig Stephens and were seconded and unanimously approved.

-Chair Betsy gave the Treasurer's Report for Laurie Carlson in her absence which was that there was no activity and the balance in the account is \$449.00.

-Betsy talked about the new website for the neighborhood being up and running and user friendly and mentioned that training was available for those interested. A discussion of the uses and publicity for the website followed. [The website is oldtownlakeoswego.org](http://oldtownlakeoswego.org) and all you need to do to view it is to go directly to the front page is to put that in your browser. Chair Betsy suggested that we all consider using it for information such as we put on the Reader Board and publicizing it on signs such as the Reader Board plus a calendar of upcoming events of neighborhood interest, plus history, plus a map to markers and art pieces, plus emergency communications, etc. (A further discussion about having a newsletter on the website and working to obtain advertisements to pay for the monthly fee were discussed later in the meeting.)

-Jeannie McGuire said that the Reader Board is now being maintained by Ann Garcia while Jeannie is less mobile, and that Ann has a key.

-The results of the Council election were mentioned by the Chair with our own Ali Afghan being the first vote getter, Trudy Corrigan the second to win a seat on the Council and John Wendland re-elected with the third most votes. Congratulations to the new Council persons!

-Decorating the school bus shelter again this year for the holidays was endorsed by the Board and Chair Betsy said that she has the decorations from last year in her garage. Corina said that she would again work to decorate the shelter and Betsy and Corina will meet to form a small work party, tentatively the Friday after Thanksgiving.

-Chair Betsy mentioned that access to the Worker's Cottage had been granted to our neighborhood for such things as having hot chocolate after caroling or future meetings.

- As "Additional Comments", Craig mentioned that a large branch of one of the flowering cherry trees in front of the Odd Fellows Hall building was partially split and is located partly over the sidewalk so could be a hazard. The address is 295 Durham St. Derrith said that she would talk to occupants who in turn would talk to the owners, who are probably unaware and will want to address the problem. Craig also mentioned that the paint is peeling, and the wood is deteriorating, on the trellis structure at the lower George Rogers Park terrace area near the Furnace Stack. Craig will ask City Operations and Maintenance to address this issue.

- As an "Additional Comment" Jeannie mentioned that the Peg Tree was being further damaged by woodpeckers. After a discussion this issue was tabled with the damage being accessed prior to corrective action, if necessary.

-As an "Additional Comment", Derrith noted that the City Council would be receiving input as to the Pickleball relocation from George Rogers Park as of November 14 and would represent the OTNA Board in supporting closing the courts to Pickleball and rearranging the court markings and net to return them to the tennis courts that were intended for this location and have long been part of our neighborhood until they were "converted" almost immediately after repairing them. Derrith thanked Jim Perris for his tireless work on the relocation study committee.

-Chair Betsy mentioned there would be a meeting of the Neighborhood Chairs Committee on Sat. Nov. 19th and this meeting will be by Zoom. One of the focal points is to implement a new and improved Committee for Citizen Involvement. Anyone interested should contact Betsy for details.

Minutes respectively submitted by Craig Stephens, Secretary

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