

OLD TOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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

The meeting was “hybrid” with the in-person meeting at the Iron Worker’s Cottage Museum and the on-line portion using Zoom. Chair Betsy Wosko called to order at 7:03 PM and invited the participation of those on-line. Motions to call the meeting to order with the agenda approved and to approve the Minutes from the previous Board Meeting were made by Derrith Lambda and seconded and unanimously approved. In attendance by Zoom were Corinna Laws, Vice Chair, Bruce Glabau and Jeannie McGuire. In attendance in person were Chair Betsy, Treasurer Laurie Carlson and Secretary Craig Stephens as well as our special guest, the Chamber of Commerce Director for Lake Oswego, Liz Hartman who was invited to update the Old Town Neighborhood on the activities of the Chamber. The Treasurer’s Report was given by Laurie Carlson which was that there was no activity and the balance in the account is \$424.00.

First and foremost, Liz mentioned the Hanging Flower Basket program, sponsored by the Chamber, that brings such special happiness and welcoming to Lake Oswego and has done for decades was mentioned since it is bringing special joy all over town now. The watering costs have increased over the years but the generosity of the community has helped keep the program intact and serving all of Lake Oswego.

Liz also mentioned the Wine Walk which is the first Saturday in October and she discussed logistics concerning bringing the walk up as far as the Lakewood Center every other year provided the Lakewood Center parking could be used to prevent overflow parking into the neighborhoods. Liz said that we sometimes overlooked the need to bring visitors into our town and said that there is a program with West Linn called “Wander Willamette” which is intended to bring visitors to the area. She mentioned how Willamette Valley Vineyard in particular as well as Nicoletta’s Table had created special events to attract people. She mentioned how important it is to support our local businesses and how they support the community. She said that many workers do not live in Lake Oswego and while the buses run frequently on State Street/Hwy 43, they only run very infrequently in the Lake Grove area and that possibly workers could work shifts

Liz described the structure of the Lake Oswego Leadership Program, a wonderful program for anyone interested in learning about all departments of the City and County and to learn leadership skills as well as develop lasting friendships in Lake Oswego. This will be the last Class that will be taught in part by Dr. Bill Korach, famous for his unique perspective on Leadership with his experience as the LO School Superintendent, as a football coach and as a PhD in the field. These classes are to be less than full day for the first time to allow returning to jobs, namely 9 to 11:30 with rotating partners to study in-depth at an agreed time separately to supplement the class interactions. Anyone can find out more at <https://lakeoswegochamber.com> or going to the Chamber office. The class has some 30 people, more

are welcome and the cross-section of people in the class covers every aspect of Lake Oswego activities, business and service. It is not limited to residents and those working with or in Lake Oswego living elsewhere will find that the leadership and relationship skills are universally desirable.

Craig brought up the safety issue of main sidewalks having dangerous dark areas and the possibility of adding lighting where previously property owners had what are called "path lights". Corinna agreed on the desirability and mentioned that owners could help by leaving porch lights on which many do with appropriate blocking to prevent up-light or spillage. Betsy and Jeannie mentioned that desirable insect populations are reduced, especially with LED lights, such as caterpillars in hedgerows as a recent study found in England. Corinna suggested lights that only turn on when motion is detected and are directed at the walkway. Craig agreed to look into possibilities and try to find a way to install such lights where needed that meet the LO requirements for safety and a motion was passed to enable that action.

Betsy said that she completed the application for the Neighborhood Enhancement Grant, filed it with the City and has not heard back. This was for \$300. A discussion was held as to whether to sign up for the National Night Out with Emergency Services visiting on August 1st or to have a celebration when the tennis courts re-open or to have another event and since the lower picnic area in George Rogers is being slowly rebuilt to possibly have the event in the upper GRP shelter. Betsy will reserve the latter for August 1st. Discussion was held on whether to have a flyer and whether it should be mailed. We are allowed two mailed flyers per year and typically use one for the General Meeting announcement (required by the City) and one for the Holiday event. Jeannie suggested that we deliver the flyer door-to-door. Betsy mentioned that Ami helped with the graphics for the flyer last year.

Discussion was held on having a guest speaker at the October General Meeting and who that speaker should be, which covered the gambit of possible speakers starting with the new Police Chief. Derrith said that it would be good to have the new Police Chief tour the neighborhood with a small group of residents prior to the October meeting to bring him up to speed on the problems and possible solutions for the parking overflow associated with beach activities on hot summer days. Betsy will reserve the upper structure for an August 1st pot luck and National Night Out event and work down an extensive list of possible guest speakers and invite one or more to the October meeting. Political discussions were ruled out.

A discussion of having a holiday event with caroling as last year was held with general agreement on this as an annual event.

Craig mentioned that the Lake Oswego Deputy City Manager, Anthony Hooper, has sent out the announcement of the "2nd Virtual Neighborhood Meeting for Pre-application 21-0118 Wastewater Treatment Facility". On finding that this announcement had not been sent to the Chair or other neighbors Craig said that he would include the info on the project in the Minutes. The following is the information and a guide to getting more:

“The Cities of Lake Oswego and Portland, in partnership with EPCOR Foothills Water Project are proposing to build a new wastewater treatment facility to replace the aging Tryon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.” “Prior to applying for the land use application, our team would like to discuss the proposal in more detail with the recognized neighborhood associations...”. “Please join us at a virtual neighborhood meeting to learn more and share feedback.”

To access the plans and pre-application materials prior to the meeting, please either contact Craig and get the packet or visit www.lakeoswego.city/planning/online-neighborhood-meetings. To see a video explaining the whole project visit www.lakeoswegowasterwaterfacility.org and wade through the ads and then click the “Get More Info” button. To get the Zoom link hit the other button, “Get Involved”.

The meeting will be by Zoom Thurs., June 22, 2023 from 6 to 8PM.

The new facility will use a new wastewater treatment process and will acquire properties, clear trees and existing structures and establish a new large “Process Building” west of the current wastewater treatment plant. Odor control will be a major aspect of the new design.

A motion was made to adjourn by Derrith, seconded and accepted by a unanimous vote of those attending at 8:30 PM.

Minutes respectively submitted by Craig Stephens, Secretary

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