

OLD TOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Old Town Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Thursday, September 12, 2024

The meeting called to order by the Chair, Betsy Wosko, at 7:03 PM via Zoom. A motion to approve the Call to Order was made by Director Carrie Kaufman, seconded and unanimously voted in favor. Calling in were Treasurer Laurie Carlson, Secretary Craig Stephens, Director Carrie Kaufman, Director Derrith Schmidt and Director Bruce Glabau.

A motion to approve acceptance of the minutes as written from the previous board meeting was moved by Carrie Kaufman and seconded and unanimously approved.

-The Treasurer's Report was reported by Treasurer Laurie Carlson. The balance after expenses and income related to plantings at the corner of the Little Library for new plants for the planter boxes is \$338.91 per Laurie. The planter boxes with the new plantings that we helped finance and Peggy Shaeffer proposed and planted look great and are appreciated for the nice improvement.

Plans for the General Meeting, Annual Election and Forum for questions and answers relative to the path to be built in George Rogers Park were discussed. The date of the meeting is Oct. 10 (Thursday night) at 7:00 PM and as of this writing it will be in the large room downstairs with cookies and water available. Craig and Carrie volunteered to bring cookies and small noshes. Betsy will look into getting coffee donated and/or water. Derrith and Betsy will be working on the postcard that will be sent to all addresses in Old Town announcing the meeting and agenda. Previously the Board agreed to invite Kyra Haggert of Park and Rec to review the status of the project and reveal the plans in more detail than she has in her previous presentation to the neighborhood as well as in community-wide sessions with opportunity for outreach to a limited extent. Derrith suggested other City department heads should attend, possibly in a panel format, and the list of questions concerns can be more directly addressed in order to prevent a breakdown in communication with the neighborhood as in the past with pickleball. Bruce mentioned that with the pickleball problem the City did not engage prior to the unfortunate conversion of the tennis courts to pickleball courts. Craig said that more detailed information as to the intended use and designation were needed before commenting on any conflicting issues that might be discussed such as safety for all users. Derrith and Betsy will converge on the postcard format and text and Betsy will get to Iris so the publication and distribution will be in time (by Sept. 19). Betsy will reach out to the City Manager, Police, Fire and Traffic to see if they would like to contribute to the panel discussion and answer pending questions.

The interest level of this issue is high as indicated by the ten times increase in unique visits to our web site after posting the compiled list of questions about the path by Doug and Derrith. [The neighborhood website is oldtownlakeoswego.org](http://www.OLDTOWNLAKEOSWEGO.ORG) and Doug Thomas is the web administrator. Doug has enhanced, expanded and added all things of interest to the site, such as this list, which Derrith professionally put

together, with skill and all that work is appreciated by all. To view the list of questions, go to the website and enter and select "blog". Under blog you will find "New Pathway Planned Along Willamette River" and the survey response questions and suggestions that Derrith has so expertly analyzed.

Since Derrith will be in Arizona at the time of the meeting a FaceTime link will be set up using a portable laptop. Betsy will review the available audio-visual facilities and manage the connections for the presenters.

The National Night Out was deemed a success by all measures and the exceptional talent of one of our neighbors at corn hole aka bean bag toss was noted. The City police and fire representation was great and a good time was had by all. A big thank you goes to Corina and Carrie!

Betsy proposed having a Jeopardy format quiz with trivia about Old Town past and present and three contestants as a fun activity in the meeting. Carrie suggested simply having trivia questions and a small prize for who ever answers each one correctly first. Chair Betsy also mentioned that the City will provide new signs for the meeting announcements and that the old ones are getting ragged. Betsy said she will ask if the City will provide good-looking signs we can use. Betsy mentioned a professional singing group would be interested in singing for a neighborhood holiday concert at the Peg Tree and that they request \$300 to cover travel costs. The alternative of asking the choir director at Lakeridge HS if say 5 of the students would be willing to sing songs appropriate for the holidays. Betsy mentioned that the deadline for the photography contest was near and that Corina may enter.

The cutting of the large bushes along the east side of Furnace where the gas pipeline is located after months of markings but without explanation was mentioned and questioned. This was done to allow cars to park closer to the rail and edge (but still in the right-of-way) was the general feeling. There is no restriction against parking there unless the fire department objects as far as we can tell.

Craig mentioned that the By-Laws require notification 10 days ahead of the General Meeting and an opportunity for new Board members to run and be elected to any position.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Craig Stephens, Secretary