

OLD TOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Old Town Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Thursday, February 8, 2023

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

-Participants were Betsy Wosko, Chair; Laurie Carlson, Treasurer; Craig Stephens, Secretary; Derrith Lambka, Director; Jeannie McGuire, Director; and neighbors Doug Thomas, Phil and Yumiko Sterling, and Bruce Glabau.

-Motions were heard to approve the call to order and the minutes from the previous board meeting (in January) were seconded and unanimously approved.

-The Treasurer's Report was given by Laurie Carlson which was that there was no activity and the balance in the account is still \$449.00.

-Betsy thanked Doug Thomas for building improvements to the website so that it presents a wonderful visual image of our neighborhood and functions to allow posting of Minutes and a calendar for Events as well as other important features. 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.

Thoughts about the website:

-Residents of Riverbend might want to use the website and become more involved in OTNA

-Income from ads on the website might generate income that could be distributed for good causes such as the hanging flower basket program. (We cannot generate profits but we can raise money for good causes.)

-We should be sure to reference the website on all announcements about events and meetings.

The pre-app for the Healy property construction will be Thursday at 1:15 at City Hall. Craig Stephens will be the NA representative who is trained in pre app and familiar with Old Town Design District standards. Restrictions on work times, blocking access and noise will be referenced and verified to be in effect per request from the adjacent property owners and neighbors.

The meeting time change and possible change in the day of the month to avoid conflicts with other second Thursday meetings was briefly discussed and then the issue tabled pending further investigation.

Phil and Yumiko Sterling thanked the Board for their unanimous vote and their support of the effort to stop the awful noise (and traffic safety problems) from pickleball play and they and Bruce Glabau talked about how they are now enjoying the serenity and peace in their home. Betsy mentioned that the Westlake neighborhood has addressed City Council to advocate against pickleball in their neighborhood

and support NOT turning the outdoor tennis courts into pickleball courts. It was agreed that the situation with getting to tennis courts at George Rogers without a shroud or other visual distractions will require vigilance to make sure that the neighborhood is not negatively affected by unwanted innovations or indefinite delays based on Westlake approval or disapproval.

It was suggested that a letter be crafted to the City Manager to ask when we could realistically expect that the courts would be open for tennis and Betsy offered to write a short letter to that effect.

Bruce Glabau agreed to serve as a Director on the Board, Betsy appointed him to the position and the Board approved the appointment by a unanimous vote.

The summertime parking and traffic problem that centers around such activities as kayak rental was discussed. Derrith pointed out that there is a new police chief, Chief Burke, and suggested that we reach out to him to tour the area and/or speak to our group on this issue and others. One of the other issues is the break-ins of the glass doors of four neighborhood businesses along State Street and how we can help by reporting unusual activity. Laurie reported that she had reported such activity and that the police response was fast and serious, so such reports are acted upon by the police with appreciation for the notification.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 by motion and unanimous approval.

Minutes respectively submitted by Craig Stephens, Secretary
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