

OLD TOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Old Town Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

Thursday, November 9, 2023

The meeting was held at the Iron Worker's Cottage Museum with an on-line option available (but not used by any members) using Zoom. Chair Betsy Wosko called to order at 7:12 PM (with a motion of approval by Secretary Craig Stephens, and a second and unanimous vote by the two board members present, Betsy and Craig). Director Bruce Glabau also joined the meeting a little later. Also present was the Guest Speaker Kyra Haggart who is conducting outreach and informational presentations for the City and the Parks Plan 2040.

Craig made a motion to approve the Minutes from the September Board Meeting which was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

The Treasurer's Report will be deferred to the next Board Meeting.

Kyra provided a slide show presentation of the intent and status of the Parks Plan 2040 and answered questions about the implementation. The plan is to be a "comprehensive view" and to "integrate parks and recreation into the public realm" and to provide the parks and recreation departments of communities accreditation by CAPRA (Commission for Accreditation for Park and Recreation Agencies), the only nationally recognized accreditation agency for that specifically. There are five other communities in Oregon that have parks and recreation agencies that are accredited. The implementation of the plan will be reviewed by a third-party audit and the plan will make sure that the priorities in the plan align with the priorities of the community to guide location of any new parks and the use and maintenance of existing parks. An inventory and assessment of current parks and facilities (which include natural areas and the Adult Community Center) will be taken and any gaps such as a lack of sufficient children's play areas or teen provisions revealed and addressed as priorities dictate.

Discussions around questions and details allowed Kyra to give an overview of items of interest to our neighborhood in detail and her insight was appreciated. Some of those were about the surveys being taken, the use of pesticides in the parks without a stated procedure to evaluate the manufacturer's safety data sheets and avoid the hazards of the impacts on the health and safety of people, pets and the environment, use of carcinogens, toxins and/or bee-killing (and high persistence herbicide) chemicals in the parks and natural areas, parking at the parks while still providing handicapped access and permeability with decomposed granite (DG), access to Tryon Cove via a trail from Foothills, the extension of the trail from Foothills to George Rogers Park, the composition of the Parks and Recreation and Natural Resources Advisory Board, the status of the new 9 hole golf course and the adjacent aquatic center, and the format to convey the priorities of the public to the process, to name a few items discussed.

A opportunity for the public to weigh into the Parks Plan 2040 process is being provided Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at the Adult Community Center from 4:30 to 6:30. Kyra can be contacted directly at any time to convey concerns or provide input. Many thanks to Kyra for a great presentation and for answering the diverse questions.

A motion to adjourn was made by Craig, seconded and accepted by unanimous vote of those attending and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Minutes respectively submitted by Craig Stephens, Secretary

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